



## GFWC Woman's Club of Pewaukee

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



### President's Corner:

**Dear Woman's Club Sisters,**

Our Spring Fundraiser, April in Paris, on April 10th at the Western Lakes Golf Club was a beautiful event and a great success! A huge thank you to Germaine McKenna and her committee.

This is my last newsletter as President of the GFWC Woman's Club of Pewaukee, and I want to take this opportunity to tell you what an honor it has been to serve you. Four years ago, Nancy Ackley encouraged me to go forward for the two-year position of President Elect/President. Dear Club Sisters, I am grateful for the shared journey over the past 4 years. I remember on my first newsletter asking you to help me breathe and that I may not recall all your names. Today, I may still have problems remembering names, but I will never forget your beautiful faces and acts of kindness. It was with your help and generous support that I am taking away many valuable lessons for my personal and social life. I had the opportunity to learn about leadership, public speaking, protocol, the Newsletter and the joys and satisfaction of serving others. In May, I will preside as President of the VA Medical Center Alumni and will carry these valuable learning opportunities and lessons with me. Thank you!

I am looking forward to welcoming our new leaders, Claire Sedushak and her Vice President. Let's celebrate and embrace their vision for the club and their courage to step up into leadership roles.

As always, feel free to email or call me for questions, suggestions, insights, or feedback.

With Fondness and Adoration,

*Christine Nevinski*

Dr. Christine Nevinski, RN, MSN, MEd, EdD



## Membership

### Recognizing Our Members Anniversaries



Standing from left to right are **Karen Merz (10 years)**, **Marie Renn (10 years)**, Christine Nevinski (President), **Bezmi Kranick (10 years)**, **Ella Dzioba, Past President (35 years)**, Jean Oswald and Linda Kowalewski (Membership Chairmen), Seated from the left are **Lana Jerabek (15 years)**, **Susan Atherton (10 years)** and **Kathy Oleinik (15 years)**. Thank you and Congratulations to everyone!!!

### Bye Bye Birdie!!!!



Spence Steno from the Benjamin Goss Bird Club "Sprang into Birds" at our May membership meeting. Spence is the President of the Benjamin F. Goss Bird Club in Wisconsin. The Benjamin F. Goss Club was founded to increase knowledge and appreciation of birds through education, research, preservation and conservation, and to provide public awareness of birds and their role in the environment-all which

remains the goal and purpose to this day. Besides learning fascinating facts, members heard bird sounds and sang tunes with bird lyrics.

## April In Paris

The GFWC Woman's Club of Pewaukee, April in Paris Spring Fundraiser at the Western Lakes Golf Club was a spectacular affair. As we imaged being in front of the Eiffel Tower and viewing new trends in fashion by fabulous models, it was apparent that we are truly part of an incredible group of women. Thank you to all of the women who dedicated their time and efforts in front and behind the scenes. A special thanks to Germaine Mckenna who chaired this amazing event.



Pictured above from the left is Germaine Mckenna and her mother. The center picture includes our welcoming women, Lana Jerabek, Nancy Niedziela and Karen Patrick. The picture on the left is a sample of the beautifully decorated table settings.



Angela Mancuso-Executive Director of the Waukesha Woman's Center (pictured above on the left) spoke to the Spring Time in Paris audience giving insight on the Center and services. The Waukesha Woman's Center, mission is to provide safety, shelter and support to empower all impacted by domestic abuse, sexual violence, child abuse and trafficking. Pictured above on the left was one of several donated boxes filled with cosmetic bags, nail polish, lipstick and more offered to women coming through the Women's Center Doors.



Pictured above on the left are committee volunteers, Fran Holloway and Bezmi Kranick with Abby Lorenz (past GFWC-WI President) in the center and on the right is Barbra Wollner. Pictured below on the left is Pat Gallagher and Susan Atherton and on the right Jo Ann Lawler, Mary Dietz and Michelle Munoz (GFWC-WI Corresponding Secretary).





Pictured above on the left are Sandy Potter with Suz Hooser (GFWC-WI Junior Club Advisor), centered a community vendor displaying lovely items and on the right members Jean Oswald and Kathleen Novack. Pictured below on the left are Ella Dzioba with her daughter and to the right an image of our lasting memory.

Ooh, la, la!



## Our Talents Shine

A "big" thank you to Cam Strom and Helen Valentinelli for making 2 adorable Bee themed aprons for Linda's "Bee"utiful Auction during the GFWC -WI Conference and to Nancy Niedziela for making wonderful Raffle baskets, representing GFWC Woman's Club of Pewaukee for both the conference and the Rolling Hills District meeting.



