



GFWC Menominee Women's Club
 General Federation of Women's Clubs
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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

January 8, 2025

The January 8th general club meeting will be held at Riverside Country Club, 3459 14th Avenue, in Menominee.

Check-in and social time begin at 11:30am, lunch will be served at noon. The program and business meeting will follow. The cost is \$17per person, checks preferred.

The Menu is Spinach Salad, Croque Monsieur with chips, and a Lemon Bar for dessert.

The program will be the Menominee Downtown Development Authority presented by Zac Aubert Chairman of the MDDA and owner of Windrose North Outfitters.

Please let your caller know if you have any dietary restrictions associated with the menu. Also, please remember to RSVP to your caller before 5pm January 3, 2025.

A Look Ahead

December 31, 2024

Deadline for Officers, CSP Chairs, and Members to submit reporting info to Vice Presidents Donna Suchovsky and Tina Porod.

January 15, 2025

GFWC Board Meeting, Spies Library, 9:30 am

February 5, 2025

GFWC Menominee General Meeting at Riverside Country Club, 3459 14th Avenue, in Menominee.

February 11, 2025

All Things Chocolate at the Pullman House, N2190 US4, Menominee, MI, 4:30 – 7:30 pm. See page 2 of this newsletter for ticket information.

GFWC MI and National Dates

February 11, 2025

International Day of Women and Girls in Science

February 17, 2025

President's Day Observed

March is Women's History Month

March 5, 2025

GFWC Women's History Celebration and Equal Pay Day

March 8, 2025

GFWC Women's History Month Reception

March 8, 2025

International Women's Day

April 20-26, 2025

Volunteers in Action Week

April 24, 2025

GFWC Federation Day

April 24-27, 2025

GFWC MI State Convention in Traverse City MI



Spreading 'Sunshine'

Janet Conklin

Is there a GFWC Menominee Club Woman who is having surgery, ill, or needs a little 'Sunshine'? Please let our Sunshine Gal, Janet Conklin, know about it so she can send a card. 715-923-3859.

Club Presidents' Message

Co-Presidents

Eileen Beyer 906-792-8374

Martha Harding 906-290-9244

Here we are once again perched on the precipice of the new year, **2025!** We wish each GFWC Menominee member and her family a happy and healthy New Year.

Reporting for 2024

Our club has made donations of \$X during this calendar year. We have worked on many projects and spent even more hours volunteering.

Are you wondering why there are no numbers in the above sentence? We still have a few days until our deadline of December 31, 2024, for you to turn in your reports of volunteer activities during 2024.

We are so grateful that many reports have already been submitted to Donna, Tina, Eileen, or Martha.

In January, we will compile all the reports by CSP or by specific category and complete the forms supplied by GFWC MI.

How can members help with reporting?

Please submit your hours with project information to Donna, Tina, Eileen, or Martha by December 31st. Their emails and phone numbers are in your Membership booklet.

On behalf of GFWC Menominee we **THANK YOU** and **APPRECIATE YOU** for the time, talents, creativity, and generosity you have given to our Club in 2024.

Happy New Year

Membership

Judy Reid, Chairperson
906-792-9186



Happy New Year! Looking forward to a tremendous 2025 GFWC Year! Looking ahead to our February 5, 2025, general meeting. Even though we are encouraged to invite friends to any of our general meetings, **February** is designated as **'Bring a Friend Day.'** So, think about who you will be inviting to attend with you. Let us share our GFWC Story to those we know, let them hear that GFWC Menominee Women's Club exists and that they too can be a part of the club. We want to actively participate in our GFWC MI Membership recruitment program called 'Pursuing the Pearls.'

Welcome to our Newest Member. Please add Windy Marie Kerkela's information in your Membership Book on Page 19. (Note: Labels will be available at our Jan. 8, 2025, meeting)

Windy Marie Kerkela

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Treasurer & Fundraising

Pat Brukardt, 906-792-8147

Flower Card Fundraiser

Pat Brukardt, Chairperson
906-792-8147

We sold all our GFWC Menominee Flower Cards!

However, if you want to purchase another card, it can be purchased directly from **The Flower Gallery**, located at 426 10th Ave in Menominee, which is locally owned by Julee Miller. **Be sure to tell her you are a GFCW Menominee member.**

All Things Chocolate

Judy Bramschreiber,
Chairperson, 906-863-2052

Mark your calendars for **Tuesday, February 11, 2025**, 4:30pm to 7:30pm, All Things Chocolate will

be held at the Pullman House. Tickets are \$15 per person and will be available at Jack's Fresh Market in Menominee from January 6 to noon February 11. Tickets will also be available at the door at the price of \$20 per person. Judy may need additional help. Please let her know you are interested in helping.

Wreath Sale Fundraiser

Thank you GFWC Menominee members for bows, balls, cones, and your time spent decorating and selling wreaths. The wreath sales net is about \$6,974! This fundraiser was not projected in our budget for 2024-2025. GFWC is a non-profit organization. All the proceeds will be donated back into our community.

Arts and Culture

Chairperson Needed

If you are interested in chairing this CSP please contact Tina Porod 715-923-5991 or Donna Suchovsky 402-740-2271.

