



# THE WOMEN'S CLUBS OF ROLLING HILLS DISTRICT GFWC-WISCONSIN

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## Welcome from the President



Greetings from the Rolling Hills District of GFWC - Wisconsin! Good communication is key to a successful leader, and having just completed the LEADS (Leadership Education and Development Seminar) in Phoenix, Arizona at the GFWC

Convention, I am ready to serve as your newly elected and installed President.

My goals are simple while fulfilling my Presidential Term. First, I wish to **Stay Connected**. This means keeping you abreast of upcoming workshops, events, club news and best practices (including the ever-changing reporting requirements!) Second, my intention is to **Provide Guidance** in times of need. Over the next several months I plan to visit your club (Yes! I'm happy to say a few words if you'd like!) and address any needs you may have. For example, do you need to increase membership? I can share ideas on how to host a New Member Drive to increase your membership. Finally, my last goal is to **Serve Willingly**. Women's Club Members are a mighty force for the good, one of the most powerful in the world. Your influence ranges far beyond yourself and touches others throughout your communities and all around the globe. My intention is to encourage you to be the best you can be by providing small acts of service that lift and bless another. Whether that means writing a small note of thanks, congratulating you on your successes, or making a brief telephone call, I wish to be a good role model for you in every way possible by being a willing server as my role as President of the Rolling Hills District. Please feel free to contact me any time!  
Yours in Service, *Abby Lorenz*, Rolling Hills President

## Fall Workshop Invitation

Don't miss the GFWC-WI Fall Workshop! All members are encouraged to attend this educational workshop, not just leaders of your club. Trust me, you will come back energized and ready to tackle the world! It is motivating to meet other club women and see what clubs are doing to make a difference in their community. Ideas are shared on increasing membership, fundraising, International outreach, education and public affairs, just to name a few. Please mark your calendar for September 12-13, 2014. The workshop will be held at the Radisson Paper Valley Hotel in Appleton, WI. Simply go to the GFWC-WI website to download the Registration Form. The newly designed website is [www.gfwc-wi.org](http://www.gfwc-wi.org). Click on Upcoming Events. The cost is \$20 plus meals, however the Rolling Hills District Board of Directors has authorized a special incentive for you to attend! Please see below for more information. The Rolling Hills District will also host its District Meeting at the workshop on Saturday, September 13, at 12:00 noon. Please plan to attend this District Meeting to learn more about the clubs in our area. We will have a short agenda but it will be packed with valuable information to take back to your club. Come join us!

## Second Member Attends Free

In order to increase attendance at our upcoming Fall Workshop, the Rolling Hills District Board of Directors unanimously approved covering the registration fee (a \$20 value!) of a second Club Member to attend the Fall Workshop with a paid Club President or Officer. To be clear, this includes the \$20 Registration Fee only, not the meals which are optional. In order to take advantage of this special offer, the Club Officer and guest must both be registered by the deadline of August 29. Please contact our Rolling Hills District Treasurer, Susan Goldstone, at [svetrovsky@gmail.com](mailto:svetrovsky@gmail.com) or call her at 414-861-5447. Consider bringing your new club members!

## LEADS Report from Abby

What an honor it was to be selected to represent our State of Wisconsin at the LEADS (Leadership Education and Development Seminar) in Chandler, AZ in June at the 2014 GFWC Annual Convention. Right by my side the entire trip was Kristine Huss, former Rolling Hills District President. She took this photo of me the day of the LEADS Seminar. I was so excited to be there!



We enjoyed a visit to Butterfly Wonderland, an amazing museum with a live butterfly atrium, shopping, dining, and a fantastic State Dinner which featured a local Indian Tribal Dance Demonstration. Very fitting for Arizona!



*Kristine Huss, Woman's Club of Muskego*

The LEADS Seminar was excellent and featured several guest speakers who touched on a variety of topics such as writing tips, technology, Protocol and Parliamentary Procedures, presentation skills, facilitating and conflict resolution and more. It was a day I will not soon forget! One of the highlights for me personally was meeting our GFWC International President, Mary Ellen Laister. She was so poised and articulate. Truly a natural leader!



## Club News and Events

This summer the Woman's Club of Pewaukee had a table set up at Positively Pewaukee's Waterfront Festival, a free weekly concert series. As the featured nonprofit they promoted their club, encouraged signing up to win colorful plants, and provided membership information and brochures to women who attended the free concert.



