



**GFWC Menominee Women's Club**  
 General Federation of Women's Clubs  
 www.gfwcmenominee.org  
 December 2024  
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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**

**December 4, 2024**

The December general club  
 meeting will be held at Riverside  
 Country Club, 3459 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue, in  
 Menominee. Wear your Festive  
 Attire!

**Collecting Books for Children  
 (see Education and Libraries  
 CSP section)**

Check-in and social time begin at  
 11:30am, lunch will be served at  
 noon. The business meeting and  
 program will follow. The cost is  
 \$17per person, checks preferred.  
 The menu will be a Caesar Salad,  
 Ham, Gratin Potatoes, Gravy,  
 seasonal vegetable, and a Cookie  
 for dessert. The program will be  
 Christmas music by the  
 Goodfellas.

Please let your caller know if you  
 have any dietary restrictions  
 associated with the menu.

**A Look Ahead**

**December 18, 2024**

GFWC Board Meeting, Spies Library,  
 9:30 am

**December 31, 2024**

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

**January 8,2025**

GFWC Menominee General Meeting at  
 Riverside Country Club, 3459 14<sup>th</sup>  
 Avenue, in Menominee.

**GFWC MI and National Dates**

**December 4, 2024**

GFWC Holiday Open House,  
 Washington DC.



Decorated wreaths awaiting pick up.

**Club President's Message**

*Co-Presidents*

*Eileen Beyer 906-792-8374*

*Martha Harding 906-290-9244*

As we approach the end of our  
 calendar year many folks' thoughts  
 turn to Thanksgiving, Christmas,  
 New Years Day, preparing for  
 winter, and even football playoffs.  
 But for GFWC club presidents and  
 vice-presidents our thoughts also  
 turn to the scary words you hear us  
 mention at every meeting, **CLUB  
 REPORTING to GFWC MI.**

We collect data for everything our  
 club has done beginning back in  
 January 1, 2024. Yes, that is before  
 we were even your co-president  
 and co-vice-president team!  
 Reporting is the reason we ask you  
 to keep track of your volunteer  
 hours for each project and turn  
 them in to your CSP Chair or to  
 Vice Presidents, Donna, and Tina.

The Presidents and Vice-  
 Presidents compile all the reports  
 by CSP or by specific category. We  
 also complete the forms supplied  
 by GFWC MI. We are thankful that  
 advances have been made so we  
 can complete report forms online  
 and that most report tabulation is  
 automatic on those forms. ALL  
 reports will be due about February  
 1 to GFWC MI.

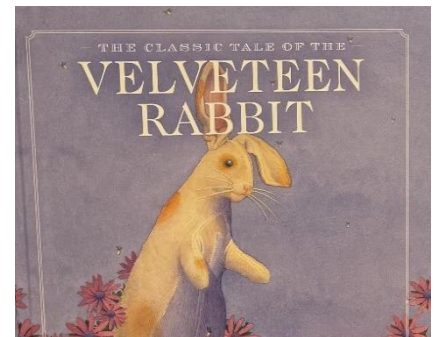
**How can members help with  
 reporting?** Please submit your  
 hours with project information to  
 your CSP Chair or to Donna or  
 Tina at our December meeting. Or  
 please email them with your hours  
 and project information. Their  
 emails and phone numbers are in  
 your Membership booklet.

**Merry Christmas and  
 Happy New Year**

**Membership**

*Judy Reid, Chairperson*

*906-792-9186*



**Do you realize?** A library book is  
 purchased to honor each deceased  
 GFWC Menominee Women's Club  
 member with at least 5 years of  
 membership. A placard is placed in  
 front of each book with the  
 clubwoman's name and number of  
 years of service in GFWC.  
 Clubwoman Ginny Scott chairs this  
 important membership project  
 using suggestions from family  
 members in obtaining an  
 appropriate book. Check page 37  
 in your GFWC Menominee  
 Yearbook for book titles for this  
 year. Other titles from previous  
 years are available upon request.



**Welcome to our Newest Member to GFWC Menominee Women's Club:** Welcome Ann Ihde, may you make your membership in GFWC Menominee a satisfying part of your life. We are delighted to have you as part of our GFWC family!  
NOTE: Please write Ann's name and information on Page 19 in your GFWC Meno Membership Yearbook.

Ann Ihde (sponsored by Kim Smith)  
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Menominee, MI  
49858  
248-701-5104

[ann.m.ihde@gmail.com](mailto:ann.m.ihde@gmail.com)

**Treasurer & Fundraising**

Pat Brukardt, 906-792-8147

***Flower Card Fundraiser***

Pat Brukardt, Chairperson  
906-792-8147

**We have sold all our Flower Cards** and we are checking to find out if more might be available to us! GFWC Menominee Flower Cards are provided by **The Flower Gallery**, located at 426 10<sup>th</sup> Ave in Menominee, is locally owned by Julee Miller.

