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“Summertime  
is always the best  
of what might be.”

— CHARLES BOWDEN



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# Message from the President

## Greetings to my GFWC/Iowa sisters:

My 2022-2024 GFWC/Iowa theme was Hearts United Raising Awareness. My focus areas were Human Trafficking and Mental Health Awareness.

The local clubs across Iowa were challenged to have programs in their communities and clubs that raise awareness of these issues. The goal was to provide a forum for community members to learn about these issues and find ways to support the efforts already being made or find ways to start support for these individuals.

Clubs have risen to this challenge with enthusiasm. They have held community events with speakers, movies and other activities.

By raising community awareness on these important topics, you all have also raised awareness to what we GFWC/Iowa

members do everyday as a member of GFWC in your own communities. Remember back in April of 2022 when I spoke to you about my vision to change the question from "What is GFWC/Iowa?" to "How do I join GFWC/Iowa"? Well, I personally believe that you have done that. I am proud of the volunteerism and dedication of all of you. I firmly believe that we have planted the seeds of recognition that with proper nurturing will grow into statewide recognition and support for GFWC/Iowa.

Our numbers may seem small, but we are strong in our commitment to volunteering to make our communities a better place ready for whatever the future may hold. Continue to care, because as Dr. Suess says, "Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better; it's not."



Thank you all for trusting in my capabilities to serve as your 2022-2024 state president. It has been an honor to serve and represent you.

*Nancy Tabor*



## Award Winners

### Community Service Programs

#### Arts and Culture

*Silver* — Yorel Study Club, LeRoy  
*Chairman's Choice* — Friendship and Service Club, Akron  
*Creativity* — Yorel Study Club, LeRoy

#### Civic Engagement and Outreach

*Silver* — Woman's Club, Maquoketa  
*Chairman's Choice* — R.A.R.E. Club, Walker

#### Education and Libraries

*Silver* — Tuesday Study Club, Hudson  
*Chairman's Choice* — Woman's Club, Maquoketa  
*Creativity* — Lake City Monday Club

#### Environment

*Silver* — Progressive Chautauqua Circle, Creston  
*Chairman's Choice* — Castana Jr. 76er's Club  
*Creativity* — Solon Women's Club

#### Health and Wellness

*Silver* — Woman's Club, Maquoketa  
*Chairman's Choice* — Rural Woman's Study Club, Jesup

### Special Program

#### Women's History & Resource Center

*1st Place* — Bancroft History Assembly, Creston

#### Community Impact Program

*1st Place* — Woman's Club, Maquoketa  
*2nd Place* — Peterson Tuesday Club

### Special Projects

#### Domestic and Sexual Violence Awareness and Prevention

*Silver* — Solon Women's Club  
*Chairman's Choice* — Granger Women's Club  
*Creativity* — R.A.R.E. Club, Walker

#### Advocates for Children

*1st Place* — Quad Cities Woman's Club, Davenport  
*Chairman's Choice* — Peterson Tuesday Club  
*Creativity* — Exira Study Club

### GFWC Advancement

#### Communications & Public Relations

*1st Place* — Quad Cities Woman's Club, Davenport  
*Creativity* — Castana Jr. 76er's Club

#### Fundraising

*1st Place* — Woman's Club, Maquoketa  
*Chairman's Choice* — Peterson Tuesday Club  
*Creativity* — Sue Hass, Peterson Tuesday Club

#### Leadership

*1st Place* — Bancroft History Assembly & Progressive Chautauqua Circle, Creston

#### Legislation & Public Policy

*1st Place & Creativity* — Solon Women's Club  
*Chairman's Choice* — Rural Woman's Study Club, Jesup

#### Membership

*1st Place* — Woman's Club, Maquoketa  
*Chairman's Choice* — Lake City Monday



# GFWC/Iowa State Convention, April 2024

## CSP Silver Award Photos



Silver award for *Civic Engagement and Outreach* presented to *Woman's Club, Maquoketa*.  
Pictured above: Elaine Kahler, Lisa Gottschalk, Brenda Snyder, Joanne Evans



