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# What Are GFWC-WI and GFWC Awards?

Annually, clubs are asked to provide a statistical report on the club's efforts the previous calendar year. Statistics are compiled at the national level allowing GFWC to lobby for issues pertinent to the membership, apply for grants and develop affiliations with national organizations. These statistics are important to the continued impact of GFWC. All clubs should make every effort to report.

In addition to the statistics, clubs are encouraged to capture the stories of their programs in narratives used as submissions for award consideration. These narrative award submissions tell the history of a club and ultimately the history of GFWC-WI. Often, these stories are referred to as Reporting. And Reporting is the means by which GFWC-WI is able to recognize and acknowledge outstanding services the clubs provide to their communities.

Awards are presented to clubs who submit reports in special, program, advancement, committee, and contest areas. The awards are determined by the chairs of the program areas, advancement areas, committees, and contest chairs. The chairs are appointed by the GFWC-WI President and serve on the GFWC-WI Board of Directors. The chairs serve two-year terms. Chairs may be reappointed by the next president but are limited to two two-year terms by GFWC-WI Policies.

The GFWC-WI distributes awards at two category levels:  
 Category I is for clubs with 30 or more members.  
 Category II is for clubs with less than 30 members.

In each category, the chair selects the club which has documented the best overall performance in that area and the club that has the best single project of all the projects submitted in the reports. Thus, each chair reports four award honorees to the Second Vice President. These clubs are then recognized at the annual state convention.

Individual awards based on nominations are granted for Jenny June, Woman of Achievement, Theodora Youmans, LEADS, and Junior of the

|  |                                |
|--|--------------------------------|
| Juniors Special Program                              | Dorothy Protz                  |
| Leadership   | Deb Brossard & Lora McPhillips |
| Legislation and Public Policy                        | Christine Nevinski             |
| Membership   | Linda Brown                    |
| Women's History and Resource Center and 1734 Society | Mary Kaye Ernest               |
| Theodora Youmans Award                               | Diane Zickert                  |
| Woman of Achievement                                 | Ina Trummer                    |
| Jennie June Award                                    | Ruth Diedrich                  |
| Junior of the Year                                   | Missy Kimball                  |
| GFWC-WI Community Impact Program Award               | Carol Wolfenden                |
| GFWC-WI Writing Contest                              | Alexandra Lerch-Gaggi          |



# GFWC-WI Awards and Contest Chairmen

*GFWC-WI is grateful for the thoughtful hard work of the following Chairmen:*

Nancy Dickman, President, GFWC-Wisconsin

Standardized Reports Committee

Erin Epping, Second VP/Chairman

Missy Kimball Director-Elect of Junior Clubs

Arts and Culture Carole Brinkman

Civic Engagement and Outreach Michelle Black

Communications and Public Relations;  
Newsletter and Website Contests Loretta Caron

Education and Libraries Sue Sands

Environment Gloria Lansin

ESO Sue Schwarten

Fundraising and Development Carolyn Mitchell

GFWC Signature Program Michelle Munoz

GFWC-WI President's Special Project Sue Bessert

Health Scholarships Shelly Isely

Health and Wellness Joyce Schaefer

Year. These awards recognize individual excellence. The nomination process is specified on the GFWC-WI website.

Honors at the GFWC International Level are awarded based on the number of members that a state has reported to GFWC International at the beginning of the two-year term of the current president. Regardless of changes in membership, the state stays in the same category for the full two years. GFWC International places the states in one of six categories in evaluating all award submissions sent by GFWC Special Program, Community Service Area, and Advancement Area chairs. Wisconsin is in Category II for awards presented at the 2021 and 2022 International Conventions.

The GFWC-WI President compiles all of the statistical information from all of the reports in all of the community service, special program, and advancement areas and submits that information to GFWC International. In addition to selecting the state awards, the chair of each area submits two reports to GFWC International: a State Award Entry which is a list, with narratives, of the top ten projects in Wisconsin that had the most impact; and a Club Creativity Entry which is a narrative of one project. GFWC International issues monetary awards for the Most Creative in each State and the Community Impact Awards.

Each year, GFWC accumulates the total number of reported projects, volunteer hours, and both in-kind and dollars donated for the work of its clubs. It also assembles a Top Ten Projects list by area for clubs to reference as an idea generator. The most recent data is available in the 2022 Annual Program Statistics Report which has more detail. See the News & Publications tab at the GFWC website (<https://www.gfwc.org>).

The statistical reporting and narratives become the recorded history of each state and of each club and is also a tool in preserving the history of women in our society. Those annual club reports and narratives are valuable far and wide!

# GFWC-WI Community Service Program Awards

## Arts and Culture



### Category I Best Overall

#### *GFWC Rhinelander Woman's Club*

|                                 |                |
|---------------------------------|----------------|
| <b>Total Number of Projects</b> | <b>11</b>      |
| <b>Total Number of Hours</b>    | <b>431</b>     |
| <b>Total \$ Donated</b>         | <b>\$2,042</b> |
| <b>Total \$ In-Kind Donated</b> | <b>\$1,232</b> |

1. Who Remembers the "Emperor's New Clothes"? - Theater Project
2. Support for the local public radio station.
3. GFWC Writing Contest
4. Volunteering at local plays and performances
5. Support and sponsorship of a local arts and sustainability event
6. Staying connected with the local arts council
7. Support for local Choraliers
8. Have you ever made rain art?
9. Helen Mears Art Competition
10. Raising sweet cash for the arts
11. Member arts at State Convention

### Best Single Project

#### *GFWC Muskego Woman's Club*

##### "Crafters' Corner"

This group from Muskego is always working. They make lap blankets, hats and mitts to donate to Kathy's House, a place of refuge for patients at Froedtert Hospital. They made fingerless mittens for the Muskego Public Library fundraiser. They created dozens of Port Pillows to cushion shoulder seatbelts from port implants. Each pillow has a note that indicates who made it and how the club is happy to serve.

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# GFWC-WI 2022 Reporting Statistics

|  |                  |
|--|------------------|
| <b>Number of Clubs in the State</b>                    | <b>44</b>        |
| <b>Number of Clubs that Reported</b>                   | <b>93%</b>       |
| <b>Number of Projects</b>                              | <b>1,640</b>     |
| <b>Number of Volunteer Hours</b>                       | <b>83,011</b>    |
| <b>Number of Dollars Donated</b>                       | <b>\$250,442</b> |
| <b>Number of In-Kind Dollars Donated</b>               | <b>\$134,818</b> |
| <b>Number of Dollars Spent on Advancement Programs</b> | <b>\$39,353</b>  |
| <b>Number of Fundraising Dollars Raised</b>            | <b>\$269,084</b> |



