



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

October 1, 2025

The October general club meeting
will be held at Riverside Country
Club, 3459 14th Avenue, 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 \$20
per person, checks are preferred.
The menu will be Pulled Pork
Sandwich, Fall Salad w/Apple
Vinaigrette, and an Apple Bar for
dessert.

Please let your caller know if you
have any dietary restrictions
associated with the menu.
Remember to RSVP your caller if
you plan to attend!

The 2025-26 Club yearbooks will
be distributed. We will honor our
50-year member Nancy Krysiak.
Operation Christmas Child
Shoebboxes will be available to
members who choose to participate
in the event.

The program on the Alzheimer's
Association will be presented by
Cari Josephson, Director "Walk to
End Alzheimer's."



A LOOK Ahead

November 5, 2025

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

November 12, 2025

Wreath Orders Due

November 21, 2025

Wreath Pick UP at Bethel Lutheran
Church, 1309 14th Avenue,
Menominee

GFWC MI Dates

September 25 & 26, 2025

UP District 5 Annual Meeting,
Manistique

November 8, 2025 -Guiding

Harbor Diamonds and Denim Event

GFWC MI and National Dates

September 27-National Day of
Service

October-Breast Cancer Awareness
Month

October 11-International Day of
the Girl

October 9-12-Great Lakes Region
GFWC Conference in Ohio

October 19-25-Advocates for
Children Week

November 5-International Day of
Elimination of Violence Against
Women

December 10-GFWC Holiday
Open House, Washington DC

Club President's Message

Co-Presidents

Eileen Beyer 906-792-8374

Martha Harding 906-290-9244

**Welcome to the GFWC
Menominee Women's Club new
club year!**

This year our club will meet again
at Riverside Country Club. The
planned menus listed in our
Membership Yearbook sound
delicious! Thank you to Katey
LeMay and Ellen Wertepny for
organizing our luncheons.
We are eager to see our friends
and admire the beautiful tables
decorated by our monthly
Hostesses. Once again, we will
have Door Prizes, the Art CSP
table, and the Education and
Libraries CSP book sale table. We
hope you have time to stop by the
various tables as well as to meet
and greet friends and our many
new members.
Our five (5) Community Service
Programs (CSP) Chairs have held
or have scheduled their first CSP
planning meetings. We look
forward to learning what activities
each CSP is undertaking for the
2025-2026 Club Year.

Membership

*Judy Reid, Chairperson
906-792-9186*

**Pursue The Pearls – GFWC MI
Membership Campaign 2024-26**



GFWC MI State 2nd VP /
Membership Chair Lisa Belisle's
membership recruitment theme
for her 2024-2026 term is
"Pursue the Pearls" - Retain,
Recruit, and Reward GFWC

Members. You are encouraged to share your GFWC Story with others who would also benefit from the Sisterhood of GFWC. Pearl Sunglasses are given to each new member and sponsor. A Pearl bracelet is rewarded when a clubwoman sponsors two new members. A Bonus Reward (name into drawing to help with expenses at the GFWC MI 2026 Spring State Convention) for a clubwoman who sponsors 3 or more new members.

GFWC Meno 'Informational Gathering' at the Menominee County Airport atrium



Welcome to our Newest

Members: We hosted our GFWC Menominee Informational Gathering at the Menominee Co. Airport atrium on August 7, 2025 and had a great turnout. Thanks to all clubwomen who submitted names of potential members, many attended the gathering, and several have joined. Welcome to all our new 2025-2026 clubwomen:

Lauryn Albaugh, Cealia Allgeyer, Lilly Cormia, Pam Duvall, Diana Grange, Lexi Hagan, Pat Jacobson, Laurie Landree, Delores LaPorte, Michele McClure, Jennifer Milostan, Hannah Morel, Mary Lou Nelson, Leslie Nemmers, Renee O'Farrell, Kathy Prusak, Kris Ravet, Carol Truitt, Sandy Walker, Pat Jacobson, and Judith Kline.

GFWC Meno Membership

Committee: Are you a detailed and organized person and have a passion for helping our club members? If so, perhaps you would like to use your skills and talents as part of the Membership Committee. Contact Judy Reid, Membership Chair, as GFWC

Menominee needs Volunteers in this leadership capacity.



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 Community Service Program CSP meetings.