*Past President Nancy Niedziela, Sherry Foyer and Abby Lorenz at Waterfront Wednesday.*

OCONOMOWOC WOMAN'S CLUB  
**SPRING into TRIVIA**  
 at the AMERICAN LEGION - OKAUCHEE  
 N50W W34760 WISCONSIN AVENUE

cash prizes  
 raffle

TABLES OF 6  
 \$10.00 a person

food & beverages available to purchase

**SATURDAY  
 APRIL 26TH**  
 Doors open  
 at 5:30  
 Games begin  
 7:00 pm

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 & for information contact  
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## Successful Trivia Event Held

The Oconomowoc Woman's Club hosted their first "Spring Into Trivia" fundraiser in April at the American Legion in Okauchee. A sample of their flyer is above. Pat Soefker stated, "We had a committee who went to a Trivia Night in our area observe and played with them. Then our committee planned our whole event, never realizing what a great time everyone would have. Our first event we cleared \$5,000. We were asked if we would have it every month. What a committee we had!" Congratulations on a successful Trivia event, Oconomowoc.

## New Junior Club in Pewaukee

Congratulations to the Junior Woman's Club of Pewaukee, our newest Federated club in Wisconsin!

After hosting an information meeting in the Spring about what GFWC has to offer and how they can make a difference in their community, forty-five young women signed up to join the club. Under the leadership of Cristine Smith, the club has already hosted numerous special events to support their community such as driving cars in the Memorial Day Parade, hosting a donation drive for Safe Babies Healthy Families and a food drive for the Pewaukee Food Pantry, volunteering at the Pewaukee Kiwanis Beach Party and Taste of Lake Country, a brat fry at the local Pick 'n Save, and more! To become a member this group only requires a minimum of five events per year including any combination of meetings, socials, community service, volunteering or donating. A pretty easy commitment to join the Pewaukee Juniors! And this group loves to have fun. They meet socially for Ladies Night Out for a variety of activities including wine tasting, paddle boarding, gardening, self defense moves and even aerial yoga at the local Pilates gym. See their facebook page "Pewaukee Junior Woman's Club" for lots of photos. Go Pewaukee Juniors! You rock!



Following the GFWC-WI installation ceremony. Pictured is Kristina Higbee (GFWC-WI Director of Junior Clubs), Jan Allen (GFWC-WI President), Cristine Smith (Junior Woman's Club of Pewaukee President), Mary Ellen Brock (GFWC International First Vice President), Megan Moe (Secretary Pewaukee Juniors) and Jen Miller (Vice President Pewaukee Juniors)

## GFWC-WI Special Project

This year our GFWC-WI President has chosen “Our Teachers, Our Schools, Our Future” as her Special Project for the year. If you’re looking for ideas in how your club can support the Special Project, there is a long list of ideas in the recent GFWC/Wisconsin Clubwoman. Here are a few ideas that you could consider:

- ★ Plant a garden at your local school
- ★ Pay a student’s fee to play a sport
- ★ Volunteer to read with new readers
- ★ Chaperone a school trip
- ★ Honor a special teacher
- ★ Become a Math Mentor to students

The Clubwoman costs just \$10 per year and is packed with important information. To subscribe, please send you check to GFWC, Systems Manager, 1734 N Street, NW, Washington, DC 20036-2990. Make checks payable to GFWC. You’ll be glad you did!

## Meet Your Board Members

Your Rolling Hills District Board of Directors have met to start planning the year! Please be sure to thank your local representatives for their service on the Board.

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## Rolling Hills District Theme

Each District in the State of Wisconsin was asked to prepare a theme for 2014. The Rolling Hills District has chosen “Cultivation through Education” to align with the State President’s theme. With your help, we can help support the GFWC-WI Special Project one person at a time, one day at a time, and even one minute at a time. If just one person in your club participates in volunteer work through your local school, your club will receive credit for those hours.

*Tip: Keep track of your volunteer hours after each event so the job is not overwhelming at reporting time.*

As always, your commitment to the Greater Federation of Women’s Clubs is making a huge impact in our world. Keep up the good work!

## The Mission of GFWC

When promoting your club with social media, websites and other forms that reach the public, remember to include the mission of our governing body. The Greater Federation of Women’s Clubs is an international women’s organization dedicated to community improvement by enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service. With nearly 90,000 members in affiliated clubs in every state, the District of Columbia, and more than a dozen countries, GFWC members work in their own communities to support the arts, preserve natural resources, advance education, promote healthy lifestyles, encourage civic involvement, and work toward world peace and understanding.

## Rolling Hills District Clubs

In case you were wondering which Wisconsin clubs are in the Rolling Hills District, we have a total of 12 clubs including Boscobel, Dodgeville, Ft. Atkinson, Hartland (2), Hartford, Hillsboro, Muskego, Oconomowoc (2) and Pewaukee (2). Thank you for your service in your communities.

Please feel free to submit your stories, events and news to this newsletter to [AbbyLorenz@wi.rr.com](mailto:AbbyLorenz@wi.rr.com).