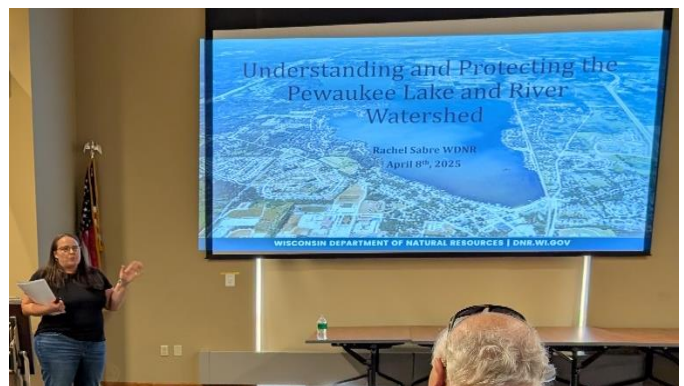
## Reaching Out at The Westerly



On April 8<sup>th</sup> at the Westerly Senior Living Open House, standing from left to right, Barbara Wollner, and the membership Committee, Linda Kowalewski, Jean Oswald and Jaynee Andree were available to give information and answer questions about the GFWC Woman's Club of Pewaukee.

## Understanding Pewaukee Lake

On the evening of April 8<sup>th</sup> the Environmental Committee hosted Rachel Sabre WI-DNR Biologist at the Pewaukee Library. Rachel covered information on nature, geology, water resources and the history of Pewaukee Lake. Pictured right is Rachel Sabre with Lori Seeboth and below an interested audience.



## Mark Your Calendars

### Save the Date

#### Memorial Day Observance

On Memorial Day, May 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:25am located on the VA Medical Center grounds (5000 w National Ave, Milwaukee Wisconsin). a Memorial Day Ceremony will take place. This year the GFWC-WI President, Linda Brown will present a wreath representing all the GFWC clubs in our State, including Pewaukee. The Public is invited to this beautiful ceremony honoring our brave.



For further information contact the VA Medical Center at 414-384-2000

**GFWC International Convention**-June 6-9, 2025, Omni Atlanta Hotel, CNN Center

<https://9qwj0.r.ah.d.sendibm5.com/mk/cl/f/sh/SMK1E8tHeFuBoQMGRCSGPBAfOmdp/HFwN1WfYvVHL>

Book your room now for the 2025 GFWC Annual Convention in Atlanta, Georgia! Reserve your room for June 7-9, 2025, and don't miss out! 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 Civic Engagement and Outreach Committee is bringing us: Navigating Dementia - Understanding Behaviors and Medications

Hosted by Dementia Friendly Pewaukee: Saturday, May 10, 2025 1-3pm  
(Pewaukee Public Library)

**Navigating Dementia:**  
**Understanding Behaviors and Medications**  
**Family Caregivers Educational Workshop**  
*Hosted by Dementia Friendly Pewaukee*



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Saturday, May 10, 2025 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.  
Pewaukee Public Library - 210 Main Street, Pewaukee, WI 53072

Join us as professional dementia specialists and pharmacists share insights on managing dementia behaviors and discuss the new medications used to treat Alzheimer's and other dementias that are in trials right now. This free informative workshop is a valuable opportunity for family caregivers to gain practical knowledge and support in their caregiving journey.

- Enjoy complimentary refreshments provided by Azura
- Door prizes and caregiver gift bags provided by GFWC Woman's Club of Pewaukee
- Relax with a complimentary chair massage provided by Kneaded Time Massage
- Enjoy a fun sing-along to lift spirits and bring joy to all!

**Registration is Required for this Free In-Person Event.**  
Please email [AbbyLorenz@wl.rr.com](mailto:AbbyLorenz@wl.rr.com) or text 414-350-8713  
with name and number of guests.  
More information at [www.dfPewaukee.org](http://www.dfPewaukee.org).



**Contact Abby Lorenz at 414-350-8713 for additional information**

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



## Lecture Series

sponsored by *Woman's Club of Pewaukee*

Free to all who enjoy Pewaukee Lake's over 2,400 acres of recreational space, including bird watchers, fishing enthusiasts, nature lovers and history seekers.

Speakers are experts in their fields and will cover ideas regarding nature, geology, water resources, and history regarding Pewaukee Lake.



