



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

December 3, 2025

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

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 \$20
per person, checks are preferred.
The menu will be a Ham dinner and
winter salad with orange vinaigrette
and Cheesecake with Berries for
dessert. The program will be
Christmas music by the Goodfellas.

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

**We will be Collecting Books for
Children at this meeting (Please
see the Education and Libraries
CSP section in this newsletter.)**

A Look Ahead

December 17, 2025

GFWC Board Meeting, Spies Library,
9:30 am

December 31, 2025

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

January 7, 2026

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

GFWC MI and National Dates

December 10, 2025

GFWC Holiday Open House,
Washington DC.



*One of many beautiful 2025
wreaths decorated by GFWC
Menominee Women's Club
Members*

Club President's Message

Co-Presidents

Eileen Beyer 906-792-8374
Martha Harding 906-290-9244

As we approach the end of the
calendar year our thoughts turn to
Thanksgiving, Christmas, New
Years Day, preparing for winter,
and even to football playoffs.
As club presidents and vice-
presidents, we are preparing for
annual Club reporting to GFWC
Michigan. During the year we
collect your reports and data for all
club projects. The reports are
submitted to us by Chairs and
liaisons to provide us with project

information (who, what, when,
where, why, and how much).
After we have your reports, we
compile them by CSP or by specific
GFWC category. We complete
online forms supplied by GFWC MI.
Report tabulation is automatic! ALL
the forms we complete are due to
GFWC MI about February 1.

GFWC MI, and GFWC International
use the information in the reports to
examine how we are helping in our
communities and the reports
provide metrics on how effective
GFWC is locally, statewide,
nationally, and internationally.

How can members help with reporting?

If you have not yet done so, please
submit your report with your hours
and project information to the CSP
Chair associated with the project,
or give it to Donna or Tina at our
December general meeting,
or email Donna and Tina with your
hours and project information.
Their emails and phone numbers
are in your Membership booklet.

Membership

Judy Reid, Chairperson
906-792-9186



Distribution: Each member should
have received her 2025-26 GFWC
Menominee Membership
Yearbook. (Contact Judy Reid if
you have not received your
yearbook.) Plan to bring your
yearbook to each general meeting
as the GFWC Club COLLECT
(printed in the yearbook) is read at
each meeting. You will also be able
to insert any new members'
information labels on page 19.

Door Prizes at General Meetings:

Be sure to pick up your complimentary Door Prize Ticket at each general meeting. The prizes are donated by our 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.



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.

Calendar of Events (Page 9 in Yearbook):

As a Federated Women's club, GFWC Menominee clubwomen have the opportunity to attend the GFWC MI state convention each spring. It is never too early to start planning and saving to attend this special event. Our next state convention will be April 23-26, 2026. Hoping to have a great GFWC Menominee presence at this convention (hotel room sharing and carpooling is encouraged). As a member of GFWC, plan to attend at least one convention in your life. (or perhaps several conventions) Conventions are a great way to see the scope of who GFWC clubwomen are and what GFWC is all about.

"Be In the Know" - GFWC Communications

Websites: Take time to go to our club website: gfwcmenominee.org We also have a state website: www.gfwcni.com and a national website: www.gfwc.org Lots of information to read and enjoy.

GFWC Meno Communicator:

Each clubwoman has a designated Communicator who connects (via phone call, text, or email) with the members on her list. So, get to know YOUR communicator.

GFWC Menominee Newsletter:

Monthly October—May Emailed to each member (Option: US Postal Mailing @ \$9.00/ year). Reading our club newsletter will keep you informed so you can 'Be in The Know.' Please let Judy Reid

know if you have not received the monthly club newsletters.

GFWC Menominee email

address:

gfwcmenominee@gmail.com – look for emails with club information

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.

GFWC MI Newsletter: This state newsletter is emailed to our clubwomen. It has information about the other GFWC clubs in Michigan.

Treasurer & Fundraising

Pat Brukardt, 906-792-8147

All Things Chocolate

Judy Bramschreiber, Chairperson, 906-863-2052

Mark your calendars for **Tuesday, February 10, 2026**, 4:30pm to 7:30pm, All Things Chocolate will be held at the Pullman House.

Wreath Fundraiser



Club Members had a grand time decorating wreaths on Thursday, November 20th at Bethel Lutheran Church.



