



GFWC Woman's Club of Pewaukee

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



President's Corner:

Dear Woman's Club Sisters,

Our Spring Fundraiser, April in Paris, scheduled April 10th at the Western Lakes Golf Club is nearing quickly. See additional details on page 6. Don't forget to wear your stylish black or Spring attire for the event!

The Member Art Contest will take place on April 26th, 2024, at the Fish Hatchery in Delafield, Wisconsin. Register for the meeting and enter your own work (see pages 36-37 in the membership book). Get to know more women in the Rolling Hills District as well as viewing beautiful Art pieces.

On another note, we're in the midst of the process leading to the election of some new board members for their two-year terms. I've spent some time reflecting on what qualities have been shared by our most effective board members, both those from our most recent board as well as from several of our other board members over the years. While struggling to articulate their qualities in a concise way, I recently came upon this definition of an effective leader: Effective leaders have the ability to guide, motivate, and influence others towards achieving common goals. This is how I would describe an effective board member. Each person on the board is a part of a group, making decisions and carrying them out for the betterment of our members and the Club itself. Yet, each one is a leader herself. She embodies a sense of purpose in achieving the goals of the GFWC, no matter how challenging they may seem. She also may inspire, through her interactions with other members, a sense of optimism and a can-do attitude. And last of all, she is a leader in her personal interactions, by reinforcing the vision that can only be achieved by all of us working together. So, as we advance to choosing our new Board, I would like to ask you how you may want to support our Club. Perhaps it's being on the leadership track, serving on a



committee or there are the day-to-day interactions in our community, with opportunities to share the GFWC Woman's Club of Pewaukee story.

I am pictured above with a statue of General Dwight D Eisenhower (Past President and Leader) at the World War II Museum in New Orleans.

With Fondness and Adoration, Christine Nevinski

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

Membership

Helen Farnsworth Mears Art Contest



The Library Conference room was filled with talent during the 2025 Helen Mears Student Art Contest hosted by the Pewaukee Arts Council and GFWC

Arts and Culture Committee. Pictured above are the winners and guests, displayed Art pieces and our members Karen Berg, Cam Strom, Eileen Jarosz and Mary Anne Schmaling.

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2025 HFM Student Art Contest - Pewaukee, Wisconsin - Summary of Awards

Student	Artwork Title	Type	Grade	Class	School	Award
Kellan Kalman	Untitled	2-D	Grade 7	Class A	Kettle Moraine Middle School	1st place
Olivia Knutson	"The Consequences of Speaking"	2-D	Grade 8	Class A	North Shore Middle School	2nd place
Luke Moen	Untitled	2-D	Grade 7	Class A	St. Charles	3rd place
Maya Sharma	"Otterly Fun"	3-D	Grade 8	Class A	St. John's Northwestern Academies	1st place
Stella Weber	"Swimming in a Sea of Trash"	3-D	Grade 8	Class A	Kettle Moraine Middle School	2nd place
Keylan Brown	"Vase (for Mom)"	3-D	Grade 7	Class A	Kettle Moraine Middle School	3rd place
Adella Spiropoulos	"Model T"	2-D	Grade 8	Class B	Prairie Hill Waldorf School	1st place
Haelyn Schimelfenyg	"Storming the Bastille"	2-D	Grade 8	Class B	Prairie Hill Waldorf School	2nd place
Warren Earle	"Eat Me"	2-D	Grade 7	Class B	Prairie Hill Waldorf School	3rd place
Ani Watson	"The Leaf Stem"	3-D	Grade 7	Class B	Prairie Hill Waldorf School	1st place
Ires Watson	"The bowl of wisdom"	3-D	Grade 7	Class B	Prairie Hill Waldorf School	2nd place
Klara Nimmer	"Platonic Solids"	3-D	Grade 8	Class B	Prairie Hill Waldorf School	3rd place
Emma Farber	"Lady Bug"	2-D	Grade 7	Class A	North Shore Middle School	Honorable Mention
Tommy Jiang	"Catch of the Day"	3-D	Grade 8	Class A	St. John's Northwestern Academies	Honorable Mention
Asher Guerra	"The Bastille Ablaze"	2-D	Grade 8	Class B	Prairie Hill Waldorf School	Honorable Mention
Lily Gallaher	"The Tea Party"	2-D	Grade 8	Class B	Prairie Hill Waldorf School	Honorable Mention
Kendel Ihnen	"Trees in the Moonlight"	2-D	Grade 7	Class A	St. Charles	Special
Kimmy Jones	"Cool Ocean Swim"	2-D	Grade 8	Class A	St. John's Northwestern Academies	Special
Lily Zold	"Skull Still Life"	2-D	Grade 8	Class A	Kettle Moraine Middle School	Special
Nadia Meyer	"Red 40"	2-D	Grade 8	Class A	Kettle Moraine Middle School	Special
Mackenzie Brown	"Pepper"	3-D	Grade 8	Class A	Kettle Moraine Middle School	Special
Greta Harrison	"Winterwonderland"	3-D	Grade 8	Class A	Kettle Moraine Middle School	Special
Suraya Tomczyk	"Tilted Vase"	3-D	Grade 8	Class A	Kettle Moraine Middle School	Special
Mason Davis	"Dragon Lair"	3-D	Grade 7	Class A	Kettle Moraine Middle School	Special

Fostering Families



Our March Membership Meeting gave us insight into some of the challenges and joys that go into "Fostering Families" Our speaker, Amalie Bowling, a foster parent pictured on the far left and with Mary Dietz and items donated by members for teens.