***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.

***Wreath Fundraiser***

Club Members had a grand time decorated Wreaths on Thursday, November 21. We also had delivery assistance from husbands.



L to R Back: Anne Eickmeyer, Renee Herrild and Linda Barnes?  
L to R Front: Diane Shepard and Ellen Wertepny.



L to R: Len Reid, Clark Suchovsky, and Francy Mullen

**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.



Lucy Hermanson (shown above on the left, with a Jack's Grocery employee on the right) coordinated the Arts and Culture Grocery Bag Project. The Arts & Culture CSP did a collaborative project, whereby we were given brown grocery bags from Jack's in Menominee and Gary's in Wallace. Students in Menominee Elementary, St. John Paul II Catholic Academy, and Stephenson Area Public School decorated the bags with their Thanksgiving artwork. We picked the decorated bags up, and brought them back to the respective stores to be used for customers' groceries.



**Civic Engagement and Outreach**

***Chairperson Needed***

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

**M&M Children's Museum**

Linda Berry, Liaison  
815-474-9266

The M&M Children's Museum's Inaugural Gala was held on Saturday, November 2nd at the Little River Country Club. It was a night filled with "glitz and glam" delicious food, a silent and live auction, a photo booth and entertainment. The Gala helped raise 20% of their "Raise the Roof" Fund.

GFWC was well represented through help with the silent auction, as well as those who attended to show their support for this very worthwhile cause. Fundraisers will be an ongoing mission and there are already plans to hold another Gala at Little River Country Club in 2025.

The Museum is currently offering a 2025 Calendar Raffle. The price is \$25 per ticket for 52 total drawings. Drawings will be every Friday at noon at 425 1st Street Menominee. Each drawing prize is \$250 and you need not be present to win. All winners will be re-entered into subsequent drawing. Only 1,000 tickets are sold, I will have these at our December 4th meeting. They make great Christmas gifts! Thank you to each and every one of you for supporting the M&M Children's Museum!



A few GFWC members (and 2 spouses) at the M&M Children's Gala.

## **Public Policy & Legislation**

Ruth Wesoloski, Chairperson  
906-863-2232

Check out the GFWC Michigan website: <https://www.gfwcmi.com>  
GFWC MI President Rae Lynn Hicks has seven community connection initiatives and includes

### **Health and Wellness**

CAREGIVERS' CIRCLE

November is **Caregiver**

**Recognition Month.** Show special support by writing notecards, providing meals, taking the caregiver to lunch, hosting an afternoon tea, or treating them to a manicure, pedicure, or massage.



### **The Salvation Army**

BELL RINGING for  
The Salvation Army  
GFWC Menominee

clubwomen will be at Jack's Fresh Market in Menominee on Wednesday, December 11, 2024, ringing Bells for the local Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign. (10 am – 7:30 pm). The Bell Ringing schedule has been filled. Thank you in advance to those who ring Bells and spread a bit of Christmas cheer. Our Goal is to raise at least \$1,000 that day, so if you plan to donate to The Salvation Army this Christmas Season, please stop by Jack's Fresh Market in Menominee and drop your donation into the Red Kettle on that Wednesday. Thank you for your support for the less fortunate. Have a Merry Christmas.



### **Resurrection Food Pantry**

Ruth Wesoloski, Liaison  
906-863-2232

In October, our food pantry served 138 Menominee County family units consisting of 327 individuals. As the cold weather increases, so do our numbers! Besides operating the pantry with all volunteers, we are also preparing for our Christmas food basket distribution on December 17th. Last year we distributed 140 baskets. If you know anyone who may be struggling with food insecurity, please encourage them to visit the pantry and get registered. If you have any questions, please call me or have them call the pantry at 906-863-3405, Ext. 6.

## **Education and Libraries**

Diane Shepard, Chairperson  
920-606-9384

WE ARE SO EXCITED! December is here and We are sponsoring **BOOKS FOR CHILDREN.** Please bring a new or very gently used children's book to the December 4th club meeting. We will have boxes decorated and ready to collect books for children aged preschool and above. Books will be distributed after the event.

Also, a quick shout out to volunteers who helped with dictionaries this year. We received lovely thank-you notes from Stephenson school and Ms. Schraub's 3rd grade class! Sharing the love of reading,



### **Epsilon Sigma Omicron (ESO)**

Karen Sutek, Chairperson  
920-676-3119

It is that time of the year for all current ESO members to please report all the wonderful books you have read in 2024. The information should include the title of the book, the author, and the date you finished the book. I am asking that you send me your list by email ([n3415kozuzek@yahoo.com](mailto:n3415kozuzek@yahoo.com)) or drop your list in the mail (N3415 Kozuzek Road, Marinette WI 54143) or give me a call if you have any questions (920-676-3119).