Thank you GFWC Menominee members who organized, decorated, sold, and delivered the beautiful wreaths. Thank you, Bethel Lutheran Church, for the use of your comfortable space.

Arts and Culture

Christine Bomstad, Chairperson 906-290-9419

Our next up and coming project is a craft "Make & Take" at Bridgeview Apartments (the Menominee Housing Commission-1801 8th Ave. Menominee).

Information about volunteer opportunities coming soon!

Civic Engagement and Outreach

Judy Reid, Chairperson 906-792-9186

Rainbow House

Wendy Baron, Liaison 715-245-6104

Rainbow House (our local Domestic Abuse Shelter) is one of our GFWC Menominee Women's Club Civic Engagement CSP's organizations that we volunteer with, and we are helping the clients by donating supplies. Please see the **Wish List (on the last page of the newsletter)**. If you would like to participate in this **optional collection**, simply shop for a few of the items on the Wish List and drop them off at **State Farm Insurance 909 1st Street Menominee** (across from Spies Library), on the following days: **Dec 8, 9, and 10th, 2025 (Mon, Tues, Wed) Time: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.** Please write down your **In-Kind amount that you spent. \$\$\$** and leave it with your items.

Working together, we will make a difference to people who are in need at this unfortunate time in their lives.

Additional Need: The Rainbow House needs comforters (twin, full, and queen), perhaps you have one you'd like to donate.

Thanks in Advance.



The Salvation Army Angel Tree Schedule
Karen Sutek, Liaison 920-676-3119

Location yet to be determined

Set up will be December 17

Distribution will be December 18

When I have the information, I will email a request for volunteers first to Civic Engagement CSP members.

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The Salvation Army
Bell Ringing
Karen Sutek, Liaison
920-676-3119

GFWC Menominee clubwomen will be at Jack's Fresh Market in Menominee on Friday, December 5, 2025, ringing Bells for the local Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign. (10 am – 7:30 pm). 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 Friday. Thank you for your support for the less fortunate. Have a Merry Christmas.

M&M Children's Museum

Linda Berry, Liaison
 815-474-9266

The Children's Museum has been wrapping up the year 2025 with two new fundraisers.

The Ladies Night Out held on November 15th at Bayshore Arts Center was an evening of fun, lots of laughs and bucket raffles! Everyone attending had a great time and an evening we will definitely repeat.

Enstrom Helicopter and WHYB sponsored the M&M Children's Museum's First Annual Turkey Drop held on Sunday, November 23rd at the Menominee Marina. What a thrill it was to see over 187 "rubber" turkeys dropped "on target" ... or pretty close ... to the bullseyes painted on the ground! Check out the museum's website to see highlights and winners. This just proves ... turkeys can fly and they will be back again next year!



St Vincent de Paul
Marinette

Joy Peterich, Liaison
 715-587-3321

The annual food drive for the holidays was a huge success, especially the Friday November 14 event broadcast by WLUK. The pantry took twice the amount of last year! Thanks to all who donated, and those members who helped organize and put away the goods. Those in need in our area will appreciate and benefit from your generosity!

Public Policy & Legislation

Ruth Wesoloski, Chairperson
 906-863-2232

To encourage participation in the democratic process, this monthly column aims to inform members about current legislation and programs that are germane to the GFWC Resolutions. It also highlights important actions of Congress and the White House, and provides follow-up information about GFWC Legislative Action Alerts.

Protect Children from AI

Chatbots: GFWC cosigned a letter of support for the bipartisan GUARD Act (Guidelines for User Age-Verification and Responsible Dialogue Act of 2025, S. 3062). The bill would ban AI companions from providing AI companions to minors, and mandate that AI companions disclose their non-human status and lack of professional credentials for all users. The bill also creates new crimes for companies that knowingly make available to minors AI companions that solicit or produce sexual content.

Menominee Historical Society
2025 Annual Meeting

Liaisons Tina Porod, 715-923-5991
 Donna Suchovsky, 402-740-2271

The Menominee County Historical Society will hold its annual meeting on Thursday, December 11, 2025, at Riverside Country Club, 3459 14th Avenue, Menominee, MI. There will be a social hour at 5 p.m. with dinner at 6 p.m. After dinner there will be a brief business meeting. Following the meeting there will be a slide show presentation by Mike Kaufman on the Early Settlers about their gifts to the City of Menominee. Attendees are responsible for their own meals and beverages. Meal choices are Airline Chicken (\$27.98), Salmon-seared (\$35.62), Salmon-blackened (\$35.62) and Short Ribs (\$35.62). The price includes tax and tip. Reservations are required. The public is welcome to attend!

