

Circle News

May/June 2020 – Sixty Seventh Edition

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.

Dates for your Calendar:

Spring Gathering
Cancelled

Wine Women & Chocolate
On Hold

Fall Education Event
Location and Date: TBD

WGC Annual Meeting
November 10th
EC Golf & Country Club

Gift of Giving Breakfast
December 1st
Florian Garden

Book Club (please see update in body of newsletter)

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Grants Team meeting via Zoom

Spring Gathering (cancelled due to COVID-19)

Sadly, we cannot gather this spring and hear from our grantees, CAT members and the Foundation. It is difficult to not be able to communicate in our normal fashion. As a WGC member please know that you are special and needed during this difficult time. Your membership makes this all possible. Remember our theme this year “We Are Not One Without You”!

The Education and Program Team met and are working on a plan to have the grantees share how they have used the grant dollars and hear about their current needs during this crisis.

A Bit of History

This year of 2020 will be a part of our unique history in years to come but I would like to recall our history of the first WGC Newsletter sent in February 2014 by our then CAT Chair, Marianne Klinkhammer. Marianne called us to work together to accomplish our “Friendraising” goal of 300 members. This “Friendraising” initiative means raising the awareness of the WGC for each one of your family members, friends and acquaintances who wish to make a collective impact upon the Eau Claire area.

During this COVID-19 time, friends can contact friends via online, text and phone calls to make them aware of “all the good” being done in this community through joining together in giving for a greater impact. Leveraging charitable dollars has been and still is an important investment in our community as we grant monies to local non-profits touching lives of women, children, and families.

Who would you like to see join WGC?? Reach out to them today; let us GROW our membership to new heights!

2020 CAT Team

Chair — Sue Tienor
Vice Chair — Jennifer McDonough
Secretary — Becky Schwinefus

Education & Program

Chair — Sara Antonson
Co-Chair — Sandi Polzin

Grants

Chair — Diane Hoadley
Co-Chair — Jennifer Beckermann

Membership

Chair — Lacey Logslett
Co-Chair — Cindy Hangartner

Social Media

Chair — Teri-Gene Conlin
Co-Chair — Emily Conlin

WGC Grants Team Members

Jennifer Beckermann, Co-Chair
Janis Dvoracek
Carol Gabler
Lisa Herb
Beth Hicks
Diane Hoadley, Chair
Janet Nelson
Mary Ann Ogan
Elaine Olson
Jeanne Peterson
Janet Proctor
Susan Rusboldt
Flo Sheridan
Liz Spencer
Jennifer McDonough

Paying Dues

The Eau Claire Community Foundation will be emailing 2020 membership reminders dues in June. If you would like to pay your \$250 annual dues today, follow this [link](#) or go to www.eccfwi.org.

Featured Team

Our Grants Team is the featured Team this newsletter.

The Women's Giving Circle (WGC) founders agreed that they would accept and review grant applications and distribute grant funds annually to programs that best support the mission of the WGC which is to improve the lives of women and children. The Grants Team oversees the grant application process and trains members of the WGC who have volunteered to be grant reviewers. The grant reviewers evaluate the programs proposed in the grant applications. Upon completion of their evaluation in October, the team recommends the programs selected by the grant reviewers to the CAT (Circle Advisory Team) for approval. Once approved by the CAT, the ECCF (Eau Claire Community Foundation) Board of Trustees must also approve the grants selected. Following both approvals, the list of selected grants is given to the general membership for a vote of approval at the WGC Annual Meeting in November. The funds are disbursed to the non-profit organizations in December at the *Gift of Giving Breakfast*.

The Grants Team meets monthly throughout the year but is most active in late summer and early fall. Team members consist of former grant reviewers who have indicated a willingness to become more involved with the granting process. If you would like to become a 2020 grant reviewer, please contact Lisa Herb (herblk@uwec.edu) or Mary Ann Ogan (maryann55@charter.net) for more information.

Update from the WGC Book Club

Because of "Safer at Home" considerations, the WGC book club is on break through August. During August, the book club will have an email discussion of how to proceed. For more info contact Katherine Schneider schneiks@uwec.edu.

Closing Thoughts

We again need to draw our spirit together and continue to celebrate our friendships creatively and continue to dedicate ourselves to improving the lives of women and children in the Eau Claire community.

Stay Safe,

Sue Tienor, CAT Chair