



## **GFWC Menominee Women's Club**

General Federation of Women's Clubs

www.gfwcmenominee.org

**March 2025**

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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**

#### **March 5, 2025**

**The March 5th 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 program and business  
meeting will follow. The cost is  
\$17per person, checks preferred.

The Menu is Baked Cod, Garlic  
Herb Butter Redskin Potatoes, and  
California Medley Vegetables with  
Deconstructed Lemon Meringue  
Pie for dessert.

The program will be on the  
Menominee Area Arts Council,  
presented by Ron Jackson: Artist,  
Menominee School Teacher  
(retired), and member of the MAAC  
Menominee Area Arts Council.

Please let your caller know if you  
have any dietary restrictions  
associated with the menu. Also,  
please remember to RSVP your  
caller before 5pm February 28,  
2025.

### **A Look Ahead**

**March 19, 2025**

GFWC Board Meeting, Spies Library,  
9:30 am

**April 2, 2025**

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

### **GFWC MI and National Dates**

**March is Women's History Month**

**March 5, 2025**

GFWC Women's History Celebration  
and Equal Pay Day

**March 8, 2025**

GFWC Women's History Month  
Reception

**March 8, 2025**

International Women's Day

**April 20-26, 2025**

Volunteers in Action Week

**April 24, 2025**

GFWC Federation Day

**April 24-27, 2025**

GFWC MI State  
Convention in Traverse City MI

**June 7-9, 2025**

GFWC 2025 International Convention  
Atlanta, GA

**July 15, 2025**

GFWC MI Bay Cliff Health Camp Day  
Watch for UP District 5 Meeting  
information.

### **Happy St. Patrick's Day**



### **Spreading 'Sunshine'**

*Janet Conklin*

Is there a GFWC  
Menominee Club Woman  
who is having surgery, ill, or needs  
a little 'Sunshine'? Please let our  
Sunshine Gal, Janet Conklin, know  
about it so she can send a card.  
715-923-3859.

### **Club Presidents' Message**

*Co-Presidents*

*Eileen Beyer 906-792-8374*

*Martha Harding 906-290-9244*

Congratulations GFWC Menominee  
Women's Club members. Your  
efforts toward our two large and  
ambitious fund raisers this year  
have exceeded our budget  
predictions and our highest  
expectations. You found the fun in  
the projects and that translated to  
community involvement. Our  
Community Service Programs  
contacting and working with their  
members were the key to this  
success. We hope that you all take  
pride in serving on the committees  
that you signed up for when you  
completed your membership form  
and will continue to develop new  
projects and work together as you  
did this past year. Our GFWC  
Michigan Annual Report reflects  
this working together as does our  
budget. Be proud and thank you  
very much!

### **From the VP Team**

Tina Porod 715-923-5991 or Donna  
Suchovsky 402-740-2271

***VOLUNTEER JUST TWO HOURS  
AND BE IN THE DRAWING FOR  
A WONDERFUL PRIZE!!***

That's right, just two hours!!! If you  
have volunteered since January 1,  
this is for you. At the meeting on  
Wednesday, March 5, there will be

slips on the table where you check in. Put your name, the number of hours and where you volunteered. You will be put in a drawing for our May meeting. If you volunteered prior to January 1, Tina Porod already has you in the drawing. We appreciate all you do for our community!!!

On behalf of GFWC Menominee we **THANK YOU** and **APPRECIATE YOU** for the time, talents, creativity, and generosity you have given to our Club in 2024.

### **Membership**

*Judy Reid, Chairperson*  
906-792-9186



Do you have a passion for the membership of GFWC Menominee Women's Club? Would you like to be part of the Membership Committee? Contact me, Judy Reid, if you would like to learn more about this important committee and its responsibilities.

### **Treasurer & Fundraising**

*Pat Brukardt, 906-792-8147*

#### **Flower Card Fundraiser**

*Pat Brukardt, Chairperson*  
906-792-8147

### **All Things Chocolate**

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

We cleared \$8,489.52 after expenses at ATC this year! Our Club donates all the funds raised back into our community. Thank you club members for the time you volunteered and the baskets you donated for All Things Chocolate.



A small sample of the bucket raffles that were available.

### **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.

#### **SSS (Simple Sloppy Joe Supper) and Friendship Brownies**

*Friendship Brownies Coordinator:*  
*Judy Reid 906-792-9186*

**Who?** GFWC Menominee Clubwomen and Friends (Bringing friends is encouraged.)

**What?** SSS (Simple Sloppy Joe Supper) and Friendship Brownies Activity, A time of fun, food, and fellowship.

We will enjoy a light supper before filling up the jars with the dry ingredients of our Friendship Brownies.

**Where?** M&M Yacht Club, (Bayside of the Menominee Band Shell)

**When?** Thursday, March 13, 2025 (5-7:30 pm) (will eat around 5:15 pm)

**How?** Reserve your spot. Cost: \$8.00 Members will **sign up and pay at the March 5th meeting.** (Checks payable to: GFWC Menominee)

**Or:** RSVP text or call Judy Reid 906-792-9186, send \$8 to GFWC Membership, PO Box 302, Menominee, MI 49858

### **JUST BECAUSE CARDS**

*Linda Berry 815-474-9266*

We will be creating "Just Because" cards for the local nursing homes and shut-ins on Tuesday, March 18th at my home (317 Henes Park Dr. Menominee, MI) from 10 - 12pm. All supplies will be provided. Come for coffee and social time and make these fun cards to share. If you know of any "shut-ins" either from your neighborhood or church, please let us add them to our list. Arts & Culture CSP members already have this info, but it is open to any GFWC Menominee member who would like to participate.. Please let me know either by email: [ljberry23@gmail.com](mailto:ljberry23@gmail.com) or text: 815 474-9266 if you would like to join us



### **Stars for Veterans**

*Linda Berry*  
815-474-9266

I will be distributing our "Stars for Veterans" at the

Vietnam Veterans Event to be held on Saturday, March 29th. Will have more information on this at our March meeting. Thank you to Amy Vogltanz for creating these wonderful stars from old flags.