**The deadline is December 23, 2024.**

I hope you found that being an ESO member is fun and easy. I invite and encourage any new members to join. Please contact me if you are interested in learning more about ESO! Happy reading in 2025!

## **Environment**

Chairperson Needed

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

The Health and Wellness CSP has begun offering Healthy Recipes for members! Perhaps you noticed green balloons at our last meeting designating our recipe area. Recipes are available for members to read through, and if desired, photograph with your camera to take home and try. We encourage you to stop by this station during each general meeting. In addition, each month will have a theme for the recipes showcased. December's recipes will be appetizers and January will be soups. Perhaps you have some favorites that you would like to share.



The first Walk and Talk was held at Marinette's Rec Center on Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>. Our next Walk and Talk will be on Monday, December 9th at 9am at the Rec Center. Come for a short walk, a longer walk, or just check this event out. We look forward to seeing you.

Janice Watkins is looking for members who love to sew and are available to help make reusable DFG menstruation pads. She has the pattern, fabric, and space at the Frist Presbyterian Church in Menominee to work alongside others. She will also make arrangements for you to sew in your home. All those interested, please contact Janice at 715-330-5472.

**DID YOU KNOW:** that laundry sheets have multiple uses? In addition to cleaning laundry, these sheets have bug repellent

properties and can be useful in homes, trailers, campers, when rubbed on clothing, and other spaces where bugs are not welcomed.



### **SALVATION ARMY** **ANGEL TREE SCHEDULE**

**LOCATION:** Pine Tree Mall, 2800 Roosevelt Road, Marinette, WI  
Enter at entrance next to PETCO

### **LOOKING FOR CLUB MEMBERS TO HELP:**

If you are available at any of the times listed below, please email Tina Porod at [tina.porod@gmail.com](mailto:tina.porod@gmail.com), or call her at 715/923-5991, or you can text her at that same number.

Please try to help at least for one of these shifts. Your help is always appreciated!

### **MONDAY, DECEMBER 2:**

Move in - transporting toys and angel tree gifts, tables, etc.

**SHIFTS: 8:30am-noon; 1pm-4pm; 4pm-6pm**

### **LOOKING FOR AS MANY HELPERS AS POSSIBLE WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4 through FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6:**

Set up, organizing, and counting toys, floor grid layout

**SHIFTS: 8:30am-noon; 1pm-4pm; 4pm-6pm (NO 4-6 shift on Wednesday)**

### **LOOKING FOR AS MANY HELPERS AS POSSIBLE SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8 through THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13, and MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, through WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18:**

Counting, organizing, and supplementing gifts for family bags  
**SHIFTS: 8:30am-noon; 1pm-4pm; 4pm-6pm (NO 4-6 shift on Wednesday)**

### **LOOKING FOR AS MANY HELPERS AS POSSIBLE MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, through WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18:**

Putting together boxes, packing food boxes

**SHIFTS; 8:30am-noon; 1pm-4pm**

### **LOOKING FOR AS MANY HELPERS AS POSSIBLE THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19: DISTRIBUTION DAY**

Families pick up gifts and food boxes. We help to put in the car, and we help in the shop

**SHIFTS: 9am-noon; 12pm-3pm; 3pm-5pm**

### **LOOKING FOR FIVE HELPERS FOR EACH SHIFT FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20:**

Clean up and transport

### **Menominee Historical Society** **2024 Annual Meeting**

The Menominee Historical Society will hold its annual meeting on Thursday, December 12, 2024, at The Riverside Country Club, 3459 14th Avenue, Menominee, Michigan. There will be a social hour at 5 pm, with dinner at 6 pm. After dinner there will be a brief business meeting. Followed by a slide show presentation by Mike Kaufman on his continued program about the early settlers and their gifts to the City of Menominee. Attendees are responsible for their own meal and beverages. The meal choices are: ½ Chicken with chicken glaze served with maple glazed rainbow carrots and duchess potatoes (\$32), Seared Salmon (Faroe Island) served with red skin potatoes and broccolini (\$35), or Short Ribs served with garlic mashed potatoes, heirloom cauliflower and Madeira Jus (\$35). The price includes tax and tip. If you can, pay by cash or check made out to the Riverside Country Club for the meal costs. If you would like to pay by credit card, you may do so. Reservations are required! The public is welcome to attend. To make a reservation, please call Tina at 715-923-5991, by Thursday, December 5, 2024.



### **GFWC MI News to Know**



*Lucy Hermanson, Liaison*  
510-847-4401

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 was recently held to raise funds for the new facility. GFWC Menominee participated in the Gala by providing a spa basket for the auction which raised over \$35,000. If you would like to learn more about Guiding Harbor and this exciting project, please visit their website at <https://guidingharbor.org>

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