



GFWC Menominee Woman'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

May 8, 2024

The May 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 preferred. The
 menu will be Beef Tips Stroganoff,
 Side Salad, Dinner Roll, with
 Lemon Meringue Pie for dessert.
 We will welcome back our
 Snowbirds and recognize our
 Club's Past Presidents and New
 Members. The program will be
 Installation of 2024-2026 GFWC
 Menominee Woman's Club
 Officers.

A LOOK Ahead

Watch for a president's Message
 during the summer.

GFWC MI and National Dates

May 2-5, 2024

**GFWC Michigan Convention in
 Menominee MI and Installation of
 GFWC Michigan Officers 2024-
 2026 Officers.**
**During the lifetimes of most of us,
 this might be the only time our city
 will host a state convention!**

May 12, 2024

Mother's Day

Club President's Message

Ruth Fay, 906-767-1358

Memories

The GFWC Michigan State
 Convention 2024 will soon be a
 memory. After two years of
 planning, it will be over and "in the
 books" as they say. The timing of
 this newsletter is unfortunate in the
 fact that we won't have the pictures
 and reports of its success. I want to
 say thank you to Donna Suchovsky
 and Tina Porod for representing
 Menominee as the Co-chairs of this
 very important convention
 I want to congratulate the 2024-
 2026 board as they will be installed
 on May 8, 2024. I am sure you will
 support this board with its many
 volunteer members as they begin
 making plans for their term.
 The last two years I would say
 have been a time of challenge and
 change. When I was installed as
 Vice President in 2022 I had no
 idea of what lay ahead for myself.
 But one thing I can say is that it has
 been interesting. As we went
 through leadership changes the
 steadiness of board members
 helped us weather the storm - our
 wave of goodness in the
 community continued and I want to
 say thank you to those who were
 kind to this new to GFWC
 President. I'm looking forward to a
 true retirement with my husband
 Bob who has supported me and
 you in many ways.

I conclude with this poem of Mary
 Oliver, Enjoy your summer of
 2024.

The Summer Day

By Mary Oliver

Who made the world?
 Who made the swan, and the black
 bear?
 Who made the grasshopper?
 This grasshopper, I mean-
 This one who is eating sugar out of
 my hand,
 Who is moving her jaws back and
 forth instead of up and down-
 Who is gazing around with her
 enormous and complicated eyes.
 Now she lifts her pale forearms and
 thoroughly washes her face.
 Now she snaps her wings open,
 and floats away.
 I don't know exactly what a prayer
 is.
 I do know how to pay attention,
 how to fall down
 Into the grass, how to kneel down
 in the grass,
 How to be idle and blessed, how to
 stroll through the fields,
 Which is what I have been doing all
 day.
 Tell me, what else should I have
 done?
 Doesn't everything die at last, and
 too soon?
 Tell me, what is it you plan to do
 With your one wild and precious
 life?

GFWC Donation Committee

Ruth Wesoloski, Chair
 906-863-2232

This is your last reminder:
 SUBMISSIONS MUST BE
 RECEIVED (in writing) BY APRIL
 30th. Our committee would be
 happy to review any and all
 requests, even duplicates from last
 year. Send via email to Ruth
 Wesoloski at
wesoloskira@yahoo.com
 or mail to 1820-14th Avenue,
 Menominee.

Program and Hostesses Schedule for 2024-2025

*Tina Porod, Co-Chairperson
715-923-5991*

Hello fellow clubwomen! One club year ends and another begins. It is a circle that keeps going. We are in the process of finding hostess volunteers for our monthly club meetings next year. We are looking for four (4) for each month.

Months we need hostesses are:

October 2, 2024 (4 volunteers)
November 6, 2024 (2 volunteers)
December 4, 2024 (1 volunteer)
January 8, 2025 (4 volunteers)
March 5, 2025 (4 volunteers)
April 2, 2025 (4 volunteers)
May 7, 2025 (4 volunteers)

Please consider which months would work best for you.

We will have a sign-up sheet at our May 8, 2024, final meeting this club year. Please talk to your friends and consider signing up. It is a fun activity, and we need you!

Happy Spring everyone and see you soon!

Membership

*Brooke Rose, Chairperson
715-923-9003*

Tribute to our club Past Presidents of GFWC Menominee Woman's Club. Thank you, ladies, for leading our club during your term(s) of office. Good leadership is essential to the health of any organization and your guidance has been proven to maintain a vibrant club.

