

Circle News

February 2021

Our 2021 CATEam in Action



Chair - Jennifer McDonough

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Education Chair - Ann Lamoureux

Co-Chair - Petey Ahneman

Grants Chair - Diane Hoadley

Co-Chair - Jennifer Beckermann (not pictured)

Membership Chair - Cindy Hangartner

Co-Chair - Ami Christensen

Social Media Chair - Lacey Logslett

Co-Chair - Theresa O'Neel (not pictured)

Eau Claire Community Foundation Representative - Erin Dayton

Upcoming Women's Giving Circle Events

March 8th 6:00-7:30 The Education team will be presenting a virtual Event, "Navigating Mental Health Challenges - During COVID-19". [Click Here to Register](#).

Speakers: **Laura Baalrud** - Outreach Facilitator in Community Health for HSHS Sacred Heart and St. Joseph's Hospitals. **Jackie Bachmeier** - Philanthropy Specialist for HSHS Sacred Heart and St. Joseph's Hospitals and **Corina Fisher** - Licensed Clinical Social Worker with Prevea Health.

Thank you to our sponsors: **Frandsen Bank & Trust**, a sponsor/supporter of the WGC educational event for many years; **The ZANIYA Center**, "We believe that if the body is in harmony, we live a happier, healthier life"; **Anonymous Donors**. Thank you to our Speaker Sponsors HSHS Sacred Heart St. Joseph's and Prevea Health.

April 12th The Education Team will be presenting as a complement to their March event, "QPR - Question, Persuade, Refer - Suicide Prevention". A free virtual outreach training sponsored by HSHS Sacred Heart and St. Joseph's. Available to anyone in our community, not just WGC members. Please mark your calendar and share the word. Registration information will be available soon.

May 3rd The Women's Giving Circle Annual Spring Gathering will take place virtually. Again, please mark your calendar. Registration information will be available soon.

Thank you to our Gold Sponsor- **Becky Schweinefus - Re/Max Realty**.

And, An On Going Volunteer Opportunity from, our Women's Giving Circle Co-Chair and CEO of the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Greater Chippewa Valley, Ann Kaiser.

Be a kid again! Women's Giving Circle has a hands-on volunteer opportunity for you. Boys & Girls Clubs Lee & Mary Markquart Center needs help to assemble fun, interactive project kits for Club kids to use during programming. The project will take

place on Wednesday's when there are no kids in the Club. It will be held at 1005 Oxford Avenue in Eau Claire, in our large conference room where volunteers will be socially distanced, and everyone will be wearing masks. The task can be done in a 2- or 4-hour time session. If you are interested, please email Ann Kaiser at, AKaiser@cvclubs.org with your name, phone, email, and your preference of:

- 2-hour session
- Morning
- 4-hour session
- Afternoon
- Early evening / after workday

Reminders

- If you have not made your Annual Contribution to the Women's Giving Circle, please make that today at eccfwi.org! The Women's Giving Circle thanks you and our local non-profits thank you too! As always, we welcome you to invite your family, friends, and co-workers to join our group as well!
- Our Teams would love to have you! The Membership and Social Media Teams are looking for additional members. If you have interest and/or talent, in either of those areas, please contact Jennifer McDonough jamcd4@yahoo.com for more information.
- Book Club 4:00-5:00 p.m. Contact Rebecca White Body at grants@eccfwi.org to get a zoom link. Upcoming reads:
 - o March 29 - "A Woman of No Importance", by Sonia Purnell
 - o April 26 - "Dare to Lead", by Brené Brown
 - o May 24 - "A Week in Winter", by Maeve Binchy
 - o June 28 - "Mother Road" by Dorothy Garlock

Grants News

The grant cycle for the 2021 grants is well underway. Every year the Grants Team takes feedback from the reviewers and uses those suggestions to improve the granting process. This year the team is looking at some updates to the grant guidelines and the guidelines provided to the reviewers and to the applicants. Those updates will be finalized prior to the April 1st date when applicants can begin working on their grant

applications. The grant application window closes July 1st. Please encourage worthy non-profit organizations, that have projects supporting women and/or children (18 years and younger) in the Eau Claire area, to consider applying for a grant to support that project.

