



GFWC Menominee Woman's Club

General Federation of Women's Clubs

www.gfwcmenominee.org

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A Collect for Clubwoman

Keep us, O God, from pettiness;
Let us be large in thought, in word,
in deed. Let us be done with fault-
finding, and leave off self-seeking.
May we put away all pretense and
meet each other face-to-face,
without self pity and without prejudice.
May we never be hasty in judgment
and always generous.
Let us take time for all things;
make us grow calm, serene, gentle.
Teach us to put into action our better
impulses, straight-forward and unafraid.
Grant that we may realize it is the little
things that create differences,
that in the big things of life we are at
one. And may we strive to touch and to
know the great common human heart
of us all and

O Lord God, let us forget not to be kind!
Mary Stewart 1904

GFWC Mission Statement

*"GFWC-an international
women's organization dedicated
to community improvement by
enhancing the lives of others
through volunteer service."*

GFWC Menominee Dates

April 3, 2024

The April general club meeting will
be held at Murray's Irish Pub &
Grille, 715 1st Street in
Menominee.

Check-in and Social time start at
11:30am, lunch will be served at
noon. The business meeting and
program will follow. The cost is \$16
per person, checks or exact bills
are preferred. The menu will be
Chicken Salad Croissant, Side
Salad, and Apple Crisp Bar with Ice
Cream for dessert.

The program will be Lifelong
Learning Institute LLI, presented by
Wes Carvenough, Publicity and
Promotions UWGB, University of
Wisconsin Green Bay.

Celebrate GFWC Federation Day,
wear your GFWC apparel and pins!

A LOOK Ahead

May 8, 2024

Yes, it is true that our May general
club meeting will be one week later
than usual to accommodate the
GFWC Michigan Convention
RIGHT HERE IN MENOMINEE!

GFWC Menominee General
Meeting at Murray's Irish Pub &
Grille, 715 First Street, Menominee.

We will welcome back our
Snowbirds, recognize our Club's
Past Presidents, New Members,
AND Install our 2024-2026 Officers.

GFWC MI and National Dates

April 21-27, 2024

Volunteers in Action Week

April 24, 2024

GFWC Federation Day

May 2-5, 2024

**GFWC Michigan Convention in
Menominee MI and Installation of
GFWC Michigan Officers 2024-
2026 Officers.**

**Check your email (February 19) for
information and a convention
registration form. During the
lifetimes of most of us, this is likely
to be the only time our city will host
a state convention!**

Club President's Message

Ruth Fay, 906-767-1358

We have much to look forward to
this April in GFWC.

Did you know that on April 24,
1890, the GFWC (General
Federation of Women's Clubs)
constitution was ratified?
Consequently, April 24 is
designated as GFWC Federation
Day. As part of recognizing this as
a special day for our club we are
encouraged to wear our GFWC
apparel/pins to the April 3, 2024,
General Meeting.

Congratulations are in order!
GFWC Menominee Woman's Club

was awarded 2023 First Place Club
of the Year in the UP District 5 –
Category 4 (clubs having 100+
members). This award was based
on our 2023 Annual Report
submitted to GFWC MI. I want to
thank our dedicated board and
ladies for a job well done by
submitting our club's project reports
and hours.

You will be pleased when you read
the minutes of the March 6, 2024,
general meeting where we voted
for a new slate of officers for
GFWC Menominee 2024-2026.
Congratulations to all. Unity in
Diversity is not only a great motto
but a goal for us all.

Treasurer

Pat Brukardt, 906-792-8147



Just a reminder to keep tossing
your Dimes into your 'March of
Dimes' jar and bring those Dimes to
our November 6, 2024, general
lunch meeting.

Arts and Culture CSP

*Linda Berry, Chairperson
815-474-9266*

Thank you again to everyone who
participated in last month's Art
Table. We were able to split this
month's proceeds with Health &
Wellness. Your continued financial
support and "gift" items each month
enable us to donate to such
organizations as Theatre on the
Bay and River Cities Concert
Assn., just to name a few! Thank
you ...

130 "Just Because" cards were
created on Tuesday, March 19th by
fifteen (15) of our committee
members.



It was a lot of fun and certainly afforded us a chance to converse and "play"! Thank you to everyone for sharing your talents.



These cards will be going to local nursing homes, shut-ins, and our Friends of GFWC.



Be on the lookout for some very colorful and artistic Grocery Bag Art on Friday, March 29th at Jack's Fresh Market in Menominee. Easter will be celebrated at the checkout lanes ... thanks to Central Elementary School and St. John Paul II Academy students!

We will be distributing our "Stars for Veterans" to Vietnam Veterans being honored on Friday, March 29th at 9:00 am at Faith Church in Peshtigo.

Welcome Spring (?) and Happy Easter!

Civic Engagement and Outreach CSP

Pat Krah, Chairperson
906-863-5411

DAR BOYS & GIRLS CLUB BLUE DOOR GALA

THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 2024

6:00 p.m.

LITTLE RIVER
COUNTRY CLUB
N2235 SHORE DRIVE,
MARINETTE, WI 54143

Put it on your calendar! Tickets will be available at the GFWC Woman's Club Luncheon on Wednesday, April 3, 2024. The price is \$35 per ticket. Tina Porod will have them available for purchase. If you will not be attending the luncheon but want tickets, please call Tina at 715-923-5991 and she will get a ticket to you. See you there!