GFWC Menominee Yearbook Distribution

I hope that each of you had a marvelous summer and that you found time to rest and relax. Our 2025-26 Membership Yearbooks will be distributed at our first general meeting on Wednesday, Oct 1, 2025.

If you are unable to attend the meeting, please ask someone to pick up your Yearbook. Please take time to look through your yearbook, it has a wealth of information pertaining to our club. Our Program co-chairs, Katey LeMay and Ellen Wertepny, have lined up informative speakers and wonderful programs, all listed in your yearbook. Your GFWC Menominee Membership Card and Community Service Programs (CSPs) are listed on the back-cover of the yearbook. Plan to bring your yearbook to each general meeting as the GFWC Club COLLECT (printed in the yearbook) is read at each meeting.

Door Prizes at General

Meetings: Be sure to pick up your complimentary Door Prize Ticket at each general meeting. The prizes are donated by clubwomen, businesses, and community organizations. (Potential door prizes can be given to either Ann Ihde or Judy Reid) Thanks to all who contribute to this 'no cost' fun drawing.

"Be In the Know" - GFWC Communications

GFWC Menominee Communicator:

Each clubwoman has a designated Communicator who will connect with the members on her list. So, get to know her when you make your RSVPs for our general meetings.

GFWC Menominee Newsletter:

Monthly, October to May
Emailed to each member
(Option: US Postal Mailing is \$9.00/ year). Reading our club newsletter will keep you informed so you can "Be in The Know."

GFWC Menominee email Address:

gfwcmenominee@gmail.com

Look for emails with club information.

GFWC Menominee Website:

www.gfwcmenominee.org

You can find the Wreath Order Form, monthly meeting information, connections to the State of Michigan and National GFWC organizations. Plus take a look at some club photos and our monthly calendar.

GFWC National Publication:

Clubwoman Magazine is available online at

www.gfwc.org

Registration is easy. Need Help? Ask.

GFWC "News and Notes": a biweekly newsletter Emailed to members.

Treasurer & Fundraising

Pat Brukart, 906-792-8147

All Things Chocolate

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

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, February 10, 2025, at the Pullman House!

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2025 Christmas Wreath Fundraiser information!

Co-Chairs

Donna Suchovsky 402-740-2271

Tina Porod 715-923-5991



Our **GFWC Menominee Wreath Fundraiser** has begun and GFWC members are needed to make this a continued success. Wreath order forms are available on our website, in our newsletter, and at our October and November General Meetings. There will be sign-up sheets at our October general meeting. We are looking for volunteers to make bows, tie wire on balls, help decorate wreaths on November 20, and help with wreath distribution on November 21. Please contact friends, relatives, businesses, etc. for sales, sales, sales..... Thank you in advance for all your help. See you at our GFWC October 1st Club Meeting with all the details! **A Wreath order form can be found on the last page of this newsletter.**

Arts and Culture

Christine Bomstad, Chairperson
906-290-9419

Information about volunteer opportunities coming soon!

Civic Engagement and Outreach

Judy Reid, Chairperson
906-792-9186

GFWC National Day of Service September 27, 2025
Judy Reid, coordinator



Hard to imagine fleeing from one's home and seeking shelter from Domestic Violence or Sexual Abuse. Yet there are individuals

and families who do just that and perhaps they find themselves at our local shelter, called the Rainbow House.

GFWC Menominee Women's Club is participating in the GFWC National Day of Service (Theme: Domestic Violence & Sexual Abuse) by gathering necessary supplies for the clients at the Rainbow House.

If you would like to take part in this special collection, please drop off any of the following supplies at **Judy Reid's (1710 28th Avenue, Menominee). The sunroom door by the driveway will be unlocked from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. on Mon – Wed, Sept. 22- 24, 2025.** Every contribution helps.

Supplies: Shaving cream, Paper towel Rolls, Fabric Softener, Laundry Soap, Kleenex, Deodorant, Kids Shampoo / Conditioner, Paper Plates (any size), Kids Snacks (Fruit shakes, granola bars), and Juice Boxes / Bottled water.

Please jot down the 'kind-in' amount of money you spent. Thanks in advance for your support of this GFWC National Day of Service.



Menominee County Historical Society
Donna Suchovsky,
Tina Porod Liaisons
715-923-599

A Night at the Museum



Characters portraying people from the Past.