Silver award for *Education and Libraries* presented to *Tuesday Study Club, Hudson*.  
Pictured above: Cheryl Einsweiler



Silver award for *Environment* presented to *Progressive Chautauqua Circle, Creston*.  
Pictured above: Judy Gale, Peg Anderson



Silver award for *Health and Wellness* presented to *Woman's Club, Maquoketa*.  
Pictured above: Elaine Kahler, Lisa Gottschalk, Brenda Snyder, Joanne Evans



# GFWC/Iowa State Convention, April 2024

## Special Projects, GFWC Advancement Silver and First Place Award Photos



Silver award for *Domestic and Sexual Violence Awareness and Prevention* presented to *Solon Women's Club*.  
Pictured above: Karen Martinek, Eileen Hageman, Sandy Phillips, Martha Hatfield, Mary Cash



First place award for *Advocates for Children* presented to *Quad Cities Woman's Club, Davenport*. Pictured above: Eileen Hageman, Bette Kuboushek



First place award for *Communications and Public Relations* presented to *Quad Cities Woman's Club, Davenport*.  
Pictured above: Eileen Hageman, Bette Kuboushek



First place award for *Fundraising* presented to *Woman's Club, Maquoketa*.  
Pictured above: Joanne Evans, Lisa Gottschalk, Brenda Snyder, Elaine Kahler



# GFWC/Iowa State Convention, April 2024

## GFWC Advancement and CIP First Place Award Photos



First place award for *Leadership* presented to *Bancroft History Assembly and Progressive Chautauqua Circle, Creston*.  
Pictured above: Judy Gale, Sandy Oswald, Marisue Lewis, Peg Anderson



First place award for *Legislation and Public Policy* presented to *Solon Women's Club*.  
Pictured above: Karen Martinek, Martha Hatfield, Eileen Hageman, Mary Cash, Sandy Phillips



First place award for *Membership* presented to *Woman's Club, Maquoketa*.  
Pictured above: Joanne Evans, Sharon Krug, Lisa Gottschalk, Brenda Snyder, Barbara Pestka, Elaine Kahler



First place award for *Community Impact Program* presented to *Woman's Club, Maquoketa*.  
Pictured above: Elaine Kahler, Sharon Krug, Lisa Gottschalk, Brenda Snyder, Barbara Pestka, Joanne Evans

## Award Winners

### Photography

#### ***Our World Close Up***

- 1st Place** — Linda Hueser, Granger Women's Club, "Fungus Among Us"  
**2nd Place** — Linda Hueser, Granger Women's Club, "Hello Neighbor"  
**3rd Place** — Ann Olson, Phoenix Club, Muscatine, "Dressed in Orange and Black"

#### ***Natural Wonders***

- 1st Place** — Bette Kuboushek, Quad Cities Woman's Club, Davenport, "Grand Canyon in Winter"  
**2nd Place** — Ann Olson, Phoenix Club, Muscatine, "Misty Morning Scene"  
**3rd Place** — Karen Martinek, Solon Women's Club, "Dripping Springs National Monument"

#### ***Reflections***

- 1st Place** — Karen Martinek, Solon Women's Club, "Shoes on the Danube River Bank"  
**2nd Place** — Georgina Valle, Granger Women's Club, "Sun/Shade at the Rio Grande"  
**3rd Place** — Janet Pasco, Adel Women's Club, "Majestic Reflections"

#### ***GFWC Living the Volunteer Spirit***

- 1st Place** — Carma Bisinger, R.A.R.E. Club, Walker, "Filling Goodie Sacks"  
**2nd Place** — Linda Hueser, Granger Women's Club, "Thank You—Enjoy Your Taco"  
**3rd Place** — Linda Hueser, Granger Women's Club, "NDS Team Work"



### Creative Writing

#### ***Poetry—GFWC Club Member Contest:***

- 1st Place** — Marsha J. Fisher, Adel Women's Club, "A Dear Friend Far Away"  
**2nd Place** — Joyce I. Anderson, Progressive Chautauqua Circle, Creston, "Scamper"  
**3rd Place** — Rose Dory, Granger Women's Club, "The Club"