# GFWC-WI Writing Contest Winners

## Student Writing Contest

|                   |   |                    |
|-------------------|---|--------------------|
| <b>Category 1</b> | <b>K - 2nd Grade</b>  | <b>Short Story</b> |
|                   | <i>GFWC Monroe Woman's Club</i><br>Savannah Roesch "The Mystic Necklace"                  |                    |
|                   | <b>K-2nd Grade</b>  | <b>Poetry</b>      |
|                   | <i>GFWC Monroe Woman's Club</i><br>Gabriel Wilson "Winter"                                |                    |
| <b>Category 2</b> | <b>3rd Grade - 5th Grade</b>  | <b>Short Story</b> |
|                   | <i>GFWC Shorewood Woman's Club</i><br>Wren Elliott "Curse of the Pharaoh's Ring"          |                    |
|                   | <b>3rd Grade - 5th Grade</b>  | <b>Poetry</b>      |
|                   | <i>GFWC Rhinelander Woman's Club</i><br>Nora Foat "Wintertime"                            |                    |
| <b>Category 3</b> | <b>6th Grade - 8th Grade</b>  | <b>Short Story</b> |
|                   | <i>GFWC Rhinelander Woman's Club</i><br>Riley Jae Johnson "The Duende"                    |                    |
|                   | <b>6th Grade - 8th Grade</b>  | <b>Poetry</b>      |
|                   | <i>GFWC Woman's Club of Pewaukee</i><br>Alexander Gaggi "Walking Through Cherry Blossoms" |                    |
| <b>Category 4</b> | <b>9th Grade - 12th Grade</b>   | <b>Short Story</b> |
|                   | <i>GFWC Amery Woman's Club</i><br>Katelin Olivia Graski "Fade into Blue"                  |                    |
|                   | <b>9th Grade - 12th Grade</b>   | <b>Poetry</b>      |
|                   | <i>GFWC Amery Woman's Club</i><br>Emerson Lane Sargent "Silent Howls"                     |                    |

## Member Writing Contest

|                      |   |
|----------------------|---|
| <b>Member Poetry</b> | <i>GFWC Woman's Club of Pewaukee</i><br>Susan Vetrovsky-Goldstone "Fall, Pewaukee Lake" |
| <b>Member SS</b>     | <i>GFWC Rhinelander Woman's Club</i><br>Connie L. Muckleberg "Winston Churchill"        |

## Category II

### Best Overall

#### *GFWC Hartford Junior Woman's Club*

**Total Number of Projects**     2  
**Total \$ Donated**                \$1,500

The Hartford Juniors, along with eighteen other community organizations, brought eleven evenings of outdoor entertainment to the Schauer Center, the city's performing arts center. Each evening featured music by non-professionals, a farmer's market, food and refreshment. Over 3,200 patrons enjoyed the performances during June, July and August. The club made a donation of \$500 to be a sponsor of the "Summer Series." In addition, the club donated \$1,000 to the Schauer Center to underwrite the expense of "Letters From Home," a performance to honor veterans and active members of the military and their families.

### Best Single Project

#### *GFWC Oshkosh Woman's ARTS Club*

#### **150th Anniversary of Helen Farnsworth Mears' Birth**

In 1893, the Milwaukee Federated Woman's Club supported Helen Farnsworth Mears' sculpture "Genius of Wisconsin" at the World Columbian Exposition. This year one member worked with the Governor's Office to have December 21, 2022 proclaimed "Helen Farnsworth Mears Day" on the occasion of the 150th anniversary of her birth. Rep. Gordon Hintz' staff mounted the special Proclamation on a walnut plaque. Shirley Mattox worked with the Oshkosh Public Museum which published two articles: one about Helen's life and another about the GFWC-WI Art Contest for 7th and 8th graders. The Oshkosh Woman's Arts Club celebrated the 150th Anniversary of Helen Farnsworth Mears' birth by meeting for a special luncheon on December 21, 2022.

# Civic Engagement and Outreach

## Category I Best Overall

### *GFWC Port Washington Woman's Club*

|                                 |                |
|---------------------------------|----------------|
| <b>Total Number of Projects</b> | <b>33</b>      |
| <b>Total Number of Hours</b>    | <b>1853</b>    |
| <b>Total \$ Donated</b>         | <b>\$7,083</b> |
| <b>Total \$ In-Kind Donated</b> | <b>\$6,690</b> |

1. Presentation by Family Promise and collection of needed items.
2. Support for Port Washington Food Pantry with birthday bags, food, clothing items and cash.
3. Support for St. Vincent DePaul Society with items donated and \$550 to help clients pay bills.
4. Members volunteer at Ellen's Home, an assisted living facility.
5. Members volunteer at the Milwaukee Rescue Mission
6. Members volunteer at the Salvation Army

Projects 7 through 33: Financial Donations to PWHS Music Boosters, Honor Flight, Lions Club, Wisconsin for Ukraine, UNICEF, Gentle Giants Equine Rescue, ASPCA, Ozaukee Human Society, Peaceful Valley Donkey Rescue, Little Long Ears Donkey Rescue, WWF, Lutheran World Relief, Mels Charities, Kiwanis, PW Senior Center, PWEDA, Kapco Christmas Toy Collection, St. Ben's Foo for the homeless, BSA, Ronald McDonald Charities, St. Ben's Indian School, St. Labre Indian School, Sudan Relief Fund, Woman Care, Zeru Zeru and American Red Cross.

## Best Single Project

### *GFWC Oconomowoc Junior Woman's Club*

#### **Wreaths Across America**

|                              |              |
|------------------------------|--------------|
| <b>Total Number of Hours</b> | <b>10</b>    |
| <b>Total Dollars Donated</b> | <b>\$150</b> |

Three club members and 3 family members participated in the national Wreaths Across American event to honor the various branches of military and those who have served our country. The club president opened her home for coffee, tea, cocoa and stew for all who headed out into the cold of December.

Tamarra Coleman, is the Executive Director of the Shalom Center in Kenosha, Wisconsin, which serves as the city's only homeless shelter, largest food pantry and longest running meal program. The center is a community resource that provides housing, food, guidance and support to individuals and families in need across our community.

She is also the Board Chair of the Kenosha Health Center/Pillar Health, Executive Board Member for Building Our Future, and a Board member of the Kenosha Chamber of Commerce, Kenosha Area Business Alliance and Advocate Aurora Community Board.

Tamarra was recently named on of the Southeast Wisconsin Notable BIPOC (Black, Indigenous and People of Color) Executives for 2023 and was a judge for the Miss Kenosha Pageant.

She was honored at Kenosha's Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration as the 2023 Humanitarian of the year.

In addition she is a member of Tempo, a local woman's organization; on the scholarship Committee of the Arthur and Marylou Mahone Fund; and on the Human Services Advisory Committee of Gateway College.

She was a guest speaker at Lance Middle School for the Student Council's Giving Back Campaign. At Carthage College, she presented at the Urban Education Summit. At UW Parkside she was the featured speaker for Multicultural Professional Day. At Kenosha Unified School District's annual Kindness Breakfast, Tamarra presented awards to student achievers, and participated as a reader at an Elementary school for the United Way's Read Across America. Recently, she was a Judge for the annual Black History Bee.

"As the Executive Director of the Shalom Center, she challenges herself and her agency to provide the best outcome for our city's most vulnerable population -- unhoused individuals and families -- while trying to reduce barriers and stigma for them."

Terra Wendricks  
Professor in the Criminal Justice Department  
at University of Wisconsin- Parkside

# Theodora Youmans Citizenship Award

The Theodora Youmans Citizenship Award is one of the most treasured awards given by GFWC-Wisconsin since 1937. At its onset, Mrs. Youmans provided in her will that the award should be made for the most honorable contribution to citizenship. This award recipient need not be a member of a GFWC-WI woman's club. There is only one winner, but it is an honor to be nominated. The award's namesake was born Theodora Winton in Ashippun, Wisconsin in 1863. She was raised in New Berlin where her father was a merchant. In 1889, she married Henry Youmans, Editor of the *Waukesha Freeman*. In 1898 she was elected President of the Wisconsin Federation of Women's Clubs. Her influence had a marked bearing on Federation policies and growth for many years. She was a woman who worked tirelessly for women. Following her death in April 1932, a reporter for the *Waukesha Freeman* wrote: "We find a remarkable combination of talents and abilities in one woman that gave her predominance among women and men alike."



## 2022 Theodora Youmans Citizenship Award Recipient Tamarra Coleman, Executive Director of the Shalom Center in Kenosha, Wisconsin

### Nominated by *GFWC Kenosha Junior Woman's Club*

"Ms. Coleman walks the walk. She has a constant presence in our community as a fundraiser for non-profits, serves on multiple boards of directors for NPOs, has the ear, and respect of our elected officials at the highest level and is a staunch, rigid, yet compassionate champion for diversity."

Richard J. Unger, Jr.  
Board of Directors of the Shalom Center



Category II  
Best Overall

### *Lakeland Area GFWC*

|                                 |                 |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Total Number of Projects</b> | <b>7</b>        |
| <b>Total Number of Hours</b>    | <b>150</b>      |
| <b>Total \$ Donated</b>         | <b>\$557.60</b> |
| <b>Total \$ In-Kind Donated</b> | <b>\$685</b>    |

1. Food for Kidz
2. "Generations" a local community Senior Center
3. Support for the Dr. Kate Museum/Historical Society
4. Habitat for Humanity
5. Christmas Card Project for Seniors
6. Member serves as the GFWC Northwoods Civic Engagement and Outreach Chair.
7. Member serves as the GFWC-WI Civic Engagement and Outreach Chair.

### Best Single Project

#### *GFWC Brown Deer Junior Woman's Club* Sleeping Bag Ministry

Several club members joined a group of volunteers at St. Bernadette Catholic Church's Sleeping Bag Ministry to assemble sleeping bags for the homeless. Bag covers are cut and sewn from recycled fabric and bedding. At the assembly sessions, filling materials are added to the covers and then quilted together. After the final sewing, which includes adding a neck tie to secure each rolled bag, the sleeping bags are taken to the MacCanon Brown Homeless Sanctuary for distribution to those in need. In addition, bedding items donated to our annual rummage sales are donated to the project.



# Education and Libraries



## Category I

### Best Overall

#### *GFWC Oconto Woman's Club*

|                                 |                |
|---------------------------------|----------------|
| <b>Total Number of Projects</b> | <b>9</b>       |
| <b>Total Number of Hours</b>    | <b>200</b>     |
| <b>Total \$ Donated</b>         | <b>\$4,050</b> |
| <b>Total \$ In-Kind Donated</b> | <b>\$700</b>   |

1. Support of the Oconto Unified School District
2. Buddy Bench
3. Winter clothing donations
4. Donations to prom afterglow committee
5. Oconto County School Supply Drive
6. Oconto Woman's Club Senior Girl Scholarship
7. Wisconsin All-Stars of Music for OHS students
8. Scholarships to club members to attend district and state meetings
9. Farnsworth Public Library Support

### Best Single Project

#### *GFWC Bloomer Woman's Club*

##### **Innovative Teaching Grant**

Applications are requested from all public and parochial schools in the city to encourage the goal of providing funding for staff development and innovative teaching ideas, to think differently, from a new perspective. They are awarded on a competitive basis chosen by a committee of club members. The award amount depends on the amount in the ongoing special fund. This year's awards were \$752.

# LEADS Candidate

## (GFWC Leadership, Education and Development Seminar)

The GFWC LEADS program is intended to identify GFWC members at the grassroots level who have the potential and the desire to assume leadership positions in GFWC beyond their club. Participation in GFWC LEADS can help these members gain the capabilities, confidence and commitment necessary to pursue and achieve higher office and serve with distinction. The LEADS program is held annually the day before the official opening of the GFWC International Convention. Each state is allowed one candidate.

### 2023 GFWC-WI LEADS Candidate



**Alexandra Lerch-Gaggi**

#### *GFWC Woman's Club of Pewaukee*

Alexandra has been an active member of her club and district since she joined GFWC in 2016. She currently serves as the Club President and is Chair of the club's International Connections Committee whose mission is to coordinate activities with an Austrian Woman's Club (Alexandra's native country). Alexandra is currently serving as GFWC-WI's Writing Contest Chairman.



# JOY

## Junior of the Year

This Junior must exhibit outstanding leadership and volunteer efforts with an emphasis on her family and community. She should have the ability to interact positively with other members; the ability to listen and communicate; good attendance at club meetings and events; community participation outside her club; cooperation; dependability; enthusiasm and positive attitude; innovative ideas and creativity; leadership potential; open mindedness; sense of humor; and willingness to share ideas.

### The 2023 Junior of the Year



**Kelly Witkowski**  
***GFWC Oconomowoc Junior Woman's Club***

Kelly is never without this big, beautiful smile. She is always a cheerful and bright light in her club. All the members of the GFWC Oconomowoc Junior Woman's Club would agree that she brings a smile to their faces when they have the opportunity to interact with her.

## Category II Best Overall

### ***GFWC Brown Deer Junior Woman's Club***

|                                 |                |
|---------------------------------|----------------|
| <b>Total Number of Projects</b> | <b>12</b>      |
| <b>Total Number of Hours</b>    | <b>32.5</b>    |
| <b>Total \$ Donated</b>         | <b>\$6,038</b> |
| <b>Total \$ In-Kind Donated</b> | <b>\$115</b>   |

1. Friends of the Library Plant Sale and Silent Auction
2. Youth Short Story and Poetry Writing Contest
3. Brown Deer Library Book Sale
4. Kellogg's Feeding Reading Program
5. Continuing Education Scholarship
6. Brown Deer Education Foundation
7. Brown Deer Elementary School
8. Brown Deer Library
9. Brown Deer Middle/High School DECA program
10. Brown Deer Middle/High Schools Best Buddies Program
11. Little White Schoolhouse Library
12. School Supply Program



### **Best Single Project**

### ***GFWC Princeton Woman's Club*** **Library Beautification Project**

The Princeton Woman's Club, along with community members and a local garden club, was an integral part of the beautification of the backyard of the Princeton Library. Using "blood, sweat and tears," the club worked collegially to redo the fencing, remove rocks, and level off the ground so that beautiful plantings could go in. In addition, the club donated \$500 to the landscaping project.



# Environment

Category I  
Best Overall

## ***GFWC Woman’s Club of Pewaukee***

**Total Number of Projects**     **7**  
**Total Number of Hours**       **441**  
**Total \$ Donated**               **\$1,000**  
**Total \$ In-Kind Donated**   **\$150**

1. Citizen Science: Water Monitoring and Data Reporting to National Database.
2. Committee Members Learn about Monitoring Techniques and Indicator Species -- DNR Water Monitoring Training
3. Removal of Invasive Species
4. Taking Care of Prairies as Natural Resources in Our Community
5. Volunteering at a Local Nature Center and a Gardening Organization
6. Sponsoring the Educational Efforts of the Lake Pewaukee Sanitary District
7. Wildlife in Need Donation.

### **Best Single Project**

#### ***GFWC Monroe Woman’s Club***

##### **Main Street Beautification**

The Monroe sisters set out to beautify the main streets and share smiles 43 pots wide. The club filled and maintained 43 large planter pots around the city squares. They also partnered with Monroe Main Street, Monroe Lions Club, Oxenrider Tree Farm, Juda 4-H, Whitney Tree Service, Connors Tree Service and community volunteers. Club members enjoyed the time shared to dig in the dirt while socializing and meeting new club members.

### **Club Work**

#### ***Williams Bay Woman’s Club***

##### ***GFWC Woman’s Club of East Troy***

Past Secretary, Treasurer and Co-President

##### ***GFWC Burlington Woman’s Club***

Current President

When the GFWC Burlington Woman’s Club began to have serious membership issues, Ellen stepped in to help out. Maintaining membership in two GFWC Clubs, Ellen generously took over the helm of Burlington. The club was down to only three active members. Under Ellen’s leadership, the club now has a full working slate of officers and a membership increase from 3 to 22! The club is once again very involved in community affairs and projects.

#### ***GFWC Southern Prairies District***

Southern Prairies District Secretary, 1st VP

Southern Prairies District President -- 2004-2006

Southern Prairies District Co-President -- 2014-2016

#### ***GFWC Wisconsin***

GFWC Wisconsin Executive Board: Secretary, 1st VP

GFWC Wisconsin President - 2010-2012

Theme: “Yours, Mine & Ours: Your Club, My Club, Our Federation”

Signature Project: Quilts of Valor

As GFWC President, Ellen and her committee were hosts to the 2011 GFWC International Convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

#### ***Community Work Past and Present***

Chicken Coop Quilters -- Continually working on creating Quilts of Valor and presenting them to honor, thank and comfort veterans. Special Olympics volunteer.

#### ***Family***

Ellen and her husband have seven children, 10 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. They own Mode Industries in Delavan and live on a small farmette with a handful of sheep, chickens and two dogs, plus one miniature highland cow.

“‘Living the Volunteer Spirit’ has given me a stronger bond with family, friends and my community. The friends and relationships I have made over the years are priceless and very important to me as to who I am as a person. Joining woman’s club proved to be one of the best things I have ever done.”

Ellen Weber, 2023

# GFWC-WI Individual Awards

## Woman of Achievement

This lifetime achievement award is to honor a Wisconsin Clubwoman who has made an outstanding contribution to the General Federation of Women's Clubs. This woman should have received recognition for her work in any of the GFWC Service areas.

### 2023 Woman of Achievement



**Ellen Weber**  
**GFWC Burlington Woman's Club**  
**GFWC Woman's Club of East Troy**

"(Ellen) takes her assignments and responsibilities seriously accomplishing what needs to be done effectively and efficiently."

Gale A. Gillmore  
Past Southern Prairies District President  
GFWC Burlington Woman's Club Member

### Category II Best Overall

#### *GFWC Blanchardville Woman's Club*

**Total Number of Projects** 3  
**Total Number of Hours** 225  
**Total \$ In-Kind Donated** \$36

1. Spring flower planting/watering/maintenance
2. Stream monitoring program (Water Action Volunteers)
3. Holiday decorating of bridge and planters on Main Street.

### Best Single Project

#### *GFWC Princeton Woman's Club*

##### **Groovy Gardeners**

The Groovy Gardeners committee of the club are intent on beautifying the city of Princeton by planting flower beds along the roadside and in the city park. A mixture of annuals and perennials (many of which came from member gardens) were planted. Each garden was "adopted" by a member who watered and weeded throughout the summer. The Groovy Gardeners held a Garden Walk where two members' gardens were showcased. Then the members met at the past president's home and enjoyed hors d'oeuvres, punch and wine. The food and beverages were provided as an in-kind donation.



# Health and Wellness



## Category I Best Overall

### *GFWC Woman’s Club of Pewaukee*

|                                  |                |
|----------------------------------|----------------|
| <b>Total Number of Projects</b>  | <b>11</b>      |
| <b>Total Number of Hours</b>     | <b>3,078</b>   |
| <b>Total \$ Donated</b>          | <b>\$1,750</b> |
| <b>Total \$ In-Kind Donation</b> | <b>\$42,70</b> |

1. Red Cross Blood Drive
2. Dental Care for Children from Low-Income or Under-insured Families -- Community Smiles Dental
3. Continuous Support for an Honorary Club Member and Past President and her Spouse
4. Greeting Cards to Lighten the Day
5. Supporting the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)
6. Dementia Friendly Pewaukee: Caregivers’ Coffee
7. Dementia Live
8. Dementia Educational Seminar
9. Pewaukee Food Pantry
10. The Hope Center in Waukesha
11. Keep the Committee Outreach Work Going -- members volunteering at Waukesha Free Clinic, St. Camillus Assisted Living, office work at St. Anthony on the Lake, volunteer guitar lessons for veterans, entertaining at nursing homes.

## Best Single Project

### *GFWC Oconomowoc Junior Woman’s Club*

#### **Bethany Recovery Center**

The Bethany recovery center is for women who suffer from drug and alcohol addiction and offers a safe place to live. The Oconomowoc Junior Club contributed in many ways: no-sew blankets, personal hygiene products drive, speaker at a club meeting, Christmas stockings filled with goodies, and hosted a Christmas cookie decorating session. In addition the club gave a \$500 cash donation to the center.

# Health Scholarships

## **Julia Bink**

Oconomowoc, WI

### *GFWC Oconomowoc Woman’s Club*

#### **GFWC-WI Rolling Hills**

Julia will begin her fourth year at UW-Madison in neurobiology and psychology. She plans to attend medical school in fall of 2025. She is writing her senior honor’s thesis on “The Association Between Sleep and Alzheimer’s Disease.” She carries a 3.775 GPA at Madison and is active in extra-curricular programs, volunteer organizations and various community organizations.



## **Sophia Laumann**

Rhinelander, WI

### *GFWC Rhinelander Woman’s Club*

#### **GFWC-WI Northwoods**

Sophia will be an incoming freshman attending UW-Oshkosh and hopes to earn a doctoral degree as a Psychiatric/Mental Health Nurse Practitioner. She wants to help those who suffer from mental illnesses. In addition she is earning a Spanish minor to better assist patients at home and in Spanish-speaking countries. She hopes to one day help others reach their goals as GFWC-WI is helping her.



# Health Scholarships

Scholarships are awarded each year by GFWC-WI to graduating high school and adult students in the state. The scholarship is awarded to students pursuing a career in the health field. The scholarship is effective the second semester of the school year.



**Trinity Gruenenfelder**  
 Blanchardville, WI  
**GFWC Blanchardville Woman's Club**  
**GFWC-WI Southern Prairies**  
 Trinity's goal is to attend Edge-wood College in Madison, WI and pursue a degree in nursing which will allow her to fulfill her passion for caring for others. Already working as a CNA, while attending school, she has seen the endless opportunities in the health care

field. She has a 3.9 GPA and is involved in many extracurricular programs and community service.

## Kayla Loos

Burlington, WI

**GFWC Burlington Woman's Club**

**GFWC-WI Southern Prairies**

Kayla's goal is to attend Aurora University in Illinois majoring in Health Sciences. She will also be playing volleyball at Aurora. She will be working toward a pre-chiropractic program and hopes eventually to own her own chiropractic practice. In 2021 she lost her father to COVID and that event reinforced her decision to help others in many realms of healing.



## Category II Best Overall

### **GFWC Steven's Point Woman's Club**

|                                 |                |
|---------------------------------|----------------|
| <b>Total Number of Projects</b> | <b>7</b>       |
| <b>Total Number of Hours</b>    | <b>1103</b>    |
| <b>Total \$ Donated</b>         | <b>\$420</b>   |
| <b>Total S In-Kind Donated</b>  | <b>\$3,821</b> |

1. Hospice Caregiver Basket
2. Operation Bootstrap
3. Foster Family Support
4. Health and Wellness learning experiences for club members.
5. Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC)
6. Ringing the Bells for the Salvation Army
7. Meal of Hope Community Dinner

## Best Single Project

### **GFWC Blanchardville Woman's Club**

#### **Canine Companions Fundraiser with the Monroe Woman's Club**

With the dual purpose of gaining members for the Blanchardville Club and supporting Canine Companions, the two clubs planned a fundraiser at Bailey's Run Winery. Catherine Rupp brought her pup Oshi. The event was publicized by both clubs, there were local musicians, raffle baskets, and food was served. A recipient of a canine companion dog, Kristin, a US Army vet, was on hand to explain how her dog helps her. The event raised \$420 for Canine Companions. The two clubs plan on working together again!



Category I is for clubs with 30 or more members  
 Category II is for clubs with less than 30 members

# GFWC-WI Advancement Areas Communications and Public Relations

## Category I Best Overall

### *GFWC Rhinelander Woman's Club*

**Total Number of Projects    7**  
**Total Number of Hours       253**  
**Total \$ Spent                    \$606**

1. In the news on Woman's Equality Day and throughout the year.
2. Chamber Connections through membership and events.
3. Facebook is our Friend!
4. Keeping communications open.
5. The red aprons debut in 2022!
6. Weaving our community together one warp at a time!
7. Keeping today's and historical club records.

## Best Single Project

### *GFWC Muskego Woman's Club* "Dandelion Daze" Parade

The City of Muskego has an annual festival called Dandelion Daze. This year the Muskego Woman's Club was the honored organization, and it was their responsibility to come up with a theme for the festival. After many hours of brainstorming, the Club came up with the theme, UNITY, COMMUNITY, GENEROSITY! The club's idea for graphics was a TREE = STRONG, "rooted" in the community and covered with HANDS = LEAVES. To add to the excitement, their very own member of 50 years, Janis Theel, was the Grand Marshall. The parade committee met over numerous evenings and too countless hours creating the club float. It was a masterpiece of construction with chicken wire and hundreds of hands traced and cut out by our members and several children's organizations. It truly was created with unity and generosity. The members had a great time creating the float and it was a wonderful way to make new friendships.

## Individual Award Certificates for members moving ESO levels in 2022

### Lakeshore District

- GFWC Brown Deer Junior Woman's Club*  
Diana Otterbacher -- Pledge
- GFWC Past District Officers Club*  
Nancy Schrap -- 7th Century
- GFWC Woman's Club of West Allis*  
Diane Prondzinski -- Member



### Northwoods District

- GFWC Rhinelander Woman's Club*  
Lydia Bessert -- Pledge  
Heather Sturtevant -- Pledge

### Rolling Hills District

- GFWC Oconomowoc Woman's Club*  
Susanne Auer -- Pledge  
Sue Diehl -- Pledge  
Helen Hertneky -- Pledge  
Cheri Klose -- Pledge  
Paula Nicholas -- Pledge  
Lynne Schnitzka -- Pledge  
Sharon Phelps -- Pledge  
Lynne Uttke -- Pledge  
Nancy Vogel -- Pledge
- GFWC Oconomowoc Junior Woman's Club*  
Peggy Burns -- Torch and 1st Century  
Missy Kimball -- 3rd Century  
Sanic Timmer -- Member  
Kelly Witkowski -- Member
- GFWC Woman's Club of Pewaukee*  
Linda Klimowicz -- Pledge  
Christine Nevinski -- Pledge  
Nancy Niedziela -- 5th Century
- GFWC Woman's Civic Club of Hillsboro*  
Donna Schneider -- Pledge

### Southern Prairies District

- GFWC Beloit Junior Woman's Club*  
Jeanine Froeber -- Star  
Tina Tillery -- 2nd Century
- GFWC Pleasant Prairie Woman's Club*  
Vickie Richardson -- Star

# ESØ – Epsilon Sigma Omicron

## Category I

### Best Overall

***GFWC Oconomowoc Junior Woman's Club***

*Total Books Read 449*

*Total Reading Hours 3,918.35*

### Best Single

***GFWC Woman's Club of Pewaukee***

*Total Books Read 160*

*Total Reading Hours 1,695.91*

### Club with most new Pledges

***GFWC Oconomowoc Woman's Club***

### Individual with most books read:

**Vickie Richardson**

**109**

## Category II

### Best Overall

***GFWC Brown Deer Junior Woman's Club***

*Total Books Read 187*

*Total Reading Hours 1,452.6*

### Best Single

***GFWC Past District Officers' Club (PDO)***

*Total Books Read 180*

*Total Reading Hours 1,960*

### Club with most new Pledges

***GFWC Brown Deer Junior Woman's Club***

### Individual with most books read:

**Nancy Schrap**

**92**



## Category II

### Best Overall

#### ***Lakeland Area GFWC***

**Total Number of Projects 12**

**Total Number of Hours 135**

**Total \$ Spent \$356.78**

1. June Bloom Nonprofit Fair
2. Pullup Banner for Membership/Club Awareness
3. Minocqua Area Chamber of Commerce
4. Annual Let's Minocqua Gala
5. Promotional Yard Signage for Brandy Park
6. Promotional Yard Signage for Lakeland Dog Park
7. Design and implementation of a QR Code for the club.
8. Tabletop 3 Part Display Design Project
9. Club correspondence with members
10. Facebook Page
11. Communication with the Lakeland Times
12. Newly revised club brochure



## Category II

### Best Single Project

#### ***GFWC Menomonie Woman's Club***

#### **Podcast**

The Menomonie club president participated in a podcast hosted by Downton Menomonie, Inc. In this podcast, information about the history of the club, which celebrated its 120th anniversary in 2022, as well as club activities were shared. The podcast was (and still is) available for the community to listen to on the Downtown Menomonie website.



# Fundraising and Development

## Category I

### Best Overall

#### ***GFWC Oconomowoc Junior Woman's Club***

|                                 |                 |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Total Number of Projects</b> | <b>6</b>        |
| <b>Total Number of Hours</b>    | <b>692</b>      |
| <b>Total \$ Raised</b>          | <b>\$15,803</b> |

1. Annual Auction
2. Kids' Closet Resale
3. Festival of the Arts Food Booth
4. Handmade Market
5. Incoming Charitable Donations from grocery receipts, Amazon and United Way.
6. German Christmas Market assisting in monitoring traffic in Santa Tent

## Best Single Project

#### ***GFWC Woman's Club of Pewaukee***

##### **Bringing Community Together at Spring Fundraiser**

The Pewaukee club hosted a spring fundraiser, "Come Together," a Beatles themed event. They featured a "Beatle Juice" themed drink, a Strawberry Fields Green salad and had a Beatles cover musician as entertainment. Attendees had the opportunity to participate in raffles and live and silent auctions. Guests and members brought art items which were donated to Waukesha Family Services "Big Yellow House". The guest speakers spoke about the important work that Family Services of Waukesha provides for the community. Fifty five of the club members were involved in various planning and participating activities. This event sold out!

# Communications and Public Relations

## Website and Newsletter Contest

The GFWC-WI Website Contest aims to challenge Wisconsin clubs to employ their websites as membership tools with organized and updated content that presents a professional and credible source of information. This is a great source to spread the word of the Federation on the web. The websites must be user friendly on many platforms. Check them out for yourselves.

## Category I

#### ***GFWC Pleasant Prairie Woman's Club***

<https://ppwc64.org/>

## Category II

#### ***GFWC Princeton Woman's Club***

<https://www.gfwcwiprincetonwomensclub.com/>

The GFWC-WI Newsletter Contest encourages Wisconsin clubs to establish a strong newsletter program aimed at increasing awareness about ongoing projects, programs, events, and issues that affect GFWC members and communities. Check out one of the best overall winners at the link below.

## Category I

#### ***GFWC Woman's Club of Pewaukee***

<https://womansclubofpewaukee.com/wp/>

Newsletters are accessed in the right hand column of the home page.

## Category II

#### ***GFWC Brown Deer Junior Woman's Club***

COMMUNICATION

# Women's History and Resource Center/1734 Society

## Category I Best Overall

### *GFWC Woman's Club of Pewaukee*

#### **The Woman's Club of Pewaukee Goes Global**

In 2021, the Woman's Club of Pewaukee had their first contact with the Spittaler Goldhaubenfrauen (the ladies with golden bonnets) in Carinthia, Austria with one video meeting. Then through email and joint video conferences in 2022, there were more contacts. This is the first time the club is reaching out across the ocean to connect with like-minded women, who share the common goals with the GFWC Woman's Club of Pewaukee. Both groups provide volunteer service to local organizations to improve community life. Several members from Pewaukee will join the Club President for a week-long stay in Spittal, Austria during the summer of 2023 where they will meet the other club women, discuss common projects for the future, and meet with other local charity leaders. The Austrian club was founded in 1914 (ten years after Pewaukee!) and they have started to investigate similarities and differences in the Clubs' histories. The club's goal is to highlight the impact of Women's Clubs in their respective communities during challenging and prosperous periods over the last 125 years on both continents.



## Category II Best Overall

### *GFWC Antigo Junior Woman's Club*

|                                 |                 |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Total Number of Projects</b> | <b>1</b>        |
| <b>Total Number of Hours</b>    | <b>1,473</b>    |
| <b>Total \$ Raised</b>          | <b>\$12,278</b> |

The club women of Antigo hosted their 46th annual Craft and Trade Show in 2022. It was held in the Multi-Purpose Building at the Langlade County Fairgrounds. The all day event featured 102 unique crafters and vendors. The club members also baked for the bake sale portion. There were also raffle baskets, gift cards, and lots of prizes. The club worked with the two local newspapers, promoted the event on their Facebook page, and in Free Community Calendars. In addition, the local radio station promoted the Craft and Trade Show. The proceeds were distributed to many local agencies and services.

## Best Single Project

### *GFWC Woman's Club of De Pere*

#### **Fashion Cents Style Show**

The GFWC Woman's Club of De Pere, along with De Pere Christian Outreach, a local nonprofit organization, worked together to present a style show in the local community. All of the outfits worn by the models and then auctioned off, were selected at the Christian Outreach Thrift Store. Both male and female clothing items were worn by members of both groups. Raffle and auction items were also available for purchase. Dessert and beverages were available for the 200 people in attendance. A profit of over \$6500 was realized and shared by the two groups. It was the first time that the club had presented a style show, and the event was very well received.

# **GFWC-WI President's Special Project:**

## **Arts LIVE!**

### **Category I Best Overall**

#### ***GFWC Shorewood Woman's Club***

|                                 |              |
|---------------------------------|--------------|
| <b>Total Number of Projects</b> | <b>2</b>     |
| <b>Total Number of Hours</b>    | <b>70</b>    |
| <b>Total \$ Donated</b>         | <b>\$200</b> |
| <b>Total \$ In-Kind Donated</b> | <b>\$100</b> |

1. Shorewood High School Chamber Orchestra performs a Christmas concert for the club and community. In addition a collection of peanut butter for the food panty was undertaken.
2. Helen Farnsworth Mears Art Contest

### **Best Single Project**

#### ***GFWC Oconto Woman's Club* First in the State!**

In September of 2022, the members of the Oconto Club donated \$500 towards a musical and cultural trip to Europe for 16 Oconto High School Band students traveling with the Wisconsin All-Stars of Music in the spring of 2023. At the Northwoods Fall District meeting in October, President Exferd presented the donation and report form to GFWC-WI State President Dickman. The club was the very first in the state to complete the necessary requirements for this special endeavor. The reimbursement of \$100 for involvement in Arts LIVE! will be used to further the arts programs, especially Helen Farnsworth Mears and member arts, within the community.

### **Category II Best Overall**

#### ***GFWC Dodgeville Woman's Club***

Dodgeville began 2022 with membership problems. There was talk of defederating the club. Eight remaining members challenged themselves and planned many different membership activities. The most interesting is that they offered two scholarships for new members -- an innovating idea. They invited people to a luncheon. They held a summer picnic recruiting event. President Dickler was a one woman show with her "Just Ask" philosophy. She talked up GFWC wherever she went: shops, meetings, restaurants. Working hard to get out the word in many ways, the club is now going strong with a total of 14 members ready to be active in the community.

### **Best Single Project**

#### ***GFWC Kenosha Lakeside Junioresettes* New Club Charter**

This new club is our future. In 2022, the GFWC Kenosha Junior Woman's club chartered the Lakeside Kenosha Junioresettes. This club is the first Junioresette club ever chartered in Kenosha. The last time a Junioresette club was chartered in Wisconsin by the GFWC was in 2008. This was an exciting new venture for both the Kenosha Juniors and their "daughter" club. Three members were in the initial charter and they hope to increase in the future. These young women are learning both leadership and organizational skills while still having fun.



# Membership

## Category I Best Overall

### *GFWC Muskego Woman's Club*

**Total Number of Projects** 3  
**Total Number of Hours** 109  
**Total \$ In-Kind Donations** \$370

1. Membership Committee. The membership committee consists of three very active members who meet with potential members at coffee shops and members homes. New members learn about the club and what to expect. These potential members come from Blood Drives, Facebook, Muskego's presence in community activities and by direct member invitation.
2. 60th Anniversary party. November 14, 2022 the club celebrated 60 years of dedicated service to the community amidst treasured friends, new guests, and music in a lovely venue. Donations were made to Group Therapy and Guitars for Vets, some in a decorated guitar. President Dickman and Muskego President Sue Schwarten spoke, and there was music, laughter and dancing!
3. Membership Picnic. Twenty five women, including two new members and one potential member celebrated with a bring-your-own lunch picnic, cut out hands for their parade float and shared excitement for the coming year.

## Best Single Project

### *GFWC Amery Woman's Club*

#### Membership Drive

The Amery Woman's Club set out with a goal of recruiting 7 to 10 new members. They recruited 15! They had a featured article in the local paper about the club, its history and purpose. They had a feature on their local radio station. They had members invite friends and neighbors to meetings and events. They talked to potential members at the blood drive, the Art and Craft Fair, and their Brat Stand. They created new member packets to help potential members see the value of their club. To sustain membership, they assigned an existing member to mentor the new ones and personally introduce the new members at club meetings. A membership success story!

## Category II

### Best Single Project

### *GFWC Kenosha Lakeside Juniores*

**Total Projects** 1  
**Total Number of Hours** 30  
**Total \$ Donated** \$300  
**Total \$ In-Kind Donated** \$100

#### Raising Scholarship Funds

One of the Kenosha Juniores has been a student at a children's theater academy for most of her life and has done numerous shows there. Doing shows is expensive, and participants must pay a flat fee of \$100 to participate, over and above the cost of costumes that the student actors pay themselves. The academy had a scholarship fund, but it was empty. The Juniores along with other Children's Theater Academy students, raised money for the scholarship fund. A three-part program for the community was organized. There were small group lessons ending with a group performance, a tour of the theater, and a small raffle. The fundraiser was a great success. The Children's Theater Academy was incredibly grateful for the job well done. The scholarship fund now has funds for others to participate!



# GFWC Signature Program Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention

## Category I Best Overall

### *GFWC Woman's Club of Greenfield*

|                                 |                |
|---------------------------------|----------------|
| <b>Total Number of Projects</b> | <b>3</b>       |
| <b>Total Number of Hours</b>    | <b>220</b>     |
| <b>Total \$ Donated</b>         | <b>\$700</b>   |
| <b>Total \$ In-Kind Donated</b> | <b>\$2,365</b> |

1. The Club donated \$700 to the Woman's Refuge Center.
2. Forty-five gently used purses were filled with necessities and many included a scarf were donated in time for Mother's Day distribution to the Woman's Refuge Center
3. Items are collected every meeting and donated to the Woman's Refuge Center. These donations include clothes, socks, shoes, hats, mittens, pillows, quilts, shampoos, conditioners and more. In addition the club donates 10 personal hygiene bags each month for 10 months.

## Best Single Project

### *GFWC Oconto Woman's Club*

#### **Rainbow House Domestic Abuse Service Support**

For 15 years, the Oconto Club has supported the Rainbow House Abuse Center Shelter and its programs.

1. A speaker from the center at the November meeting.
2. Support for Child Safe Exchange Program a joint effort with 13 local law enforcement departments.
3. Donations of personal care items, paper and cleaning products and clothing.
4. A \$2,250 financial donation for Christmas purchases for clients
5. Support for the clubs non-traditional and success for survivors scholarships .
6. Club members show support for October Domestic Abuse Awareness by wearing purple, responding to legislative alerts, and remembering victims and survivors with a special invocation.

## Category II Best Single Project

### *GFWC Brillion Woman's Club*

#### **Legislative Action**

One member of the Brillion Woman's Club, using the GFWC Legislative Center, sent letters to her two U.S. Senators and her U.S. Representative in support of the EARN IT Act. This is S.3538 EARN IT Act of 2022 and H.R. 6544 117th Congress EARN IT Act. The acronym for these two acts stands for the **E**liminating **A**buse and **R**ampant **N**eglect of **I**nteractive **T**echnologies. She did receive a response from Senator Baldwin and Representative Gallagher. The responses were forwarded to the GFWC Legislative Center.





# Legislation and Public Policy

## Category I Best Overall

### *GFWC Woman's Club of West Allis*

**Total Number of Projects** 2  
**Total Number of Hours** 198.5  
**Total \$ Spent** \$180

1. The GFWC Legislative Hotline is checked regularly by one member of the GFWC Woman's Club of West Allis. This member also writes a legislative article for the GFWC-WI Clubwoman. She keeps the membership informed and active.
2. Women's Court and Civic Conference of the Greater Milwaukee Area. The West Allis group has an affiliate membership with the WC&CC. Members of the West Allis Group attend their meetings and bring back important information which is disseminated through the club's newsletter.

## Best Single Project

### *GFWC Pleasant Prairie Woman's Club*

#### **Public Forum**

The Pleasant Prairie Woman's Club hosted the Kenosha School Board Candidate Form in March of 2022. Four candidates participated. Questions from the public were collected for the moderator. The IT specialist from Pleasant Prairie Village recorded the forum and made it available for the public on the village news channel.

## Category II Best Overall

### *GFWC Blanchardville Woman's Club*

**Total Number of Projects** 4  
**Total Number of Hours** 27  
**Total \$ Donated** \$545  
**Total \$ In-Kind Donated** \$373



1. Community Awareness in October for Domestic and Sexual Violence Awareness and Prevention was proclaimed by the club.  
 Hung purple lights in a park  
 Created a poster and placed on a sandwich board  
 Designed and printed table tents to be distributed to local restaurants with factual information on them  
 One member printed up a handout for each member with important information on human trafficking including what a huge business it is in the US.
2. Donations to Family Advocates, Inc.
3. Donation of basket for silent auction for Family Advocates Night of Hope Gala.
4. The club wrote a letter to the city of Platteville in support of a new facility for Family Advocates being built there.

## Best Single Project

### *GFWC Kenosha Lakeside Juniores*

#### **Teen Dating Violence**

The Juniores participated in watching a short 10 minute presentation on Teen Dating Violence and then had a discussion. The Juniores were encouraged to discuss with their parents any questions they may have about dating and the topic presented.

### *GFWC Brown Deer Woman's Club*

#### **Care Bags**

Club members were asked to donate personal hygiene items to be included in care bags being assembled for United Migrant Opportunity Services (UMOS). The care bags were distributed to women and men to help in their recovery after enduring labor trafficking.

# Juniors Special Program Advocates for Children

## Category I Best Overall

### ***GFWC Oconomowoc Junior Woman's Club***

|                                 |                |
|---------------------------------|----------------|
| <b>Total Number of Projects</b> | <b>5</b>       |
| <b>Total Number of Hours</b>    | <b>135</b>     |
| <b>Total \$ Donated</b>         | <b>\$2,750</b> |
| <b>Total \$ In-Kind Donated</b> | <b>\$1,018</b> |

1. Junior Cares for Kids coats and other requested items of clothing donations
2. Students 4 Service Club which the OJWC has continued to serve for over 19 years.
3. Easter Baskets for the Oconomowoc Food Pantry
4. Kindness Rocks created by club members and distributed around children's hospitals and pediatricians' offices.
5. Local Donations Supporting the Community's Children:  
Girl Scouts, Zachariah's Acres, Shoes That Fit, and Good Friend Inc.