### **Civic Engagement and Outreach**

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 815-474-9266*

The Children's Museum held a fundraiser at Culver's on Tuesday, February 25th from 5-8pm with part of the sales between that time going to support the museum. I was able to enlist 4 of our GFWC members to help with an Arts & Crafts project ... creating "puffy paint" custard cups! Thank you to everyone who helped support this fundraiser.

Will continue to update you on the museum "happenings"!

### **DAR BOYS & GIRLS CLUB** **BLUE DOOR GALA**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 10, 2025**  
**6:00 p.m.**

**LITTLE RIVER COUNTRY CLUB**

**N2235 SHORE DRIVE,**  
**MARINETTE, WI 54143**

Put it on your calendar! The price is \$40 per ticket. Tickets are available at Jack's Fresh Market in Menominee, the DAR Club, and you can also go to the website: <https://thedar.ejoinme.org/gala2025> It is a fun event! Hope to see you there.

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## **WANTED: VOLUNTEERS FOR THE MENOMINEE HISTORICAL MUSEUM**

WHEN: SUMMER 2025  
WHAT: MUSEUM GUIDES  
WHERE: 904 11<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE,  
MENOMINEE, MI

If you have not been to the Menominee Historical Museum, now is your chance! It is a wonderful museum. If you have any interest in the history of the area, this may be the perfect volunteer opportunity for you! You can volunteer as much or as little as you like! You can be a substitute if you just want to try it out. If you have a friend who may be interested, you could do it together. It is a lot of fun!

If you would like to consider volunteering at the museum or would like more information, please email the curator (a GFWC Member) Abbey Hoijer at [abigail.hoijer@gmail.com](mailto:abigail.hoijer@gmail.com).

### **Public Policy & Legislation**

*Ruth Wesoloski, Chairperson*  
906-863-2232

### **From the GFWC Clubwoman Magazine, 2025 Winter Issue:**

#### **BILL SIGNED TO PLACE WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE NATIONAL MONUMENT ON NATIONAL MALL**

On January 4, 2025, President Joseph R. Biden Jr. signed the Women's Suffrage National Monument Location Act into law, authorizing the creation of the first monument dedicated to American women's history on the National Mall in Washington, D.C.

#### **From the GFWC**

#### **Legislation/Public Policy Newsletter, January 2025:**

WOW! EXCITING NEWS! GFWC clubwomen have answered the call working to "Raise Our United Voices"! Just in are the statistics for registration in the Legislative Action Center (LAC). You will remember that there has been a continued request to register members to increase GFWC's impact on issues supported by the GFWC Resolutions. And you answered!

Just a reminder that you can sign up in the Legislative Action Center by going to our GFWC Menominee web site where there is a link to the national webpage.



### **Resurrection Food Pantry**

*Ruth Wesoloski, Liaison*  
906-863-2232

In the month of January our food pantry served 112 family units consisting of 188 adults and 85 children. This number included 18 new families. Our numbers have increased by almost 25% in the last two years.

If you know of anyone living in Menominee County who has food insecurity, please encourage them to contact us.

Our pantry is in the parish office area of Menominee's Resurrection Parish and is open Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays from 10AM – 1PM. Or they may call us at 906-863-3405, Ext. 6 at any time as there is voicemail.

We are always grateful for any donations, either monetary or non-perishable food items. Please contact me at 906-863-2232 if you have any questions.

### **Education and Libraries**

*Diane Shepard, Chairperson*  
920-606-9384

February was a fun month for the Ed/lib. We read to 4- & 5-year-olds, and we will organize the kids closet at Spies Library! Remember to shop at the book sale table!!!



Mrs. Shepard doing finger rhymes with the GSRP class at the former Central School.

### **Epsilon Sigma Omicron (ESO)**

*Karen Sutek, Chairperson*

920-676-3119

"A book is a gift you can open again and again." — Garrison Keillor

### **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!



### **Health and Wellness**

*Barbara Jones, Chairperson*  
312-858-0102

Members continue to enjoy the Walk and Talk meetings at Marinette REC Center on the third Fridays of the month at 9am. Please come and join us on 3/21. Also mark your calendars for 4/18 and 5/16. We look forward to seeing you then!

Feedback from samplings of Healthy Recipes at our general meetings has been very favorable. In addition to our tastings, all GFWC members are encouraged to bring a copy of their favorite healthy recipe to each meeting, and look at and photograph other great healthy recipes.

DID YOU KNOW? We have all heard about the amazing anti-inflammatory properties associated with pairing dark chocolate with red wine. Have you tried this combination? Well, here is another partnership that has been found to have even more health benefits: dark chocolate and tea. Both have anti-inflammatory features that can lower blood pressure, decrease the risk of cancer, and boost mood and focus. Of course, moderation is key!

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**American Red Cross Blood Drive**  
*Judy Bramschreiber, Coordinator*  
906-863-2052  
No Information

### **Environment**

If you are interested in chairing this CSP please contact Tina Porod 715-923-5991 or Donna Suchovsky 402-740-2271.

### **GFWC MI News to Know**



*Lucy Hermanson, Liaison*  
510-847-4401

Mark your calendar! Bay Cliff Day is scheduled for July 15, 2025. More information about donation items and carpooling will be available later in the spring or early summer.



### **Guiding Harbor**

*Ellen Wertepny, Liaison,*  
920-676-6223

If you would like to learn more about Guiding Harbor and this exciting project, please visit its website at <https://guidingharbor.org>