

GFWC Menominee Community Contributions 2020-2021 Club Year

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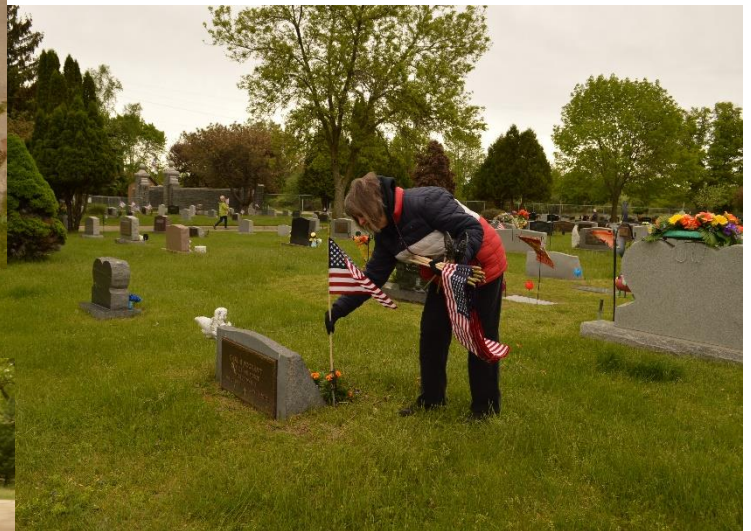


Come One, Come All. The GFWC Menominee Woman's Club exhibit 'Well done, Sister Suffragettes!' in the Menominee County Historical Society Museum Special Exhibit room is awesome! It features the theme of women's suffrage and the adoption of the 19th Amendment to the US Constitution back in 1920. Museum Curator, Abbey Hoijer, did a fabulous job of putting this spectacular display together with club memorabilia and artifacts from the Museum archives. This exhibit was originally scheduled to open on Memorial Day 2020, but Covid-19 shut the Museum down. We are so thankful the museum is open again.

The Museum is located at 904 11th Avenue in Menominee, Michigan. It is open Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday from Noon to 4pm, until Labor Day. <https://menomineehistory.org/museum/> Stepping across the museum's door's threshold is like walking into a 'time machine'. History comes alive! Learning our history, helps plan for the future.

May 2021

GFWC Menominee Woman's Club members placed US flags at the gravesites of Veterans at Riverside Cemetery in Menominee, MI. Each flag is placed into a special Veterans marker next to each grave. Civic Engagement committee Chair Pat Krah organized this activity with Riverside Cemetery. GFWC Menominee Woman's Club is grateful to our men and women who serve in the military. Clubwomen placed the flags in time for Memorial Day which is the last Monday in May each year. This day is set aside to honor and mourn our U.S. military personnel.



April 2021

GFWC Menominee Woman's Club held its general meeting at The Little Nugget Golf Course on April 7, 2021. Pastor John Badendick enlightened the members about the operations of the Mid-County Ministerial Association's Food Pantry in Stephenson, MI. He spoke about the increase in need during the Covid Pandemic and that the pantry is open on Saturday mornings. GFWC Menominee donated \$1,000 to help the mission of this food pantry. Members also shopped and brought in several bags of food. GFWC Menominee Woman's Club continues to reach out to make our communities better places to live.



December 2020

The bookshelves at The Abundant Life Homeless Shelter in Menominee, MI have been replenished. GFWC Menominee Woman's Club had built bookshelves for the shelter a couple years ago but figured that new books would be needed again. Project coordinators, L-R Susan Plautz and Anne Kelley dropped off the 73 books donated by GFWC Menominee Woman's Club members. Since the December general meeting had been cancelled, the Clubwomen dropped their books off at a designated location instead of bringing them to the meeting. Thanks to the generosity of its members, this 'Books for Children Project' was deemed a success despite the 2020 Covid restrictions.



December 2020

The GFWC Menominee Woman's Club recently purchased snow-pants and assisted the Salvation Army to distribute warm winter clothing to kids in need in the Menominee, Marinette, and Peshtigo area. The club members spent several days sorting and packaging the snow-pants, jackets, mittens, and hats to meet their needs. The women enthusiastically jumped in to accomplish the project and were happy to learn that their work helped over 170 children. GFWC Menominee rang bells at Jack's Fresh Market in Menominee and was able to reach its goal of generating at least \$1,000.



December 2020

GFWC Menominee Woman's Club was happy to present \$4,425 to the St. Vincent de Paul Menominee Conference. With the need for food, supplies, and household goods greater than ever, many will benefit from this generous donation. GFWC Menominee Woman's Club conducted its 2020 Wreath & Swag Fundraiser Covid Style this Christmas season. Orders were placed, wreaths & swags decorated and delivered all with safety in mind. Thank you to the many community members and businesses who purchased the Wreaths & Swags making this a successful club fundraiser.



GFWC Menominee Woman's Club Members filled boxes for "Operation Christmas Child." Thank you, clubwomen, for making Christmas morning brighter for 24 children. The project generated about \$479 of in-kind donations.



November 2020

Thanks to the generosity of our club members, GFWC Menominee Woman's Club started November 2020 with a \$275 donation toward the St. Vincent de Paul Society Menominee Conference, Food Pantry at Resurrection Church.

Pictured (L to R): GFWC Menominee Liaison to St. Vincent de Paul Ruth Wesoloski, Food Pantry Volunteer Sandy Daniel, GFWC Menominee member and Food Pantry Volunteer Carol Jeske, Food Pantry Volunteer Teresa Daniel, and GFWC Menominee President Judy Reid.



GFWC Menominee Woman's Club donated \$645 to the Menominee Animal Shelter (\$250 from the club's treasury and \$395 from individual clubwomen). GFWC Meno realizes that expenses continue even during this Coronavirus pandemic and wanted to make a difference by helping the shelter. Manager Nancy Holzberger expressed extreme gratitude for this generous donation.



October 2020

Each year GFWC Menominee donates a Student Dictionary to each Menominee County 3rd graders. This year we ordered 240 new dictionaries from The Dictionary Project. We had 8 additional dictionaries left from last year with the same content but a different cover. As a nod to COVID-19, this year the new dictionary cover photo is the earth wearing a mask. Bookplates, with our Club name and a space for the child to write their name, were placed in each dictionary. But the joy of seeing the children delve into the dictionaries was not to be ours this year, as the dictionaries were dropped off at the schools, not passed out face to face in the classrooms by our clubwomen, as in the past.

In early October, 217 dictionaries were delivered to all elementary school offices in Menominee County. The offices passed them on to the 3rd grade teachers for distribution to the children. We also include a dictionary for each teacher and for resource teachers that the school has identified. Included with the dictionaries was a GFWC Menominee script for the teacher to use, if they chose, which introduced the students to the dictionary. We also provided 20 dictionaries to a home school group who were thrilled to take the previous year's dictionaries too. The balance of this year's order will be distributed to local libraries.

