

Women's Giving Circle

A Fund of the **Eau Claire Community Foundation**

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." When you look up the definition of collective you'll read, "characteristics of a group of individuals taken together." Philanthropy is defined as "love of humanity" and "generosity in all its forms." Our circle began in 2006 when a group of women came together and combined their generosity and formed our endowment. By 2007, they had 110 members and granted a total of \$10,000. Last year, we had 262 members and granted \$41,300! The power of collective philanthropy!

Mark Your Calendars



Spring Gathering - May 13th

Wine, Women & Chocolate - June 18th

Annual Meeting - November 4th

Gift of Giving Breakfast - December 3rd



CALLING ALL GRANT REVIEWERS!

If you are interested in working with the Grants Team to review and score the applications from area non-profits, they have training and review information to pass along: First-time reviewers or those new to the online format, must attend one of two training sessions. The dates are Wednesday, July 17th 1-2:30 or Tuesday, July 23rd 3-4:30. Returning reviewers are invited to join as a refresher if desired. The actual scoring will be done online during the month of August.

If you would like to participate in this year's process, please contact:

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

Carrie Ronnander
Tiffany Leighton-Giffey
Boshra Al ibraheem
Teena Dressen
Ginger Hooper



Endowment Moment - Annual Contributions

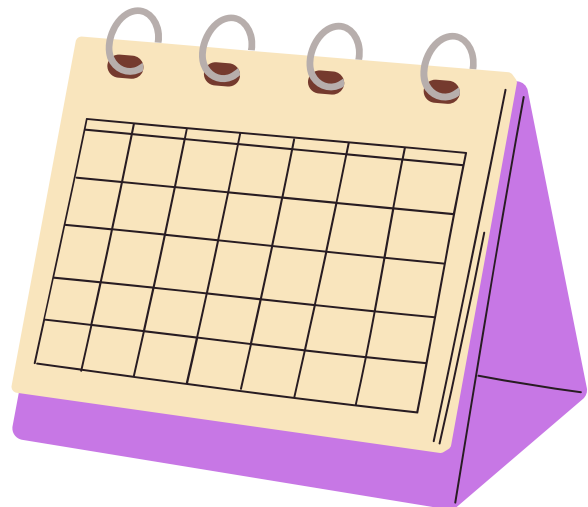
Ever wonder when to make your annual WGC contribution? If you are on the Circle Advisory Team (CAT) your contribution is due in January. (There are decisions/votes made at the planning meeting early in the year).

If you want to be a Grant Reviewer in 2024, we recommend you make your annual contribution by July 1st. (We want you to be an engaged member that scores the applications).

If you are attending the Annual Meeting and would like to vote on grant recipients as well as changes to the Operating Guidelines, your contribution is due November 1st.

We are looking into streamlining our donation process to clear up any confusion. More news to come...

We are a unique philanthropic organization. We don't pay dues (so no billing statements), but we do make a **minimum** annual contribution of \$250. These donations become the funds for the future year's grants as well as keep our endowment healthy for future years of giving.



Team Highlight - Education Team

The Education Team has been hard at work planning the Spring Gathering set for May 13th at The Brewing Projekt. They have coordinated with the non-profits that will be sharing their stories as well as planning great food choices for the event. This team also works on planning the Education Event which is set to occur later this Fall. The team plans the program and provides resources for the WGC membership as well as the community at large. They are tasked with finding speakers, venues and the food for the event. The Education Event is open to the general public and is a great opportunity for the WGC to share its mission of collective philanthropy for women and children. Thank you Education Team!



Recent Education Team meeting to discuss last minute details for the Spring Gathering.



Puddle Jump 2024

Saturday, April 20th a group of WGC members participated in the Jeannie Richie Memorial Puddle Jump for the third time. We were able to snap a photo with the duck mascot! The sign attracted interest in the WGC and we were able to share our mission with a few other participants. Thanks to Lesley Frederikson for coordinating!

More ways to be together

Book Club - The WGC Book Club meets on the dates listed from 4-5pm at the LE Phillips Senior Center.



Monday, May 20th
Book: "Hidden in the Pines" by Victoria Houston
Discussion Leader: Sherry

Monday, June 24th
Book: "The Paris Daughter" by Kristin Harmel
Discussion Leader: LuAnn

Monday, July 29th
Book: "The Guernsey Literary & Potato Peel Pie Society" by Mary Ann Shaffer & Annie Barrows
Discussion Leader: Laurel

"Today a reader, tomorrow a leader." – Margaret Fuller

Last Thoughts

Mother's Day means different things to all of us. I saw a quote that said, "a mother's love doesn't always come from being related; it comes from caring for someone." We as WGC members show love to our community by the grants we deliver each year.

If there's a woman in your life that's like a mother or daughter to you, tell her about the WGC! (You might end up in the next newsletter like my mom)...

Welcome to the WGC Mom!



Jennifer Beckermann (WGC Chair) and her mom/new member Teena Dressen

STAYING CONNECTED:

