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Message from Angela, WGC Chair

The Women's Giving Circle is in full **Grants Review** mode! We're so grateful to all of you who are taking the time to thoughtfully review this year's applications.

As we continue conversations about what it means to be a WGC member, one question that comes up often is: How long does my membership last?

- Lifetime Members remain members indefinitely—no renewal needed.
- Annual Members renew their membership each calendar year. However, those who contribute during a given year are also invited to events held into the following year.

The two most important reasons to renew each year are:

1. To ensure your eligibility to vote at the Annual Meeting, and
2. To contribute to the upcoming Grant Cycle, helping shape the impact we make together.

Thank you for being part of this incredible community!

Angela

AUGUST 2025 NEWSLETTER



Aug. 20: Ice Cream Social Pop-UP
Chippewa Valley Museum 5-7pm

Oct. 7: Cybersecurity and Scam
Safety Education Event
Pablo Center, Clearwater Room
4-6pm

Nov. 3: Annual Meeting 4:30-7pm
Wild Ridge Golf Course

Dec. 2: Gift of Giving Breakfast
8-9:30am Florian Gardens

MAKE YOUR 2025 CONTRIBUTION



2024 Contributing member count:
235

2025 Contributing member count
to date: 236

Join Us for the Ice Cream Social Pop-Up at the Chippewa Valley Museum

Come celebrate local history and your community impact as the museum shares how four previous WGC grants have helped enhance its exhibits and programs. Enjoy a guided tour, participate in a scavenger hunt, and of course—treat yourself to some delicious ice cream!

AUGUST 20, 5-7 PM
1204 E HALF MOON DRIVE
CARSON PARK IN EAU CLAIRE

REGISTER BY AUGUST 13 TO
RESERVE YOUR SPOT



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Katie Hulbert
Reba Rice
Joan Benjamin
Hannah Hidaka



WINE, WOMEN, AND CHOCOLATE

We had 88 members and guests attend this event on July 23. We are so grateful to 2Roots for hosting such a well attended event.



✧ Book Club ✧

The WGC Book Club meets most months from 4 to 5 p.m. at the L.E. Philips Senior Center. Reach out to Kathie Schneider for the virtual option: schneiks@uwec.edu

UPCOMING BOOKS

Aug. 25:

“Saving Fish from Drowning”
by Amy Tan

Sept. 29:

“The Frozen River”
by Ariel Lawhon

Oct. 27:

“Dearest Friend: A Life of Abigail Adams”
by Lynne Withey

social media committee

After serving as member, co-chair, chair and member again ... and posting lots of social media content, Carla Lueck has decided to step away from the Social Media Committee. We will miss her ideas, creativity and attention to detail and thank her for sharing her talent and time.

If you are interested in joining the Social Media Committee, please email office@eccfwi.org.



TEAM HIGHLIGHT

EDUCATION TEAM

The Education Team is dedicated to addressing the educational needs of the members of the Women's Giving Circle and the community as a whole.

Our team is tasked with planning two impactful education events throughout the year, the Spring Gathering, as well as the fall education event.

"We understand that education is the cornerstone of personal and professional development, and by supporting educational initiatives, we are investing in the future of our community," said Chair Melanie Baumgart. If you are interested in joining the Education Team, please reach out by emailing office@eccfwi.org.

EDUCATION TEAM:

Melanie Baumgart - Chair

Patti Sontag - Co-Chair

Petey Ahneman

Betsy Barnes

Sherry Crane

Sue Edstrom

Rachel Franke

Mary Ann Hardebeck

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