We had a wonderful time on Saturday, September 6, 2025, for "A Night at the Museum"! It was a little chilly, but we powered on! We had 30 GFWC Menominee Clubwomen participate by donating snacks, portraying historical figures, running the admission tent, greeting attendees, selling raffle

tickets, and filling in wherever they were asked. This event could not have happened without the GFWC Menominee clubwomen! Thank you for all you do for The Menominee County Historical Society! We appreciate all you do.



GFWC Meno Clubwomen: L-R Renee Herrild & Anne Eickmeyer serving refreshments to the attendees "A Night at The Museum"

Public Policy & Legislation
Ruth Wesoloski, Chairperson
906-863-2232

"Since its inception in 1890, the General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC) has been a beacon of community-driven activism, uniting its members to address national and global concerns. Over the decades, dedicated groups of GFWC members, acting as grassroots activists, have left an indelible mark on society.

During the upcoming club year, the following are the priorities GFWC National will be focusing on:

Violence Against Women
Online Safety
Child Abuse Prevention
Pay Equity
Education & Libraries
Health & Wellness

Read more about this at the GFWC National website: gfwc.org

M&M Children's Museum

Linda Berry, Liaison
815-474-9266



L-R Linda Berry, Karen Sutek, Deb LaFond, Joy Peterich, Francy Mullen, and Renee Herrild are ready for the Scavenger Hunt.

Badger Park in Peshtigo was aglow with over 100+ children and parents attending the M&M Children's Museums **Glow and Go 2.0 Scavenger Hunt** on Saturday, September 13, 2025 between 6 pm - 8 pm. This was the second year for this fundraising event, and it was a huge success by the looks on the kids' faces ... which had been painted by Mischief & Magic. The DJ had the children and adults dancing in the grass and doing "glowing limbo" as well as trying to keep lighted hula hoops in motion. Joy Peterich was surrounded by bubbles as she demonstrated "bubble makers" everyone could make with simple objects found around the house. I helped children create "glow in the dark" bubble art by blowing through straws into jars of paint, dish soap, and water until they overflowed and then they captured them with watercolor paper cut into circles.

But the main attraction was the scavenger hunt itself! Our GFWC volunteers, Renee Herrild, Liz Mikutowski, Karen Sutek, Deb LaFond, and Francy Mullen were stationed in the trails, ready to stamp the scavenger hunt sheets as the children flew around the park gathering all the clues. It was wonderful seeing children and parents working together and off the electronics!

This was just the beginning of what we feel the museum can do ... bring families together to play and we thank each and every one of

you for your continued interest and support!



Clubwomen Linda Berry demonstrates with fun Glow Paint.



St Vincent DePaul Marinette

Joy Peterich, Liaison
715-587-3321



Display of Jewelry ready for purchase at the St Vincent dePaul Thrift Store in Marinette, sorted and organized by Joy Peterich.

The St. Vincent DePaul Marinette thrift store can again use your volunteer help, which equals fun for you and support to the needy in our community. Their manager, Bonnie Matthews, recommends signing up for two hours at a time and coming in with at least one other person...more fun! They need help putting out merchandise, especially on holidays; hanging clothes and winter coats; sorting goods; and pricing toys.

If interested, contact me (Joy Peterich 715-587-3321 or peterichj@gmail.com) or sign up at monthly meetings with name, phone #. Let me know which days M-F and hours 10-6 work are best for you as well as jobs you feel you can do. You will need to fill out a volunteer form and let Bonnie, Scott, or Bridget know you are there to help for emergency security. I will organize some group work times, or you can just show up and ask where help is needed...that's how I became the jewelry lady! Keep track of your hours to share with me monthly, as GFWC gets credit for your hard work. Thanks for considering this worthy cause.



The Salvation Army

Karen Sutek Liaison
920-676-3119

The Salvation Army **Coats for Kids** event will be October 31 (Organizing clothing) and November 1 (Winter clothing distribution). Volunteers are needed! Signup will be available at our October 1 GFWC General Meeting.

Christmas in July at Jack's Fresh Market-



GFWC Menominee clubwomen L-R Renee Herrild and Anne Eickmeyer 'dressed for the occasion' when they rang bells for The Salvation Army during its 'Christmas In July' Red Kettle Campaign. GFWC Menominee helped by generating \$702.87. Thanks to all those who helped by ringing bell.

