



Welcome New Members!

Gail Halmstad
Deborah Johnson
Ann Kaiser
Lee Caraher
Lesley Frederikson

New Lifetime Member

Tess Goodwin

Dates for your Calendar:

Book Club

Monday, September 30
Don't Call Me Crazy
By: Kelly Jensen
4:00 - 5:00 p.m.
The Goat Coffee House

Monday, October 28
Dear George, Dear Mary
By: Mary Calvi
4:00 - 5:00 PM
The Goat Coffee House

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Fall Education Event

We had a tremendous Fall Education Event this past week. The presentation was extremely eye-opening and provided a great deal of information about the drug epidemic right here in our community. Special thank you to our panelists: Sergeant Andy Falk, Dr. Amy Ludwikowski, Dr. Jennifer Eddy and Sarah Ferber.

Officer Ian O'Connell and his K9 partner, Jake, as well as Officer Austin Summers and his K9 partner, Manso, demonstrated how the dogs work in the field to locate drugs and keep us safe.

Our panel encouraged us to read the book *Lost Connections* by Johann Hari. The book discusses the commonalities that addicts share, including lack of connection, absence of love and bonding, and mental health instability.

We collected over \$670 in donations for the ECPD K9 Fund. The police department relies on community donations for the K9 program, so these dollars will be put to great use.

Special thanks to our Education Team for all of their work in planning the events of the evening, and thank you to all who attended.

Annual Meeting

Please be sure to mark your calendar for our Women's Giving Circle Annual Meeting, Monday, November 4th at 5:30 p.m. at the Eau Claire Golf and Country Club. The social hour will start at 4:30 p.m. We will be voting on our 2019 grant recipients and our 2020 slate of officers.

Book Club Dates

(continued):

Monday, November 25
Where the Crawdads Sing
By: Delia Owens
4:00 - 5:00 p.m.
The Goat Coffee House

Monday, January 27
*Through Rose Colored Glasses –
Katrinka's Memoir*
By: Katrinka Bourne
4:00 - 5:00 p.m.
The Goat Coffee House

Monday, February 24
*Born with Wings: The Spiritual
Journey of a Modern Muslim
Woman*
By: Daisy Khan
4:00 - 5:00 p.m.
The Goat Coffee House

Dates for your Calendar

November 4, 2019
Annual Meeting
Eau Claire Golf & Country Club

We will review highlights of the year from each of our committees, vote on our grant recipients and discuss any other business that needs attention.

December 4, 2019
Gift of Giving Breakfast
Florian Gardens

Our grant recipients will receive their funding checks and share information about their organizations.

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Did You Know?

Alcohol was a factor in almost **40% of fatal car crashes** in Eau Claire County in 2018 (compared to 30% nationwide).

In 2018, **9 people died and 32 people were hospitalized because of opiates** like heroin or fentanyl. This is the highest number we have ever experienced in Eau Claire County.

Did you know about **185 people die every year from drugs or alcohol** in Eau Claire County, which is significantly higher than the rest of the state?

Are you interested in getting more involved?

Please consider joining one of our teams in 2020 so you can get more involved in the Women's Giving Circle. If you are interested, please email Tracey Smiskey at tsmiskey@northwesternbank.com

- Grants Team – Manages the process for selecting grantee organizations each year by developing timelines, overseeing the request for proposals process, and reviewing and evaluating the grant proposals.
- Education and Programs Team - Plans programs, creates educational opportunities, and provides speakers to be resources for members to learn about issues affecting women and children in the Eau Claire area.
- Membership Team – Works to increase and retain membership, provides information to prospective members, and welcomes new members.
- Social Media Team – Takes photos, creates written content and schedules posts for social media websites.

Many thanks for your support!

Tracey Smiskey, Chair
Women's Giving Circle