Jane Stripling 1986-1988, 1996-98
Carol Lynn Higley 2004-2006
Carol Mick 2006-2008
Pat KraH 2008-2010
Alice VanEyck 2012-2014
Eileen Beyer 2016-2018
Martha Harding 2018-2020
Judy Reid 2020-2022
Valerie Mellon 2022-2023

Attention All GFWC Menominee Club Members:

Membership Renewals for next year (2024-2025) **will begin at our general meeting on Wed. May 8, 2024.** Club Dues remain the same at \$35. Checks payable to: GFWC Menominee. Your checks will be deposited after July 1, 2024.

You will be given your renewal form to verify your personal information and check-off which Community Service Program(s) you would like to Volunteer with next year.

For your convenience, a general description of each CSP is written in your current membership book on page 8. Our club mission is all about *Volunteering for "community improvement by enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service."*

Please ask if you have questions about how YOU can become involved in YOUR club's volunteering opportunities.

New Member Certificates will be presented to our new 2023-2024 club members at our general meeting on May 8th. Welcome ladies!!! We look forward to seeing how you will bring your talents, skills, energy, and enthusiasm into our volunteer club projects. Thank you to each sponsor who shared GFWC and invited these ladies to join our club.

Membership Committee

Are you organized, pay close attention to details, willing to learn computer skills, willing to donate your valuable time, like to welcome others, want to obtain & coordinate our membership yearbook Ads? Are you enthusiastic about GFWC? If you possess any of these characteristics, please consider joining our GFWC Menominee Woman's Club Membership Committee. **Please contact Judy Reid (text 906-792-9186) with your willingness to learn more about joining this committee.**

ARTS & Culture GFWC/Spies "Area Artists Showcase"

Calling all Artists. You are invited to display **one** piece of your handiwork in the "Area Artists Showcase" art show this summer at Spies Public Library. All types of Art media are welcome. Contact Spies Public Library for full details to know exactly when to drop off your piece.

The public is invited to a "Meet the Artists' reception at Spies Public Library on Tuesday, June 11, 2024, 4-6 pm. Mark Your Calendar to attend the reception.

Volunteer Opportunity

GFWC Menominee Woman's Club provides the refreshments for this reception. If you would like to donate (finger) food or volunteer to serve at this reception (3:30-5 pm or 5-6:30 pm), please contact Judy Reid 906-792-9186 or sign-up at the May 8 general meeting.

Arts and Culture CSP

*Linda Berry, Chairperson
815-474-9266*

Before I begin my newsletter article, I would like to do a bit of an infomercial ... especially for new members. I will be stepping down as Arts & Culture CSP Chair at the end of June. This has been a major part of my life for the last 6 years and I will truly miss it ... but it is time ... time for new ideas and new leaders. If you would like to know more about this position and what it entails, please let me know. I am not leaving GFWC, just taking a "life" reset ... so I would love to be able to mentor someone for this role and then let it become your own! We have so many talented women out here ... please take a chance like I did 6 years ago ... you will not regret it!

And speaking of talent, please make sure you enter any of your wonderful arts & crafts and photos that were created in 2023 at our MI State Convention from May 2nd until May 5th. This is a great opportunity to have your work on display ... won't get any closer than

this! Judging will be on Saturday, May 4th at 9 AM. I have all the details and categories if you haven't already seen them online.

Our committee had a fun day creating "Just Because" cards that will be distributed in April to local nursing homes and shut-ins ... and to our Friends of GFWC. It was a great social time that produced 130 fantastic cards!

Also, patrons at Jack's were treated to over 187 colorful Grocery Bag Art on Friday, March 29th created by Central Elementary School and St. John Paul II Academy. We will also be creating bags to celebrate Jack's Anniversary the second and third week in May.

Several of our members participated in the Vietnam War Veterans Day Celebration on Friday, March 29th at Faith Church in Peshtigo which was sponsored by Marinette & Menominee Veterans in Need. I was very honored to hand out over 125 Stars to Veterans and donated some to Rosie Wolbrink to distribute to the Healing Warrior Hearts Organization in Milwaukee.

Hope this finds you well and enjoying Spring at last!

