

# Circle of Impact

A bi-monthly newsletter

Women's  
Giving Circle

A Fund of the Eau Claire Community Foundation



## Chair Message

Hello WGC Members!

Just as the trees and flowers are bursting forth this time of year, so do the member engagement opportunities for the Women's Giving Circle. I hope you will be able to participate in some or all the activities planned in the upcoming months.

Together they offer a chance for each of us to learn, meet new women and shape our WGC. Now that feels like the essence of Spring!

*Emily Moore*

## Future CAT leaders

Angela Quick is leading this year's nominating process for the 2027 Circle Advisory Team (CAT). Now is a great time to let her know of your interest in learning about serving on the CAT. We would also like to hear your recommendations of people you think should consider it. Angela can be reached at [angelamariequick@gmail.com](mailto:angelamariequick@gmail.com)

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Bring a  
GUEST

## Spring Gathering:

May 21, 4:30 - 7:00 p.m. Florian Gardens

MEMBERS  
ONLY



## Special Member Meeting:

May 27, from 4:00 – 5:30 p.m., Virtual via Teams

Bring a  
GUEST

## Wine, Women and Chocolate:

June 22, from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. at 2 Roots Art & Wine Gallery

MEMBERS  
ONLY



## Grant Reviewer Training:

July 15, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. and July 20, 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. Eau Claire Community Foundation Office

Bring a  
GUEST

## Education Event:

October 6, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. Brewing Projekt

MEMBERS  
ONLY



## Annual Meeting:

November 4, 4:30 - 7:00 p.m. Wild Ridge

Bring a  
GUEST

## Gift of Giving:

December 1, 8:00 - 9:30 a.m. Florian Gardens

Bring a  
GUEST

## Merry Mingle:

December 17, from 4:30 – 7:00 p.m. at Carol Gabler's house



## Follow WGC on Social Media and Become Part of Our Community!

By clicking that follow button, you'll be able to see the latest news, sneak previews, and exciting updates about our grant recipients. Click on the links below to go to our social media pages and stay informed about the most recent events.

Let's get social and keep those connections thriving!

Instagram



Facebook



LinkedIn



LET'S  
connect

## Spring Gathering

The Spring Gathering will take place on Thursday, **May 21**, at 4:30 p.m. at Florian Gardens. During the program, guest speaker Carrie Ronnander of the Chippewa Valley Museum will share her unique dual perspective as both a WGC member and nonprofit partner, highlighting how collective philanthropy creates meaningful impact right here in our community. You'll also hear brief updates from each team chair.

**Hello Adorn has generously donated two door prizes valued at \$300 each.**

All attendee will be entered to win.

You won't want to miss it!

Invitations were mailed in March. Please **RSVP** by mail or online using the QR code by **May 11**.



Chance to win two beautiful gift baskets from **Hello Adorn**.



*Please invite your friends. We'd love to see new faces!*

## Wine, Women & Chocolate



The ever-popular **Wine, Women & Chocolate** will be held Monday, **June 22**, from 5 to 7 p.m. at 2 Roots Art & Wine Gallery, 214 S. Barstow St., Eau Claire. Please join us for local wine, delicious chocolate and great conversation. We encourage you to bring a guest or two!

RSVP appreciated but not required.

Check out this [Wine, Women and Chocolate Event link](#) to learn more.

# Virtual Special Meeting

Every two years, the CATeam reviews WGC's Operating Guidelines and recommends revisions as needed. This year, members are invited to discuss the proposed revisions during a virtual meeting on **Wednesday, May 27, at 4 p.m.** After the ECCF Board of Trustees approves the proposed changes, they will be presented for a final vote by WGC membership at the WGC Annual Meeting in November.

We hope you will join us to share your input on proposed updates, including adding a treasurer position, clarifying the nominating process, updating how contributions are handled, and potentially removing the age limit for lifetime membership.



The meeting will be held virtually via Teams. If you plan to attend, please save the meeting information below or refer to your email.



Link to join virtual via Teams:

[Join Teams Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 269 196 460 062 40

Passcode: td6q2TF9

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## GRANT Spotlight

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### Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northwestern Wisconsin

Thanks to your support of the Women's Giving Circle, local youth experienced the joy of camp, many, for the very first time. A \$2,500 grant funded two seasonal camp outings at Our Nawakwa, bringing Bigs and Littles together for unforgettable experiences like canoeing, roasting marshmallows and winter snowshoeing.

For many participants, it was more than just a day at camp, it was a chance to relax, connect and create lasting memories. Several shared it was the most fun they've ever had. Your generosity is making moments like these possible.