Blood Drive



This was an awesome year!!!!!! The GFWC Woman's Club of Pewaukee collected 28 total pints (22 whole blood and 6 Power Reds) potentially saving 70 lives.

Jenelle Blavat, Donor Recruitment Account Manager III for the Red Cross has already asked Mary Dietz about 2026, planning. (Pictured above from the left are Mary Heim, Dawn Wollenzien, Fran Holloway, Rose Saad and Claire Sedushak. Pictured on the left standing are Kathleen Novack and Sandy Soria, seated are Ginny Lockman and Jo Ann Lawler.

Legislation Committee



The Legislation Task Force created about 4 years ago has been busy in thriving for pedestrian safety. On March 4th a meeting was held for a proposed trail along (G)Meadowbrook Rd. to Pirate's Pass. Eventually it is the hope that this trail would extend to the Pewaukee Library and connect to the Pewaukee Lake area. The GFWC Woman's Club of Pewaukee Task Force has attended Common Council meetings and has been involved with this proposal. Thank you for your efforts!!

Luck of the Irish Bunco



Twenty-four members gathered for a pot luck lunch and Bunco game of dice to follow at the Pewaukee Historical Society Steele Barn on St. Patrick's Day. Despite Irish tunes playing and green apparel worn, a leprechaun never appeared or a "pot of gold" was never found!

Mark Your Calendars

Save the Dates

"Springtime in Paris"

Bonjour! A message from the Spring Fundraiser Committee: It's time for Springtime in Paris! We are looking forward to seeing you at our spring luncheon on April 10, 2025. Enjoy a French-themed afternoon, with a fun fashion show, a French bistro meal, boutiques featuring home goods and fashion accessories, a specialty cocktail, and a Parisian backdrop for photos!



New this year will be a "Golden Ticket" raffle item, which will be a Chanel Fragrance and Makeup gift box. We will also be featuring a "Petit Accessoire" (small accessory) gift bag for purchase. Finally, we will have raffle baskets and silent auction items.

In order to make this fundraising event a success, we need your help. We are still looking for **gift cards, valued at \$10 or more (this is a priority)**. In addition, we need items for the themed raffle baskets and silent auction: gardening, cooking, spa/self-care, food from France, Spain, Portugal and other countries. You can bring these to our April luncheon meeting.

We hope you and your friends can join us in Paris! Please contact me if you have any questions or need your donations picked up. Thank you so much!

Germaine McKenna 262-893-7962

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

GFWC Rolling Hills District Meeting-April 26, 2025, Hartland, Wisconsin; The Fish Hatchery (Chentis-Krueger Community Senior Center) 425 Main Street, Delafield, Wi.

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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 need a handicap room, please inform them at that time.

(Mary Kaye Ernest, GFWC-WI Convention Chairman) See attachment to this email.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1C049R9EsoNKLDh9eI5C5lcTdiTZ6zinG/view?usp=sharing>

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

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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. 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

The Environmental Committee is hosting a lecture series, "Know the Lake you Love Pewaukee", open to all who enjoy Pewaukee Lake.

The first lecture is April 8, 2025, 6:30 pm at the Pewaukee Library.

Speaker is Rachel Sabre, WIDNR Stream Biologist

The second lecture is **May 21, 2025, 6:30 PM at the Pewaukee Library**

Speaker is Charlie Shong, The Pewaukee River Partners

Topic: What the Partnership is and Projects.

Topic: Pewaukee River/Lake Health

Contact Lori Seeboth for [additional information](#)

Volunteer Opportunities

The Pewaukee Woman's Club helps the **Pewaukee Food Pantry** on **Saturday mornings from 9-11am** with sorting food, removing outdated items and helping shoppers. Judy Risic is organizing this task. Please contact **Judy 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.

Senior Vendor Fair at The Westerly of Pewaukee-Volunteers are needed on **April 8th from 10am-2pm** to tell new and prospective residents about the volunteer and social opportunities our organization offers. Contact **Claire Sedushak** or **Linda Kowalewski** for further details.

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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** and **May** membership meetings we will be collecting for this "Christmas in May" event. Toys will be delivered to the convention. Contact **Nancy Niedziela** for further information.

Pewaukee Food Pantry

During our Membership Meetings we collect for the **Pewaukee Food Pantry**. The pantry is in need of: tomato paste 6oz, tomato sauce 6oz, canned pears, mayonnaise, canned fruit mix, spaghetti sauce, canned potatoes, canned pineapple, flour and canned pinto beans. However, any donation is appreciated. For any questions contact **Judy Risic**.



Bubba's

On May 12th from 3-9pm, 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!



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** kthlnnvck@gmail.com

April Membership Meeting Anniversary Celebration

35 YEARS-Ella Dzioba, Mary Hertel

15 YEARS-Deb Bayee, Lana Jerabek, Abby Lorenz, Kathy Oleinik, Karen Patrick

10 YEARS-Sue Atherton, Bezmi Kranick, Karen Merz, Marie Renn

50+ YEARS Marie Torzewski **60+ YEARS** years Nancy Koepp

April Birthdays

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

Susan Keller, Michele Olshanski, Cam Strom, Barbara Tigges, Marie Torzewski



