

## Welcome

### New Members!

Lauren Otto  
Brenda Johnson  
Kate Gillett  
Rebecca Cooke  
Sarah Fabiny

### Dates for your Calendar:

#### Spring Gathering

May 4th  
EC Golf & Country Club

#### Fall Education Event

TBD  
Location to be determined

#### WGC Annual Meeting

November 10<sup>th</sup>  
EC Golf & Country Club

#### Gift of Giving Breakfast

December 2<sup>nd</sup>  
The Florian Gardens

#### Book Club

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

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*2019 Merry Mingle: Thank you, Carol Gabler, for hosting!*

## Cheers to 2020

We are getting off to a wonderful start....

**Our Legacy** -- The mission of the WGC is to improve the quality of life for women and children in the greater Eau Claire area through collective philanthropy.

**Gatherings** – Like minded women building continuity and networking. Watch for updates by our Social Media and Membership Teams on upcoming social gatherings. Friend us on Facebook.

**Membership** – At the end of 2019 we had 281 WGC Members

Membership donations are key to the success of the WGC. Any amount is appreciated, but the Circle requests a donation of \$250 or more to be a voting member. Donations are distributed 50% to the WGC Endowment Fund, 45% to the WGC Grants Fund and 5% to the ECCF Operations Fund. We greatly appreciate your membership every year! The difference you make in the quality of life for women and children will continue forever.

Our theme for this year is **“We are not one without you”!**

## A Bit of History

In 2006, a small group of women came together to discuss the idea of creating a Women's Giving Circle in the Eau Claire community. These women wanted to establish a collaborative effort in which women could work together, gather contributions, educate members about the power of collective philanthropy, and provide opportunities for hands on involvement in awarding grants and making social investments that address the needs of women and children. With this mission in mind, the Women's Giving Circle, a fund of the Eau Claire Community Foundation, was formed. In 2007, the WGC had 108 members and were able to provide grants to 4 local organizations for a total of \$10,000.

*Welcome to our new  
2020 Officers!*

*Chair — Sue Tienor*

*Vice Chair — Jennifer McDonough*

*Secretary — Becky Schweinfus*

*Education Team*

*Chair — Sara Antonson*

*Co-Chair — Sandi Polzin*

*Grant Team*

*Chair — Diane Hoadley*

*Co-Chair — Jennifer Beckermann*

*Membership*

*Chair — Lacey Logslett*

*Co-Chair — Cindy Hangartner*

*Social Media*

*Chair — Teri-Gene Conlin*

*Co-Chair — Emily Conlin*

*Thank you to the 2019  
Circle Advisory Team for  
a great year!*

## *Our Grantees are Very Grateful,*

Here are some comments we received in *Thank You notes* from our grantees:

- “This financial award will help us to serve our economically disadvantaged.”
- “Your investment goes toward strengthening our community by supporting and empowering women.”
- “Our work would not be possible without dedicated support like yours.”
- “I am proud that Eau Claire has an organization like the Women’s Giving Circle; allowing us all to rise together.”
- “I’m excited to be a part of the magic you are making in the Valley”
- “Thank you for giving the Power of Moments... That’s why this holiday season, we’re grateful for you.”
- “Thank you, again, for your gift! We promise to send pictures with our final report!”
- “Your investment in our organization’s mission is incredibly appreciated.”
- “I am so moved when I attend a WGC event and hear about all the amazing work that is being done in our community in support of women and children.”



**Thank you to the WGC members for your help in making this happen!**

**Sue Tienor, Chair**



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