To make a reservation please call Tina at 715-923-5991 by December 1, 2025.

Education and Libraries

Diane Shepard, Chairperson
 920-606-9384

Education and Libraries ends the year with a bang! December's project is "Bring a book for children." Please bring a new or gently used book to the December Luncheon meeting. We will arrange for these books to be distributed throughout the community. Also, a quick shout out to volunteers who helped with dictionaries this year. We received lovely thank-you notes.

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 2025. 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) or drop your list in the mail (N3415 Kozuzek Road, Marinette WI 54143)

Please give me a call if you have any questions (920-676-3119).

The deadline is December 22, 2025.

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

"D" Bachand, Chairperson
 860-303-4174

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

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Health and Wellness

Barbara Jones, Chairperson
312-858-0102



Members Kim Smith and Leslie Nemmers served soups at the November General Meeting.

Wonderful aromas were in the air as we gathered for our November general meeting, as the Health and Wellness CSP offered members healthy soup samples. Thank you to Kim Smith and Leslie Nemmers for providing these warm treats. We look forward to December's meeting and tastings of healthy appetizers-. Please bring recipes that you would like to share with others- right in time for holiday entertaining!



Members Sally Broetzman and Renee Herrild enjoyed a couple of turns around Henes Park during October's Walk and Talk. The autumn colors were beautiful, and the temperature was ideal for our Walk and Talk around Henes Park on October 24. Our next outing will be at 10 am on January 9, 2026 at the Marinette REC Center.

DID YOU KNOW?

"The way to happiness: Keep your heart free from hate, your mind from worry. Live simply, expect little, give much. Fill your life with love. Scatter sunshine. Forget self, think of others. Do as you would be done by. Try this for a week and you will be surprised."

Submitted by Judy Reid: Excerpt taken from *The Power of Positive Thinking*, by Dr. Norman Vincent Peale.



GFWC MI News to Know



Guiding Harbor

Ellen Wertepny,
Liaison,
920-676-6223

Guiding Harbor is

dedicated to improving the quality of life for children and families. They recently hosted their 40th annual auction to benefit kids in foster care. It strives to equip every person in its care with education and life skills needed to make wise decisions and thrive as productive members of society. Their current campaign, Recipe for Hope, has a goal of raising \$75,000 to help kids in their care achieve stability and joy in their lives. If you would like more information about Guiding Harbor or to participate in the Recipe for Hope campaign, go to <https://guidingharbor.org/>



Liaison Needed

No current information.

Civic Engagement & Outreach

CSP

November 2025

Rainbow House Wishlist

LAUNDRY & CLEANING

Laundry Soap small or medium
Laundry Pods
Fabric softener or dryer sheets
Dish soap
Bathroom/toilet cleaners
Windex
Mops and mop buckets
Garbage Cans
Brooms and dustpans
Kitchen cleaner

PERSONAL CARE

Body wash
Hair Gel or mousse
Razors (men & women)
Shaving cream (men & women)
Band-Aids
Kleenex

KITCHEN ESSENTIALS

New plastic dish sets (family of 4)
Toasters
Paper towels
Paper plates
Can Openers
Pizza pans
Kitchen dish cloths
Ice cube trays
Aluminum foil
Plastic wrap (Saran wrap)
Gallon and freezer bags
Shower curtains and rings
Pails & buckets

PANTRY ITEMS

Coffee and coffee creamer
Jelly or jam
Ketchup
Instant oatmeal
Canned pasta
Canned meat (like chicken or tuna)
Chunky soups
Pudding cups
Butter (sticks or tubs)
Hot Dogs
Cereal
Baking supplies
Hamburger helper

OFFICE SUPPLIES

Copy paper
Postage stamps
Garbage bags 13 & 30 gallon
1ply toilet paper

MONETARY DONATIONS

Walmart gift cards
Amazon gift cards
Jack's gift cards
Aldi's gift cards
Gas station cards

OTHER

Comforters in twin, double and queen sizes.