# The WGC Grants Team is looking for more grant reviewers.

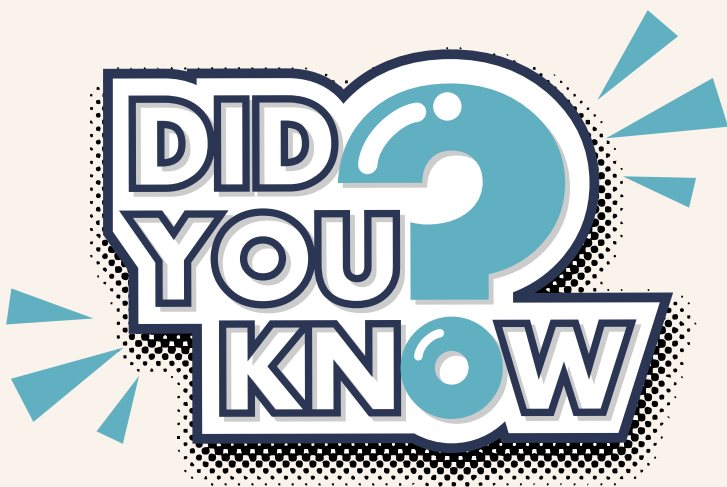
The Women's Giving Circle Grants Team invites you to join our grant application reviewers. Help us decide how our funds will be spent to support our local nonprofit organizations.

The grant reviewer training dates are set for Wednesday, July 15, 1-3 p.m. and Monday, July 20, 9-11 a.m. at the Eau Claire Community Foundation office (7 S Dewey St, Suite 200, Eau Claire, WI).



If you would like to participate, please contact Katie Lambert [lambertk21@gmail.com](mailto:lambertk21@gmail.com) or Mary Ann Ogan [maryann55@charter.net](mailto:maryann55@charter.net).

First-time grant reviewers and reviewers not trained for reviewing grant applications online **must** attend one of the two training sessions. Returning reviewers who would like a refresher session are welcome to attend as well. Reviewers will have a seven week window to complete the review process (July 21 through Sept. 11).



In 2007, 100 women came together to form the Women's Giving Circle. (Yes! Next year will be our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!) Since that time, the Women's Giving Circle has awarded more than \$600,000 in grants to local nonprofits. Let's keep it up!

# WGC Membership

Thank you to the 30 new members who have joined so far in 2026, as well as to all those who renewed their memberships! Members' contributions are what allow us to accomplish our mission of funding grants to nonprofits that benefit women and/or children. Clearly, we can't do it without you!

2025 Contributing Member Count: 259  
2026 Contributing Member Count to date: 226

SCAN QR CODE



*Need to make your 2026 Contribution?*

## Welcome New Members

Courtney Kanz  
Jane Wolf  
Amy Hahn  
Elina Lane

Sharon Stedman  
Sharyl Miller  
Nancy Lester  
Peggy Casper

## New Lifetime Member

Lisa Ausman

## Join the Membership Team

The Membership Team would love a couple more members who enjoy planning events and making connections with current and potential members. If you're interested, please contact Tiffany Leighton-Giffey ([tleightongiffey@gmail.com](mailto:tleightongiffey@gmail.com) or 651-357-3454) or Becky Wood ([biowood2@hotmail.com](mailto:biowood2@hotmail.com) or 715-450-1741).

# Book Club

Sherry Macaul and Kathie Schneider co-lead the book club at the L.E. Phillips Senior Center and welcome you to participate in the discussion any month you are available. Have questions or an idea for a book we should read and discuss in October? Contact Kathie Schneider at [schneiks@uwec.edu](mailto:schneiks@uwec.edu).

**Monday, April 27** – Discussion Leader: Kathie  
**Book Club for Troublesome Women** by Marie Bostwick

**Monday, May 18** – Discussion Leader: Judy  
**The Queens of Crime** by Marie Benedict

**Monday, June 29** – Discussion Leader: Sherry  
**Murder Takes a Vacation** by Laura Lippman

**Monday, July 27** – Discussion Leader: Laurel  
**The Correspondent** by Virginia Evans

**Monday, Aug. 31** – Discussion Leader: LuAnn  
**The Atomic City Girls** by Janet Beard

**Monday, Sept. 28** – Discussion Leader: Kathie  
**Tend to Your Spirit: Mindful Living with Chronic Illness** by Julianne Lepp

**Monday, Nov. 30**  
Select books for reading and discussion in 2027.



All meetings are from 4 to 5 p.m. at the L.E. Phillips Senior Center (1616 Bellinger St. Eau Claire).