

Women's Giving Circle

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Happy December!

This year has flown by for me. As you may have noticed, we began making some changes to our annual events. If you ask my kids they'll tell you, "mom doesn't like change." It's hard, and you're not sure how things will work out in the end. Even though things might look different next year, some things will stay the same. We are a collective philanthropy group which supports programs for women and children here in Eau Claire County. Our non-profits will continue to tell us their stories during the year and we will continue to gather as a group for fun events. Watch the newsletter and emails next year to see how we will continue to grow and support our community.

Thank you so much - Jennifer Beckermann, Chair



A special thank you and goodbye to Lacey Logslett. She has served on CAT for about 8 years between her time as a chair for the Membership Team and as Vice Chair and Chair for CAT. Thank you for all your hard work and dedication!!

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ANNUAL MEETING RECAP

In November, all current members were invited to attend the Annual Meeting. This year we had a lot of work to accomplish. We elected a new slate of officers, voted to accept the 11 grant recipients, and updated the Operating Guidelines.

Since we had so much work to finalize that evening, various meetings and newsletters were sent ahead of time to keep membership up to date about the "behind the scenes" work. The program that evening listed all the grant recipients as well as the slate of officers as a review. If you would like any of this information, please let us know and we'll get you a copy!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

Sue Bornick
Glenna Mowry

Welcome New Lifetime Members

Ann Heywood
Nancy Coffey

Betsy McDougall Gibbs



Endowment Moment

At the beginning of December, a letter was sent to all the members explaining how we would like to streamline operations. **Every one** of our members plays a vital role in promoting our mission. If you are a current member, consider making your donation earlier in the year to help us plan more effectively. Lifetime Members, you have made your contributions! We're sorry if the letter was confusing/upsetting. It's important to us that *all* our members stay in the loop about what's happening with the WGC and didn't want to exclude anyone from our messaging.



Current and incoming CATeam

GIFT OF GIVING

This event is the highlight of our organization. We were able to fund 11 grant proposals this year! We heard from 5 of the programs this year and next year (2025) the final 6 will report back on how they used their WGC grant. Our 11 recipients this year are: Altoona Boys & Girls Club, Big Brothers Big Sisters of NW WI, Children's Museum, Chippewa Valley Free Clinic, Chippewa Valley Museum, Feed My People, Friends of the LE Phillips Library, Girls on the Run, Junior Achievement, Literacy Chippewa Valley, and Prevent Blindness WI.



More ways to be together

BOOK CLUB

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

Reach out to Kathie Schneider for the virtual option: schneiks@uwec.edu



"Some books are so familiar that reading them is like being home again."
Louisa May Alcott, *Little Women*

Monday, January 27, 2025

Book: A Council of Dolls by Mona Susan Power
Discussion Leader: Kathie

Monday, February 24, 2025

Book: The Hazelbourne Ladies Motorcycle and Flying Club by Helen Simonson
Discussion Leader: Marilyn

"This book club is special because it's filled with bright caring women and it exposes me to books in genres like historical fiction that I don't normally read". Kathie Schneider

"We read books by a variety of women authors or books on topics related to women. The club has broadened the genres that I read". Sherry Macaul



MERRY MINGLE

A special thank you to Carol Gabler and Sue McIntyre for hosting this year's mingle. What a great way to end the year - celebrating old and new friendships! Carol and Sue - you two are wonderful examples of the Women's Giving Circle!



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