St. Vincent de Paul Resurrection Food Pantry (Menominee)

Ruth Wesoloski, Liaison
906-863-2232

On April 27th there will be a canned food drive conducted by the Boy Scouts of America. There is a Menominee Troop, and all donations will go to the Menominee SVdP Food Pantry serving residents of Menominee County. On May 11th, the annual Postal Union Workers canned food drive will take place. Again, all items collected come to the Menominee food pantry. For the May food drive, our conference assists the mail carriers in picking up donations. We could really use some young, energetic folks for a few hours that morning to assist us. If you know of anyone who might help, please contact me at 906-863-2232 by May 1st.

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St Vincent DePaul Store & Food Pantry (Marinette)

Judy Reid, Liaison (906-792-9186)

Volunteers are a necessary part of the success at St Vincent DePaul. Please continue to volunteer independently or with other GFWC Club members. Please notify Judy Reid with your total hours each month. (Note: Be sure your volunteer form is on file. The forms are available from Judy or at the store.) Thanks for your commitment to helping others.

Exciting News! The Food Pantry will change from being a part of the Thrift Store (on Main Street) to its own 'New Location' starting May 1, 2024. The former Scoops Restaurant building on Cleveland Ave, Marinette has been purchased and is being revamped for this purpose. Check out all the details on Facebook.

Public Policy & Legislation

Ruth Wesoloski, Chairperson
906-863-2232

GFWC is a nonpartisan, nondenominational organization. Clubwomen are allowed to advocate for policies or legislation, but NOT allowed by law to endorse candidates or engage in partisan politics. GFWC members must separate personal political activities from official club or state federation work.

Education and Libraries CSP

Diane Shepard, Chairperson
920-606-9384

We have received a request from the Menominee county ISD, intermediate school district, to place labels in 6,000 books for distribution throughout the county. The dates for the project are: April 4&5, 2024, 8:30am to 3:00pm. The ISD address is 1201 41st Avenue, Menominee.

If you wish, you may work any or all of the times. Please let me know if you are able to help. I will provide a sign-in sheet for recording hours. Please let Diane Shepard, phone

number above, know if you can help, as the ISD would like an approximate number of volunteers.

Thanking you for your service.

The Education Committee is Collecting!



Just a reminder that the Education Committee continues to collect:

- Box Tops for Education
- Pop Tabs for Ronald McDonald House
- Pennies for Spies Library

Please keep collecting these items and bring them to our next general meeting!

Epsilon Sigma Omicron (ESO)

Karen Sutek, Chairperson
920-676-3119

Environment CSP

Valerie Mellon, Chairperson
906-792-9672

The Environment CSP will be collecting items for another garage sale this year! Time to sort through and recycle your treasures.

- Drop off items at Judy Reid's. The sunroom door will be unlocked from 8 am - 5 pm. Please give your best estimate of your In-Kind Donation \$\$
- Drop off Dates: April 22 (Earth Day) thru April 24 (GFWC Federation Day)

Health and Wellness CSP

Barbara Jones, Chairperson
312-848-0102

All members are invited to join the Health and Wellness Committee on our monthly Walk and Talk gathering at the Marinette Rec Center at 8:15am on 4/19 (the third Friday of the month). Invite a friend along if you like. This is a great opportunity to introduce friends to GFWC!

Registration is now open for the Loewstrong Bike Ride that will be held on June 29th. We are hoping that you will be able to join in the fun and support this wonderful YMCA community and family-friendly bicycle riding event. The Bike Ride is open to the public and will supply lots of healthy snacks and music along the route. If you know of anyone who would like to join in the ride but do not have sufficient funds to own their own bicycle, please call Liz Mikutowski at 715-587-1485. She will connect those individuals with generous donors in Marinette.

GFWC MI News to Know



Deadline to register for the GFWC MI convention being held in Menominee is April 15!

If you need a registration form check your email in-box, it was emailed to our membership on February 19. Or email Martha at luzloons@gmail.com and she will forward the form to you.



Guiding Harbor

Judy Reid 906-792-9186

A new club Guiding Harbor Chairperson is needed for 2024-2026. If you would like to learn more about this leadership position, please ask. The mission of Guiding Harbor is to improve the quality of

life for girls who find themselves needing help or a place to live. Guiding Harbor is in Bellevue, Michigan, just south of Ann Arbor. Check out its website to learn more about Guiding Harbor and for details about becoming a supporter: www.guidingharbor.org This may be one of your **best** financial investments.



GFWC Annual International Convention 2024

(Right in Chicago... So close to home!)

- Who? YOU (every GFWC Clubwomen)
- What? GFWC Annual International Convention 2024
- Where? Hilton Hotel, Chicago, IL
- When? June 28 – July 2, 2024
- How? Registration & full details are available in The CALL (ask if you need help).

2024 GFWC Annual Convention: Register Now

Conventions are a terrific way to see the 'bigger picture' of GFWC. Mark your calendars NOW and Plan to attend. Make it a 'Girls' Road Trip' and enjoy the camaraderie of other GFWC clubwomen. Got questions? Ask, we would love to see several GFWC Menominee Woman's Club members attend this GFWC International Convention.

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