## Best Single Project

### ***GFWC Woman's Club of Pewaukee***

#### **Operation Christmas Child Boxes**

Club members packed shoebox gifts into twenty boxes to bless children in need around the world through Operation Christmas Child, a division of Samaritan's Purse Relief. The boxes are collected the third week of every November and then sent on to other volunteers who inspect them and prepare them for international shipping to children in third world countries. Some members donate items, some full boxes and others cash for shipping costs. Members also volunteer at community based packing parties at the local YMCA. This November the total number of boxes shipped off from the local collection center was 3,400.

## Category II Best Overall

### ***Lakeland Area GFWC***

This small but determined club checked all the boxes regarding meeting the criteria of what the Wisconsin Leadership Award committee was looking for as they reported their Leadership efforts. *Protocol Basics and Strategic Plan:* This club has it down and makes every effort to follow protocol and parliamentary procedure. Their charter and bylaws have been revised to meet 501 (c ) (3) criteria and they are beginning to work on their policies. Participation at *District and State Meetings:* While difficult for the majority of the club members, at least 3 of the 10 members routinely attend district and state meetings. These 3 members also hold district and state officer and/or chairmanships. *Support Leadership Development:* This club has operated on the mentor/mentee philosophy from its inception (2018 Charter) which is serving them well. The 2022-2024 officer transition was seamless and confidence has been built in their 3 Wisconsin LEADS graduates to step outside their comfort zones. *Leadership Innovation and Collaboration:* This small but mighty group is beginning to be recognized by other community leaders having been nominated for the first "Community Spirit Award" by the local Chamber of Commerce. While not named as such for 2022, the club is determined to flex their leadership muscles even more in 2023.

## Best Single Project

### ***GFWC Brown Deer Junior Woman's Club***

#### **Officer Transition**

The GFWC BDJWC has decided that club records and physical storage space are too valuable to continue to be kept in members' homes. Accessibility to important documents was becoming difficult. This club goes on record in Wisconsin as one of the first to use Google Drive to archive club materials and ease the chairmen transition. They have also found that by changing officers in January, they are more successful in recruiting leaders as beginning a new administration in the fall of the year just does not seem to work for them. The club reports that committee binders, job descriptions and electronic files are passed on to the new board members. They have a "President's Guideline" for use by future incoming presidents. Members are encouraged to complete their Volunteer Hours Tally Sheet on a month basis and submit it to the 1st Vice President to assist in completing the annual reports. They have plans to create an electronic Volunteer Hours Tally Sheet to make reporting members' hours and year-end reporting total more efficient. Finally, to reduce the usage of binders and paper, officers and committee chairs are asked to upload the documentation to the Club's Member Only Google Drive for easy use by all.



# Leadership

## Category I Best Overall

### ***GFWC Woman's Club of Pewaukee***

If there is a need to be met in the Pewaukee Area, you can bet that members of the GFWC Woman's Club of Pewaukee are called upon to offer their leadership. In addition to being active members in their own club, 17 club members donate their time, talent and treasure to several other organizations as the leadership skills they offer are highly coveted. No doubt skills they developed as a benefit of their GFWC membership. It is evident through their leadership report that the club promotes leadership development and has produced a number of district and state leaders, many of who hold district and/or state officer and chairmanship positions. The club continues to offer monthly hybrid meetings (virtual simultaneous to in-person) and has embraced technology as their friend. The club members' attendance at district and state meetings is second to none and this club was particularly involved in the great success of the Great Lakes Region Conference held in October of 2022 in Brookfield, Wisconsin

## Best Single Project

### ***GFWC Woman's Club of West Allis.***

#### **Civic Recognition**

While it was difficult to pick just one best single leadership project from all that the GFWC Woman's Club of West Allis reported, the Wisconsin Leadership Award committee was impressed that the club is annually recognized by the civic leaders of West Allis during a "Celebrity Luncheon" held in the club members' honor. The community is well aware of the club's sponsorship and support of a multitude of civic events annually. From holiday parades to food collections and providing books for local schools to high school scholarship, these ladies are willing to roll up their sleeves for the betterment of the city. The civic leaders know that they can rely on this club to organize key festivities with successful outcomes. In fact, they work with the community leaders so well that every February, the leaders of West Allis (Mayor, Chief of Police, Fire Chief, Alderpersons) and local church leaders serve lunch to this dedicated group of women and then stay for the meeting as guests. This special treatment is in appreciation for all the leadership and hard work provided. The leaders and club members look forward to the "Celebrity Luncheon" each year.

## Category II Best Overall

### ***GFWC Stevens Point Woman's Club***

|                                 |                |
|---------------------------------|----------------|
| <b>Total Number of Projects</b> | <b>4</b>       |
| <b>Total Number of Hours</b>    | <b>1390</b>    |
| <b>Total \$ Donated</b>         | <b>\$2,825</b> |
| <b>Total \$ In-Kind Donated</b> | <b>\$1,474</b> |



1. Fuzzy Friends Forever/Stuffed Toys and Children's Books
2. Stevens Point Area Senior High School. Members contributed personal hygiene products for the free clothing closet at the high school.
3. March of Dimes. Two club members knitted 110 hats for babies that were sent to the March of Dimes in December
4. St. Jude's Cancer Research Hospital donations in the amount of \$215.



## Best Single Project

### ***GFWC Brillion Woman's Club***

#### **Letters to Santa**

When the "Lunch with Santa" annual project of the club was halted by COVID, the club created a replacement project -- Letters to Santa. The club collaborated with the library. The club provided the mailbox. The library agreed to print the fliers and instruction sheets. The library also put the information in their weekly newspaper article. Someone from the library would call when letters were in the box and members picked them up. The project ran from November 23 to December 16. Members of the club wrote responses, mailed them and kept a record of the letters. The library is enthused to have the club repeat the project again in 2023.

# **Juniors Special Program Advocates for Children Director of Junior Clubs Special Project**

This 2022-2024 Special Award is for Clubs who have done outstanding work in the recognition of the State Director of Junior Clubs' Emphasis: ***Turning Stones to Empower Our Youth.***

## ***GFWC Brillion Woman's Club Inspirational Pencils***

A message that a teacher had shared on Facebook caught the eye of a club member. A mom had written positive messages on her son's pencils such as "You are Important;" "I am proud of you;" "This will be a great year;" etc. The idea was brought to the executive board and approved. The club decided to provide the inspirational pencils to the first and second graders in two parochial schools and the first grade in the public school. At the September meeting, members were provided with suggested sayings to put on the pencils with permanent markers. Two hundred and sixteen pencils were inscribed and distributed to 102 students. The club let the teachers have the discretion of how to distribute. The club received a thank you note which included a picture of the children from one of the schools. This was a fun, simple, motivational project!



## ***GFWC Brown Deer Junior Woman's Club STRYV365***

Haley Meunier and Hassan Rahim from STRYV365 were guest speakers at the club's October meeting. STRYV365 is an award winning, non-profit organization that creates customized non-clinical trauma-informed programming. The program is designed to foster positive childhood relationships, strengthen interpersonal skills, and increase the ability to be resilient during challenging times. STRYV365 works with kids who have been subject to trauma in their school districts and other places. They build resiliency skills through teaching responsible decision-making, self-awareness, self-management, social awareness and relationship skills, to empower kids to better themselves. In October, the club donated \$100.00 to the organization as part of 2022 Children's Advocacy Week.

