

EAU CLAIRE COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION

Women's Giving Circle

NEWSLETTER
August 2023

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

 Thursday, September 14

Fall Into Membership Luncheon

Social Event at Trinity Lutheran
Church, Members & Guests, 11:30-
1:00pm Please RSVP [here](#).

Thank you to our sponsors! Nicolet
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 Tuesday, October 10

Eau Claire Community Foundation Autumn Social & Annual Meeting

Held at Florian Gardens for ECCF &
WGC Members, 4:30-8:00pm. Please
RSVP [here](#).

If you plan to attend this event, we
will try to gather to take a photo of
WGC members. Watch for directions!

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IT TAKES A VILLAGE

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has.”

~Margaret Mead

In my current season, I’ve been learning what this phrase is all about. Most of the time, I can get things done single-handedly. But those times when I have someone to help me, it makes a world of difference! Whatever I’m working on becomes easier, gets done quicker, and is more enjoyable. This rings true for the Women’s Giving Circle as well. Over time, our roles and involvement may change; however, our collective contributions continue to impact our community in many ways. We are stronger together!

Thank you for your patience as I navigate motherhood and try to balance all of the things. It is greatly appreciated. I’m honored to be part of this Circle and amongst strong, intelligent, and generous women!

Lacey Logslett, Women’s Giving Circle Chair for 2023

• Welcome!

Lifetime Members

Jeanne Foust, Kay Magadance

New Members

Terry Winter, Debra Barker,
Jennifer Klein, Trang (Kitty)
Nguyen, Colleen Bates, Mary Ann
Hardebeck, Marilyn Hagen, and
Rachel Franke, Jan Marie
Otterholt

We continue to look for 2023
members!



JOIN THE WGC BOOK CLUB

The WGC Book Club has been meeting for over 9 years and is always welcoming new participants. Book Club typically meets from 4:00-5:00pm on the last Monday of the month at the L.E. Phillips Senior Center & on Zoom. Discussion leaders will host each session. If you’re interested in joining, contact Kathie Schneider at schneiks@uwec.edu for more information.

August 28, 2023

River of the Gods by Candice Millard
Discussion Leader: Amy

September 25, 2023

Beautiful Country by Qian Julie Wang
Discussion Leader: Rebecca

October 30, 2023

The Cotillion Brigade by Glen Craney
Discussion Leader: LuAnn



Jane Gobler & 4 of her 10 guests at the Wine, Women & Chocolate event held at K-Point Brewing / Coffee Grounds on Monday, June 19.

Wine, Women, & Chocolate



CALLING ALL GUESTS!!

We held our Annual Wine, Women & Chocolate social at K-Point Brewery within The Coffee Grounds on Monday, June 19th. As you can see in the photo above, it was well attended! We had 77 people join us for the evening, with 24 of those people being Guests!! It is great to see the engagement between our Members & interested Guests! Wine & chocolate was enjoyed, as we got to know one another & learned

about how to join resources through the WGC to give back more abundantly to the women and children in our community.

The Membership Team challenged Members to widen their Circles and invite Guests. The Member who invited the most guests won a bottle of wine. Jane Gobler won this challenge by inviting 10 Guests!!

Now that's making a difference!

- **Thank You to Our Sponsors!** Our event was sponsored by Martin Dental, The Coffee Grounds, JAMF & an anonymous donor. We appreciate their support for our events. If you visit one of these businesses or know someone on their teams, please pass on our thanks!

By growing membership, we grow impact. We would like to celebrate our current members and share. So, how about **asking a friend to join you** at the next WGC event you attend to introduce them to the purpose, activities and faces of WGC?



UPCOMING EVENTS

We have a lot of fun events coming up for our Membership, and new Guests too! I hope you're able to join us and have an opportunity to get to know others in our Circle!!

- Join us at the **Fall Into Membership luncheon** on **Thursday, September 14!**

The Membership Team has coordinated a luncheon next month. We will come together in a circle for a fun activity to learn and appreciate the impact the WGC makes on our wider community circle! Our WGC members, Sue Edstrom & Sue McIntyre, will use their wonderful past experiences to facilitate this event. Lunch will be catered by The French Press. The event will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church, in the Trinity Room, located at **1314 East Lexington Boulevard, Eau Claire, WI 54701**. This is an event for Members & Guests. Door prize: *The Circle Way* by Christina Baldwin. Please invite a Friend to attend with you! [REGISTER HERE](#) by September 6th.



- Check out the **ECCF Autumn Social & Annual Meeting**

The Eau Claire Community Foundation will hold their annual event at the Florian Gardens on **Tuesday, October 10**. All ECCF & WGC Members are invited to attend. The event will begin at 4:30pm and end around 8:00pm.



- **WGC Social:** See Grant Dollars in Action at the **Chippewa Valley Museum!**

On **Thursday, September 28**, the Chippewa Valley Museum (CVM) would like to host the WGC for a Grand Opening of their "Have You Heard?" Object Theater project. The theatre can accommodate appx. 25 people at a time. Members & Guests can mingle in the reception area. The event will be held from 5:30–8:30pm at **1204 E Half Moon Dr, Eau Claire, WI 54703**.