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**Contact Lori Seeboth**  
**at 262-617-4006 for**  
**additional information**

**SPEAKER: Charlie Shong**

**TOPIC: Pewaukee River Partners & Projects**



**WEDNESDAY, MAY 21 6:30 PM**  
**PEWAUKEE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

## Happy Birthday America Bunco

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

When: **Monday, June 30<sup>th</sup>**

Where: **Pewaukee Historical Society Steele Barn**

Time: **12noon-1pm-Pot Luck Lunch, 1pm-3pm-Bunco**  
(wear your red, white and blue)



A sign-up sheet will be available at the May Membership Meeting. For further questions, contact **Mary Dietz at 262-696-4948** or **Christine Nevinski at 262-527-1488**.

## Volunteer Opportunities

### Pewaukee Food Pantry

The Pewaukee Food Pantry has reached 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** is organizing this task. Please contact her at **262-366-4410** if you can help, or for any questions. There is a sign-up sheet available during at our membership meetings for any times you are able to lend a hand.

### Honoring Those Who Served

The Civic Engagement and Outreach Committee is looking for volunteers to place flags on the graves of our Veterans in **Woods Cemetery**, Saturday May 24<sup>th</sup> at 9am, meeting at the Cemetery Administration Building on the VA grounds. The address is 1301 Hines Blvd., Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53295. For further information contact **Cynthia Day Campbell at 414-940-1814**.



## Donation Opportunities

### Women Veteran Collection

During the May membership meeting a collection of night time wear, including: new bathrobes, slippers, night gowns and PJ'S (all sizes) for women veterans through the VA Medical Center Women Veteran Program will take place. Katie Wisniewski manager for the program will be collecting the items after the meeting. Contact **Cynthia Day Campbell at 414-940-1814** or **Abby Lorenz at 414-350-8713** for any questions.



### Toys for Tots and New Books



During the **GFWC WI 128<sup>th</sup> 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 by **Nancy Niedziela**.

You can contact her at **262-367-6512** for further information.

### Pewaukee Food Pantry

During our Membership Meetings we collect for the **Pewaukee Food Pantry**. The pantry is in need of baked beans, baking chips, Jello, pudding, Kleenex, canola oil, olive oil, canned tomatoes, fruit cups, cookies, Depends (for men and women incontinence needs). However, any donation is appreciated.



### Bubba's

On May 12<sup>th</sup> from 3-9pm, Bubbas will be donating a percentage of their sales from to the Pewaukee Woman's Club again. Bubba's is located at 1278 Capitol Drive, Pewaukee Wisconsin. You can volunteer from 4-7pm to talk with customers interested in our club and/or come and enjoy a good meal while donating to the community! Contact **Mary Dietz at 262-696- 4948** for any questions or for further information.





## **Books, Books, Books and more Books**

The GFWC Woman's Club of Pewaukee will be participating in the Junior Drive for Books over the summer. We will be collecting large print books for senior centers. They do not need to be new books. Contact **Diane Bernier at 262-844-9392** or **Nancy Niedziela at 262-366-1660** for additional

questions.

## **Sunshine Committee**

Are you or do you know of a Club member who is having surgery? Have you or do you know of a of a club member who has experienced a recent death in the family? Please contact **Carole Brinkman at 262-352-7892**, **Kathleen Novack at 262-696-4187** or **Sandy Soria at 773-708-6830**.

## **A Message from The Nomination Committee**

Nancy Ackley, Abby Lorenz, and Karen Patrick are pleased to announce the following candidates to serve on the GFWC Woman's Club of Pewaukee Board of Directors from 2025-2027: for the Director position: Judy Risic; for Corresponding Secretary: Lynn Christenson; for Vice President: Sandra Potter; and for President: Claire Sedushak

During the May Membership Meeting nominations from the floor will be asked. In the event someone new steps forward, a ballot vote will be held.

## **May Birthdays**

Deb Bialozynski, Kristine DeKarske, Jean Grossman, Dottie Hrenak, Linda Klimowicz, Bezmi Kranick, Jeanie Matkin, Carol Rose-Guerin, Sherrie Szombathelyi

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_z-1fTlSDFo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_z-1fTlSDFo)



**May we remember those who died for our freedom  
“Home of the free, because of the brave.” - Unknown**

**In Memory of our beloved Bev Coshun**—Bev joined the GFWC Woman's Club of Pewaukee in 1959, and from the start became a very active member in a wide range of club committees and events. Her Memorial Service will be held at Galilee Lutheran Church (N24 W36430 Crestview Drive, Pewaukee, Wisconsin) on Friday, May, 16<sup>th</sup> 2025. Visitation will be from 10-11am followed by a service and a luncheon in the Church. Donations may go to Galilee Lutheran Church or Woman's Club of Pewaukee