Hello everyone! We will have an Arts and Culture meeting on Thursday, January 9, 2025, at 10 a.m. at The Cottages at Lake Park in Marinette. The address is: 2006 Lake Park Drive. All are welcome to attend!

We will discuss any ideas for upcoming volunteer activities that you may have. We will also discuss things we have done in the past and decide if we should continue. I look forward to seeing everyone!
Tina Porod

Civic Engagement and Outreach

If you are interested in chairing this CSP please contact Tina Porod 715-923-5991 or Donna Suchovsky 402-740-2271.

Public Policy & Legislation

Ruth Wesoloski, Chairperson
906-863-2232

From GFWC December 19th News & Notes: This is one of the initiatives supported by GFWC National: Congress enacted three priorities of our affiliate, the Alzheimer's Association, and were supported by GFWC through the Legislation Action Center (LAC). *The Alzheimer's Accountability and Investment Act* prioritizes research

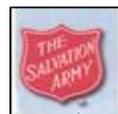
funding at the National Institutes of Health. The National Alzheimer's Project Act reauthorization supports federal coordination to address Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, and the BOLD Infrastructure for Alzheimer's Reauthorization Act provides state, local, and tribal public health officials with essential funding and resources to advance brain health education, enhance early detection and diagnosis, and support caregivers.



Resurrection Food Pantry

Ruth Wesoloski, Liaison
906-863-2232

On Monday, December 16th, a large group of our volunteers prepared food boxes for gifting 144 family units in Menominee County. Another group of volunteers presented these gifts to families at our food pantry on Tuesday, the 17th. This is one of St Vincent DePaul's biggest projects of the year and one we all love to participate in. Our conference has also been blessed with wonderful donations of food and paper products from both individuals and companies in the Twin Cities during this holiday season. We feel blessed and grateful!



The Salvation Army

Ten of our GFWC Menominee members cheerfully rang bells for

The Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign.

Thanks to the generosity of our club members and the folks shopping at Jack's Fresh Market in Menominee we nearly reached our goal of \$1,000. After the final counting of the pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters, checks and folded bills the tally came to \$941.59. We requested to participate in the 'Manske Match' program...so that amount! The Salvation Army officers from the Marinette Corps, Majors Josh and Rheghan Stansbury were grateful to our club for helping the Army during this time of need.



Anne Eickmeyer and Renee Herrild know how to have fun while ringing bells.

The Salvation Army Angel Tree also used GFWC helpers with setup, sorting, packing gifts, distribution, and cleanup. Helpers shown below are members, Karen Sutek and Francy Mullen.



Education and Libraries

Diane Shepard, Chairperson
920-606-9384

Thank you so much for your generosity supporting BOOKS FOR CHILDREN. You contributed 100 books totaling approximately \$981.00. How wonderful! The books were brought to the ISD to be distributed to local children.



Table filled with Books for Children!

Epsilon Sigma Omicron (ESO)

Karen Sutek, Chairperson
920-676-3119

ESO is always welcoming new members and please let me know if you are interested. All members in 2025 will record Author, Title, and Date you finished the book. New members will receive a pledge form and sheets to start recording your books. Lists are turned in once a year. I do not have the final report for 2024 but in 2023 we have 26 members who read 786 books! Very impressive and fun.

“A book is a gift you can open again and again.” — Garrison Keillor

The Education Committee is Collecting!

Just a reminder that the Education Committee continues to collect:

- Pop Tabs for Ronald McDonald House
- Pennies for Spies Library



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

Environment

If you are interested in chairing this CSP please contact Tina Porod 715-923-5991 or Donna Suchovsky 402-740-2271.

Health and Wellness

Barbara Jones, Chairperson
312-858-0102

Happy and Healthy New Year to all.

The Health and Wellness committee members appreciate all the recipes that have been shared at our monthly meetings and hope that you are finding some to try. We look forward to collecting healthy SOUP recipes at January’s general meeting. Please stop by our station at the next meeting to see what recipes look good and that you are looking forward to tasting.

Member Carol Jeske staffed the table with sample hors d’oeuvres and healthy recipes at our December general club meeting.



DID YOU KNOW: that Greek yoghurt is a great substitute for mayonnaise or sour cream in recipes? The benefits are added protein, probiotics, and reduced fat content. Give it a try!

Our next Walk and Talk will take place at 9 am on January 17th at Marinette’s REC center. We hope that you will stop by and join us.

American Red Cross Blood Drive

Judy Bramschreiber, Coordinator
906-863-2052

The next Red Cross blood drive in Menominee will be February 24 & 25. There will be a sign-up sheet at our February general meeting for volunteers.

GFWC MI News to Know



Lucy Hermanson, Liaison
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Mark your calendar! Bay Cliff Day is scheduled for July 15, 2025. More information about donation items and carpooling will be available later in the spring or early summer.



Guiding Harbor

Ellen Wertepny,
Liaison,
920-676-6223

Guiding Harbor is making plans to add an Independent Living Project which would offer housing and teach life skills for girls ages 18-22. Additional housing will be required to accommodate this need, and a Gala raised over \$35,000 toward the new facility.

If you would like to learn more about Guiding Harbor and this exciting project, please visit its website at <https://guidingharbor.org>