



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

**November 6, 2024**

The November general club meeting will be held at Riverside Country Club, 3459 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue, in Menominee.

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 Fall Salad with Apple Cider Vinaigrette, Turkey, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Green beans, and a Brownie for dessert. The program will be the Civil Air Patrol with speaker Delores Konrad, 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant of the Civil Air Patrol Tri-County Composite Squadron.

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

**A Look Ahead**

**November 13, 2024**

Wreath Orders Due

**November 25, 2024**

Wreath Pick up at Eileen Beyer’s home 2908 16<sup>th</sup> Street, Menominee

**December 4, 2024**

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

**GFWC MI and National Dates**

**November 5, 2024**

Election Day

**November 9, 2024**

Guiding Harbor Auction

**November 11, 2024**

Veterans Day

**November 16, 2024**

MI LEADS, Leadership Education and Development Seminar

**November 23, 2024**

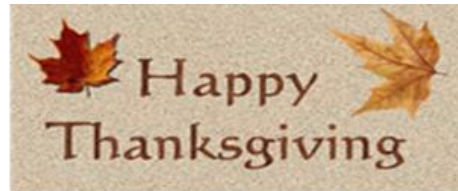
Guiding Harbor Meeting

**November 25,2024**

International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women

**December 4, 2024**

GFWC Holiday Open House, Washington DC



**Club President’s Message**

*Co-Presidents*

*Eileen Beyer 906-792-8374*

*Martha Harding 906-290-9244*

Each month we have certain special days that are printed on our calendar. In November we have the following dates-

**November 5 is Election Day**, please remember to vote for the candidates of your choice.

**November 11 is Veteran’s Day** please thank our Veterans and solemnly remember those who gave their lives for our freedom.

**November 28 is Thanksgiving** a time to gather with family and/or friends for a big meal and express thanks for our many blessings.

This year my calendar has included two more “special days” in November- **November 13 is “World Kindness Day”** and **November 15 is “National Recycling Day.”**

I never noticed these “days” on my calendar in previous years. Reflecting on this, I realized that as members of GFWC Menominee we are helping our communities and other organizations by sponsoring collections, projects, and donations throughout the year for **World Kindness Day**.

We also participate in **National Recycling Day** every month at our general meetings when we collect and recycle pop-top tabs, donate our old books to the Education and Libraries Book Sale, and often provide gently used items for the Art Table.

GFWC Menominee members remember both of those “official days” all year long!

Here is one more thing for recycling this month. At our November 6 meeting we will collect specified brands of gently used sneakers for GFWC MI. You will find information on that sneaker collection on the final page of this newsletter.

**Membership**

*Judy Reid, Chairperson*

*906-792-9186*

**Membership Yearbook:** Each member of GFWC Menominee receives a 2024-25 Membership Yearbook with her membership card printed on the back, books will be available at our November 6, 2024, general meeting if you have not received yours. Please remember to bring your yearbooks to our meetings.

**GFWC Membership Pin:** If you ordered a GFWC membership pin, be sure to see Judy Reid for your pin. Wear it proudly: when you Volunteer, when you share your GFWC Story, and when you attend our club or CSP meetings.

**GFWC MI State 2<sup>nd</sup> VP and Membership Chair Lisa Belisle's membership recruitment theme for her 2024-2026 term is "Pursue the Pearls".**



Retain, Recruit, and Reward Members for GFWC. Earn your very own pair of Sunglasses adorned with Pearls. You are encouraged to share your GFWC Story with others who would also benefit from the Sisterhood of GFWC.

### **There's Power in the Invite.**

**Welcome to our three newest members Cassie Emmer, Patricia Haneline, and Kim Smith.** May your involvement in GFWC Menominee Women's Club bring you much Joy as you Volunteer to make our area a better place to live.

Note: Please write their information in your Membership Yearbook on Pg 19, Address labels with their information will also be available at the November 6, 2024, general meeting.

**Cassie Emmer** 1500 29<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Menominee, MI 49858, 920-544-1696 [cassemmer84@gmail.com](mailto:cassemmer84@gmail.com)

**Patricia Haneline** N3371 River Dr Wallace, MI 49893, 773-420-6587 [pghaneline@aol.com](mailto:pghaneline@aol.com)

**Kim Smith** 4205 Michigan Shore Drive Menominee, MI 49858, 240-454-4446 [kimbathomsen@aol.com](mailto:kimbathomsen@aol.com)

### **Corrections in Your 2024-25 GFWC Meno Membership Yearbook**

Please inform Judy Reid [jkreidmi@gmail.com](mailto:jkreidmi@gmail.com) of any necessary changes or corrections in the 24-25 Membership Yearbook

1. Page 21 Janet Conklin- area code wrong, correct phone number is 715-923-3859
2. Page 22 Marilyn Galineau- new address: 1411 36<sup>th</sup> Ave Menominee, MI 49858
3. Page 25 Dianne Slack- remove "j" from her address: 3325 Pierce Ave #403

### **Club Honors 25-year Member, Lorraine Long**



Longevity in any organization is commendable so GFWC Menominee Woman's Club was excited to honor its 25-year member, Lorraine Long, at its October 2, 2024, general meeting at Riverside Country Club. Lorraine received a printed certificate and a special 25-year pin. Congratulations and thank you, Lorraine, for your many years of Volunteer service with GFWC.