The Salvation Army – Backpacks



GFWC Menominee clubwomen L-R Katey LeMay, D Bachand, and Judith Dobnikar show the 'Back to School' backpacks during The Salvation Army distribution. On August 20 & August 21 we had 15 GFWC volunteers to help Salvation Army with organizing & distributing more than 250 backpacks to area children. We had a great crew & appreciate all the help with this distribution.

Education and Libraries

Diane Shepard, Chairperson
920-606-9384

Dictionary Project

Dictionaries have been ordered and are expected to arrive in October. A label will be placed in each book. By late October, all the dictionaries will be delivered to all the 3rd Grade Students in Menominee County.

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!

Epsilon Sigma Omicron (ESO)

Karen Sutek, Chairperson
920-676-3119

Invitation to all GFWC Menominee Women's Club members to join ESO! Epsilon Sigma Omicron (ESO) is an honorary educational society open to all GFWC club members. It is easy to join and fun to share the books we read by completing an ESO Pledge and recording every book you read by keeping a journal of Title, Author, and Date you complete the book. If you are interested in joining, please.

Environment

"D" Bachand, Chairperson
860-303-4174

The first meeting of the Environment CSP was held September 19th. Discussion was on proposed and continuing projects for the new year.

Last April's Trash Pick-up was cancelled due to weather and was

rescheduled to **Tuesday, September 23rd.**

Our next meeting will be held January 16th, 10am at the Spies Library.

Health and Wellness

Barbara Jones, Chairperson
312-858-0102

The first Health and Wellness CSP meeting of the new club year will take place on Wednesday September 24 at 9am at A Place for Coffee in Marinette.



Just a reminder to keep tossing your Dimes into your **March of Dimes jar** and bring your Dimes to our **November 5, 2025, general lunch meeting**. "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."

American Red Cross Blood Drive

Judy Bramschreiber Coordinator,
906-863-2052

The Autumn Blood Drive was held on September 14 and 15 in Menominee. The next blood drive will be in the spring, date to be determined.



Operation Christmas Child
Donna Suchovsky,
402-740-2271

It is that time of year to fill the Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes. If you would like to participate in this optional project, shoeboxes will be available at our October 1, 2025, general meeting. Take one or two boxes and fill them for a Boy or Girl. (You can always partner with another GFWC clubwomen to fill the Shoebox and share the expenses.) Once your shoe boxes are filled, please bring the filled boxes to our general meeting on November 5, 2025. The final date for shoebox

drop off is Friday November 14 at Truth in Function located at 1617 10th AVE in Menominee.

(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



Filled Boxes for Operation Christmas Child in a previous year.

GFWC MI News to Know



Guiding Harbor

The Guiding Harbor Annual Auction Committee is

pleased to announce that this year's auction theme is **Diamonds and Denim**. It will be held **Saturday, November 8 at the Diamondback Music Hall in Belleville Michigan (49345 S Interstate 94 Service Drive, Van Buren Twp, MI 48111.**

We are offering country line dance lessons, a strolling dinner, silent auction items, Cops and Doughnuts cupcake raffle, wine wall and more.

Earlybird tickets are \$100 each and are available on the website until October 3. The regular price is \$125 per ticket.

Go to www.guidingharbor.org to read more about event information. The invitation is at the bottom of their home page. Click on the blue "Read More" at the bottom of the second page then follow the "Click here to go to the ticket page!" That will take you to the black button where you will buy your tickets.

GFWC UP District 5 Meeting

The UP District 2025 Meeting is being hosted by GFWC Manistique on September 25 and 26. The deadline to register has long passed. A brief report will be given at our GFWC Menominee October 1 meeting.



No current information.



Members Decorating Wreaths



Decorated wreaths awaiting distribution.

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2025 GFWC MENOMINEE WOMEN'S CLUB WREATH ORDER FORM

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)

NEW ITEM

Cemetery Head Stone Cross
\$15.00 _____

TO ORDER PHONE Jean Kollross
(651)447-3294

**ORDERS ARE DUE BY
NOVEMBER 12.**

**Pick Up will be on Friday,
November 21
11:00 am - 2:00 pm**

**at,
Bethel Lutheran Church, 1309
14th Avenue, Menominee**

Name _____

Phone _____

Total Due _____

Total Paid _____

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