Welcome to our Newest Circle Members -

Emily Anderson - writes books for Children and young adults, including books used in schools, and teaches in the Honors program at UWEC. She is inspired by women leaders throughout history and by many women leaders working for the good of the community in Eau Claire. She looks forward to collaborating with members of WGC to support women and Children in the Chippewa Valley. She has served on the Eau Claire City Council since 2018 and is also the Vice President of the Eau Claire Public Arts Council.

Jerilyn Jacobs - is an employment and school law attorney with Crivello Carlson, S.C. For the past two decades, she has represented private and public employers in federal and state court matters involving claims of discrimination, harassment, First Amendment rights, and wage and hour violations. She also advises employers on best practices, drafts and updates employee handbooks, conducts internal investigations, and provides on-site employee training and seminars. She states that a favorite part of her practice is representing school districts throughout Western Wisconsin by providing advice on issues relating to students, operations, and employment.

!!!!Welcome Emily and Jerilyn!!!!

Thank You!

Thank all of you for attending our Decadent Delight Membership Event! Thank you to Rebecca Flynn, of Sweet Driver Chocolates, for hand crafting such beautiful and delicious chocolates for our Decadent Delight virtual Membership Event on February 16th. And, Thank you to Cindy Hangartner and Ami Christenson, of our Membership Team and Ann Kaiser, our Circle Team Co-Chair for putting the event together. It truly was "delightful"!

Sponsorship Updates

We are currently looking for sponsor for our events, we have Gold (\$500) and Silver (\$250) levels available. Contact Erin Dayton at the foundation to learn more about the Sponsorships at office@eccfwi.org

If you would like to contribute to a specific event or host an informal event, contact Erin, office@eccfwi.org to make those arrangements. If making an additional donation than your Annual Contribution, please make a note in the comment line.

Did you know?

Checkout our Facebook page! "Women's Giving Circle - Greater Eau Claire". According to "Audience Insights", those who have include:



Audience Insights

Top Locations
People who like your Page are in these locations. These numbers are estimates.

Cities	Countries
Eau Claire, WI	257
Chippewa Falls, WI	20
Altoona, WI	20
Fall Creek, WI	6
Colfax, WI	4
Menomonie, WI	4
Stanley, WI	3
Cadott, WI	3
Augusta, WI	3
Elk Mound, WI	3

We would love to expand this demographic!



Way to Go Ladies

At the recent Eau Claire Chamber 106th Annual Meeting - "Eau What a Night", some of our members received some pretty special recognition!

Congratulations to **Tracey Smiskey** - Northwestern Bank, past Circle Advisory Team Chair, on receiving "The Woman of Achievement" Award! Wow, wow, wow - Excellent!

Congratulations to **Marianne Klinkhammer** - Eau Claire Chamber Ambassador, past Circle Advisory Team Chair. Marianne has received the "Ambassador of the Year" Award so many times in the past, they renamed the Award to "The Glassbrenner-Klinkhammer Spirit" Award! So well deserved!

Additionally, both **Lacey Logslett** and **Laura Talley** represented BMO Harris Bank in the BMO Video! Nicely done!

Apologies if there were others of you that I missed that evening and have not recognized!

Mark Your Calendars

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May 3rd - Our Annual Spring Gathering will be held virtually

November 2nd - The Women's Giving Circle Annual Meeting will be held "in-person"

December 1st - The Gift of Giving Breakfast will be held "in-person"

Thank you for joining in our Mission to Improve the Quality of Life for Women and Children in the Greater Eau Claire Area through Collective Philanthropy! Jennifer McDonough, WGC Chair