Civic Engagement and Outreach CSP

Pat Krahn, Chairperson
906-863-5411



St. Vincent de Paul Resurrection Food Pantry

Ruth Wesoloski, Liaison
906-863-2232

There will be **two** canned food drives in Menominee soon. This week is the Boy Scouts of America canned food drive on April 27. Next month is the Postal Workers food drive on May 11. All donations from these food drives will be given to our Menominee Food Pantry. Your donations to one or both of these drives would be greatly appreciated.



St. Vincent de Paul Marinette Store and Food Pantry

Judy Reid, Liaison
(906-792-9186)

Volunteers are a necessary part of the success at St Vincent de Paul. 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.

Note: The Food Pantry has moved to Cleveland Avenue (the former Scoops Restaurant) by the Marinette High School. Also, Judy Reid will no longer be our club's liaison for St Vincent dePaul Store & Food Pantry in Marinette, so please consider this leadership role.

Shop, Show & Tell Party:

Who? GFWC Menominee Clubwomen (bring a friend), You are welcome to attend even without sharing a Treasure.

What? This is Your Invitation to attend a "Shop, Show & Tell Party"
Refreshments: Coffee / Tea, bring a food item to share if you'd like (optional).

Where? Judy Reid's House, 1710 28th Avenue, Menominee

When? Monday, May 20, 2024, 10:00 am-12 Noon (arrive after 9:30 am)

Why? Have Fun! Socialize! Share our Treasures!

How? Shop at St Vincent de Paul (or any Thrift Store) and come **Show** us what **Treasure** you found and **Tell** us all about it.

Note: You can also repurpose something you find at the Thrift Store (please take before & after photos) (Questions? RSVP to Judy Reid 906-792-9186 on or before May 15, 2024)

Public Policy & Legislation

Ruth Wesoloski, Chairperson
906-863-2232

GFWC National supports the Kids Online Safety Act: The enormity of the youth mental health crisis needs to be addressed as the very real harms of social media are impacting our children today. Taken together, the Kids Online Safety Act and the Children and Teens' Online Privacy Protection Act would prevent online platforms from exploiting young users' developmental vulnerabilities and targeting them in unfair and harmful ways. Check it out online: [Kids Online Safety Act](#)



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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).

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.



March
of Dimes
Saving babies, together

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

Education and Libraries CSP

Diane Shepard, Chairperson
920-606-9384

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!

Health and Wellness CSP

Barbara Jones, Chairperson
312-848-0102

Mike Mitukowski has finished the Free Little Library for the YMCA nature and activity trail. Digger's Hotline will select the location for its installation. This library, along with two recently placed Aldo Leopold benches, provide beautiful and comfortable additions along the trail. Funding for the library and benches was made by the GFWC Health and Wellness Committee in 2023. Stay tuned for photographs!

Health and Wellness would like to remind members, friends, and family members that the Leowstrong Bike Ride will be held on June 29th. Registration is now open at the Y. This event is open to the public and is family friendly. Healthy snacks and music will be provided along the bike route. Please contact Liz Mikutowski if you would like to ride but do not have a bicycle and she will link interested parties with donors. Hope to see you there.

You are also invited to Walk and Talk at the Marinette Rec Center at 8:15 am on Friday, May 17th. See you there!



GFWC MI News to Know



Guiding Harbor
Judy Reid
906-792-9186

A new **GFWC Menominee Guiding Harbor Chairperson is needed** for the 2024-2026 term. If you would like to learn more about this leadership position, please ask. Guiding Harbor is our 2022-24 GFWC MI President Kathy Lewis' term project. Its mission is to improve the quality of life for girls who find themselves needing help or a place to live. It 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 Menominee Woman's Club has budgeted a \$500 donation which will be presented to Linda Clayton from Guiding Harbor and to President Kathy Lewis at our GFWC MI 2024 State convention.

2024 GFWC Michigan Convention

Arts & Crafts, Memory Books, Photography

If you are entering any of your creative pieces of work for the State Convention, you may **drop off** your items at Murray's on the 1st floor on **Thursday, May 2nd from 3:00 - 6:00 PM, Friday, May 3rd from 7:00 - 9:00 AM and Saturday, May 4th from 8:00 - 9:00 AM.** Judging will begin promptly at 9:00 AM on Friday. There will be a schedule posted for viewing times during the convention. You **must** pick up your items (or arrange to have someone pick them up) on **Saturday, May 4th from 4:30 - 6:00 PM.** Winners will be announced on Sunday.

Thank you to our GFWC Michigan Convention 2024 Supporters!

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