In 2020, CVM received a \$6,000 grant for "Music of the North Object Theatre Production." According to their application, it aims to explore music in everyday life and will be shown in a renovated Farmhouse Theater. The show provides a cross-disciplinary approach to teaching local history and culture, allowing children to see themselves and their traditions as part of this community. It helps to build students' understanding of the region's diversity and music culture.



Annual Meeting – Save The Date!

Our Annual Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, November 7th** this year. Registration & a Social Hour will begin at 4:30pm. This event is for Members only since we will be voting on 2024 Grants. We will be holding the event at **Wild Ridge Golf & Event Center** (3647 Kane Road, Eau Claire, WI 54703). Watch your email and social media for more details in the coming months!



MEMBERSHIP & SOCIAL MEDIA TEAMS CONTINUE TO REACH OUT

As you have seen in this Newsletter, on our Facebook page, and now our LinkedIn page, we have been **BUSY!!** The Membership & Social Media teams have collaborated on many of our events to reengage with our members, highlight upcoming events, and reach out to Prospective Members.

In 2023, WGC has big plans to increase its impact. Here's how you can help!

- By growing membership, we grow impact. We would like to celebrate our current members and share. So, how about **asking a friend to join you** at the next WGC event you attend to introduce them to the purpose, activities and faces of WGC!
- One of our goals this year is to increase connection within our Membership. We hope to do this by highlighting members in our newsletter and on our social media pages. If the Social Media Team reaches out to you, please be sure to **connect with them!**
- Social media is a great way to stay up to date on WGC happenings, and to share the good word about the good work. It will also help remind you of upcoming events and socials. Please **LIKE & FOLLOW Women's Giving Circle – Greater Eau Claire** on [Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#).



GRANT REVIEWERS, WE'RE LOOKING FOR YOU!

The 2023 grant applications have been received! The Preliminary Review took place on July 19th. Now, the grants will be sent to our Grant Reviewers (Members only, with current dues paid) for review and scoring. If you would like to be a Reviewer or have been in the past and are interested again, please reach out to Liz Spencer, Grant Team Chair or email office@eccfwi.org.

- **Grant Reviewer Training Sessions** will be held on **Tuesday, August 22 at 12:00pm** and **Wednesday, August 23 at 3:00pm**. Sessions are held at the Eau Claire Community Foundation office.
- Reviewers can access grants for scoring on **Monday, August 28**. The Review Discussion will be held on **Monday, September 11 at 3:00pm** at the ECCF office. A social will follow at The District (101 Graham Ave, Eau Claire, WI 54701).
- **Cycle of a WGC Grant Application:**
 - April: Grant application opens on ECCF website
 - June: Grant application submission deadline
 - July: Preliminary Review
 - August: Grant Reviewer Training Sessions & Scoring tool opens
 - Sept: Final Review Discussion & scoring is locked
 - October: Grants Team presents applications to Circle Advisory Team (CAT); CAT reviews & recommends grants; ECCF Board of Trustees approves recommendation
 - November: Final review & approval by WGC Members
 - December: Checks awarded to Grant recipients at Gift of Giving Breakfast



Jennifer Beckermann, Vice Chair; Ann Kaiser, Past Chair; Lacey Logslett, Chair; Jennifer McDonough, Past Past Chair at the 2022 Annual Meeting



ONE LAST THING ...

- 2023 Membership Dues
 - Due in August for all Grant Reviewers
 - Due before Annual Meeting (Tuesday, November 7) for all voting Members
- Please continue to give us feedback! We would like to hear from you about all the WGC things you love, the WGC things you would like to change, and new ideas for WGC all around! Let us know if you have ideas for: Events! Venues! Sponsors! Activities!
- We're looking for more Members to join our Teams. If you or someone you know is interested, please reach out to one of our CAT Members below!
- 2023 Circle Advisory Team:
 - Lacey Logslett, Chair • Jennifer Beckermann, Vice Chair
 - Amy Kalmon, Secretary • Ann Kaiser, Past Chair
 - Education: Dawn Yarrington, Chair • Katie Marach, Co-chair
 - Grants: Liz Spencer, Chair • Cheri Weinke, Co-chair
 - Membership: Carol Gabler, Chair • Karen Kohler, Co-chair
 - Social Media: Carla Leuck, Chair • Connie Harkness, Co-chair

Impacting the Lives of Women & Children



SO. MUCH. PROGRESS!!

We're already halfway through the calendar year & just getting started on another grant cycle! Grant applications for our 16th Year have been received & will be reviewed in September. Our Circle Advisory Team continues to work on new opportunities for our Members & Prospective Members. We hope to see you at one of our next events!!

- Current membership totals 255 Members

The Women's Giving Circle fund was established in 2007, more than \$450,000 in grants have been awarded to impact the lives of women and children in the Eau Claire area, with \$49,600 awarded in 2022. And to ensure grant funding is sustainable into the future, the endowment fund has grown to over \$600,000.

Now that's making a difference!



CAPTION: Elaine Olson, Jeanie Lubinsky, Pat Lucore, Ann Julsrud, Lesley Frederikson, and Judy Wood at Wine, Women & Chocolate



CAPTION: Colleen Bates and Nancy Coffey at Wine, Women & Chocolate