### **Treasurer & Fundraising**

*Pat Brukardt, 906-792-8147*

### **Flower Card Fundraiser**

*Pat Brukardt, Chairperson  
906-792-8147*

GFWC Menominee Women's Club Flower Card Fundraiser is in full swing. The cards are provided by **The Flower Gallery**, located at 426 10<sup>th</sup> Ave in Menominee, is locally owned by Julee Miller. For less than \$3.50 a month you will receive a Floral Bouquet each month.

Remember that our Flower Card can also be used as Birthday and Christmas Gifts. The card is for the entire 2025 year.

The Flower Cards are \$40 and will be available for sale at our Club luncheons. Checks should be payable to GFWC Menominee. Members can also contact Pat Brukardt at 906-792-8147. We thank you for your support.

### **All Things Chocolate**

*Judy Bramschreiber,  
Chairperson, 906-863-2052*

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, February 11, 2025, at the Pullman House!

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### **Christmas Wreath Fundraiser**

*Co-Chairs*

*Donna Suchovsky 402-740-2271*

*Tina Porod 715-923-5991*

**Our GFWC Wreath and Swag Fundraiser is in full swing! The order deadline is November 13! If you have not yet ordered your wreath, there is an order form on the last page of this newsletter. You can also order a wreath from our webpage.**

[www.gfwcmenominee.org](http://www.gfwcmenominee.org)

### **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.

### **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*

Please mark your calendar for Saturday, November 2, 2024! Plan to attend the Inaugural Gala for the M&M Children's Museum to be held at the Little River Country Club. Tickets are available online at [www.mmchildrensmuseum.com](http://www.mmchildrensmuseum.com)



*GFWC Menominee co-presidents, left, Eileen Beyer and right, Martha Harding, present a \$10,000.00 club donation to M&M Children's Museum President and GFWC Club member, Pam Lee (center).*

## 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 including:

### Education and

**Libraries** – SUPPORT HIGH-QUALITY EARLY LEARNING PROGRAMS: Establish a working relationship with an early learning program. Engagement can be volunteering to read, supporting a parent meeting, providing needed supplies for arts and crafts, providing books for the children to take home, or hosting a library card sign-up drive.

We have been happy participants in this endeavor for a number of years!



**The Salvation Army Coats for Kids** will be **November 1, 2024**, from 10:00 a.m. to

finish. Usually, it only takes an hour or two if we have 5-10 volunteers. The event will take place at the Pine Tree Mall, please enter the mall by the Petco store.

The second phase of this project will be **Saturday, November 2**. Volunteers are needed to help the families to pick out their items.

There are three shifts:  
SHIFT 1: 10:15 - NOON  
SHIFT 2: 11:45-2:30

SHIFT 3: CLEAN UP - 2:30-3:30  
To volunteer please call Tina Porod at 715-923-5991.

## BELL RINGING for The Salvation Army

GFWC Menominee clubwomen will be Ringing the Bell for The Salvation Army on **Wednesday, December 11, 2024**. There will be 2-hour shifts (starting at 10 am) at Jack's in Menominee. Ideally, we would like 2-3 members for each shift. Contact Judy Reid (906-792-9186) if you would like to sign-up to ring bells **or** add your name(s) to the sheet at our November 6<sup>th</sup> general meeting. **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 and drop your donation into the Red Kettle

on that day. Thank you for your support for the less fortunate.



## Resurrection Food Pantry

Ruth Wesoloski, Liaison  
906-863-2232

The conference is busy preparing for the reverse collection the weekend of October 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> in the three Menominee Catholic parishes. If anyone is interested in doing one of these easy canned food drives, please contact me...we have the details well worked out and it is not a lot of work! We are also gearing up for our annual Christmas food basket giveaway in mid-December.

## Education and Libraries

Diane Shepard, Chairperson  
920-606-9384

Harry Potter Night in Henes Park, sponsored by Spies Library, was a great success! Thank you GFWC Volunteers!



## 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!

## Epsilon Sigma Omicron (ESO)

Karen Sutek, Chairperson  
920-676-3119

## 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 an energetic year planned. Our **Walk and Talk** program will continue this year. The first gathering is scheduled for **Wednesday, November 13, from 9-10am at the Marinette Recreational Center**. Those in attendance will discuss the date and location of the following walk. Hope to see you there.



March  
of Dimes  
Saving babies, together™

Time to bring your dimes for **March of Dimes** to our November 6, 2024, general meeting. A container will be by the registration desk. "March of Dimes improves the health of mothers and babies through five programming areas: medical research, education of pregnant women, community programs, government advocacy, and support to pregnant women and mothers." Thank you for your generosity towards the March of Dimes.

## American Red Cross Blood Drive

Judy Bramschreiber Coordinator,  
906-863-2052

No current information.



**Operation Christmas Child**  
Donna Suchovsky,  
Contact  
402-740-2271

It is that time of

year to fill the Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes. **Please remember to bring your filled boxes to our general meeting on November 6, 2024.** (Please indicate the in-kind monetary value of each box.) Thanks in advance for your generosity and spreading the Joy of Christmas. Questions, please contact Donna Suchovsky at 402-740-2271 or [donnalsuchovsky@gmail.com](mailto:donnalsuchovsky@gmail.com)

## GFWC MI News to Know



### GFWC MI Sneaker Collection

GFWC Menominee will be collecting gently used athletic shoes at our November 6 General Meeting. A collection box will be placed near the meeting check-in table. There are some guidelines about what can be donated.

1. All footwear is required to measure equal to or greater than 8 inches from heel to toe.
2. There can be minor signs of use, but the integrity of the sneaker must be fully intact.
3. No holes, rips, tears, separated soles, etc.

Shoes should be in pairs with the strings tied together.

Desired Brands:

Adidas, Allbirds, Altra, APL, Asics, Brooks, Columbia, Converse All-Stars, Fila, Hoka One One, Jordan, Keen, Merrell, Mizuno, New Balance, Nike, On, Puma, Reebok, Salomon, SAS, Saucony, Skechers, Sorel, Timberland, Topo, Under Armour, Vans



Lucy Hermanson, Liaison  
510-847-4401

No current information.

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### GFWC National Day of Service

Martha Harding, Co-President  
906-290-9244

Thank you to all the club members who donated non-perishable items to our National Day of Service project. The total value of items collected was \$250. The items were donated to the Menominee Conference St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry at Resurrection Church.

Thank you to club member, Katey LeMay, (shown below loading collected food items) for offering your office and letting us use as our donation drop off point.



### Guiding Harbor

Ellen Wertepny,  
Liaison, 920-676-6223

Guiding Harbor is embarking on an exciting new Independent Living Project to complement its current Girlstown residential program for Girls ages 10-18. Once girls reach age 18, they are no longer eligible to be part of the foster care program. To assist with the transition out of foster care, Guiding Harbor is planning to offer a Plus Program which offers housing and teaches life skills for girls from ages 18-22. Additional housing will be required to accomplish this, and a plan is in place to build a facility to accommodate the need. Fundraising has begun and Guiding Harbor is planning a Gala in Novi MI on November 9th. GFWC Menominee is offering support by donating a beautiful spa basket for the Guiding Harbor Gala on November 9. The Basket is filled with essential oils, diffuser, facial products, and other miscellaneous spa related goodies. If you would like to learn more about Guiding Harbor, please visit their website at <https://guidingharbor.org/>



GFWC Menominee Members  
Decorating Wreaths in 2023

### **GFWC MENOMINEE WOMEN'S CLUB**

#### **Wreath, Swag, and Garland Fundraiser Supporting Local Charities**

##### **Full 20-24" Live Balsam Wreath**

Undecorated \$25.00\_\_\_\_\_

Decorated \$35.00 \_\_\_\_\_

##### **Full 30-36" Live Balsam Wreath**

Undecorated \$45.00\_\_\_\_\_

Decorated \$55.00\_\_\_\_\_

##### **Full 14-16" Live Balsam Swag**

Undecorated \$10.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Decorated \$20.00 \_\_\_\_\_

##### **Full Live Balsam Garland each 6 ft section is \$12.00\_\_\_\_\_**

**(Garland available in 6,12,18, 24  
ft lengths)**

TO ORDER PHONE Jean Kollross  
906-863-8551

**ORDERS ARE DUE BY  
NOVEMBER 13.** Pick Up will be  
Monday, November 25,  
11:00 - 2:00  
at Eileen Beyer's home,  
2908 16th Street.

Name\_\_\_\_\_

Phone\_\_\_\_\_

Total Due\_\_\_\_\_

Total Paid\_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to:  
GFWC Menominee Women's Club