#### ***Poetry—GFWC Youth Creative Writing Contest:***

- Category 1: 1st Place** — Richard Hawkins, sponsored by Friendship and Service Club, Akron, "Spring"  
**Category 2: 1st Place** — Quinton Hart, sponsored by Friendship and Service Club, Akron, "Tea House at Koishikawa"  
**Category 3: 1st Place** — Emma Harris, sponsored by Friendship and Service Club, Akron, "A Wish of Sunshine"  
**Category 4: 1st Place** — Ellieana Mathison, sponsored by Friendship and Service Club, Akron, "Before You Fade Away"

#### ***Short Story—GFWC Club Member Contest:***

- 1st Place** — Marsha J. Fisher, Adel Women's Club, "Robert Story, Chapter 1"  
**2nd Place** — Lisa Gottschalk, Woman's Club, Maquoketa, "Lessons I Learned from Wheel of Fortune"  
**3rd Place** — Joyce I. Anderson, Progressive Chautauqua Circle, Creston, "Warm Feelings"

#### ***Short Story—GFWC Youth Creative Writing Contest:***

- Category 1: 1st Place** — Macy Morehead, sponsored by Friendship and Service Club, Akron, "My Monster"  
**Category 2: 1st Place** — Ambrielle Mathison, sponsored by Friendship and Service Club, Akron, "Hungry for Honey"



## Award Winners

### *Creative Writing (cont'd)*

*Category 3: 1st Place* — Lainey Higman, sponsored by Friendship and Service Club, Akron, "The Horse of Red Lake"

*Category 4: 1st Place* — Karlee Madsen, sponsored by Friendship and Service Club, Akron, "Deporting the Silence"

### **Poetry—Light Verse**

*1st Place* — Marylyn L. Gillespie, Lake City Monday Club, "Cooking for One"

*2nd Place* — Virginia Joy, Yorel Study Club, LeRoy, "The Willow Tree"

*3rd Place* — Marsha Fisher, Adel Women's Club, "Rhythm of the Kitchen"

### **Poetry—Serious Verse**

*1st Place* — Shirley McAdon, Adel Women's Club, "Special"

*2nd Place* — Marylyn L. Gillespie, Lake City Monday Club, "Few Regrets"

*3rd Place* — AnnTell, Aurelia Woman's Club, "They Cut it Out"

### **Limericks**

*1st Place* — Marylyn L. Gillespie, Lake City Monday Club, "Early to Rise"

*2nd Place* — Shirley McAdon, Adel Women's Club, "Hair Care"

*3rd Place* — Rose Dory, Granger Women's Club, "The Club"

### **Light Essays**

*1st Place* — Mickey Coonfare, 5 Seasons' Women's Assoc., Cedar Rapids, "A Childhood Memory"

*2nd Place* — Tammy Hess, 5 Seasons' Women's Assoc., Cedar Rapids, "Milo the Cat's Christmas Update on His Humans"

*3rd Place* — Joyce I. Anderson, Progressive Chautauqua Circle, Creston, "Warm Feelings"

### **Serious Essays**

*1st Place* — Judy Shimek, R.A.R.E. Club, "No Worse Fears"

*2nd Place* — Marisue Lewis, Bancroft History Assembly, Creston, "No Christmas Program?"

### **Membership**

#### **50-Year Member**

Mary Magill, 5 Seasons' Women's Assoc., Cedar Rapids

### **Adventures in Reading 100% Clubs**

#### **NE District:**

Tuesday Study Club, Hudson  
Woman's Club, Maquoketa  
Rural Woman's Study Club, Jesup

#### **SE District:**

5 Seasons' Women's Assoc., Cedar Rapids  
Quad Cities Woman's Club, Davenport  
Keystone AOK Club, Muscatine  
Phoenix Club, Muscatine

#### **NW District:**

Lake City Monday Club  
Peterson Tuesday Club

#### **SW District:**

Audubon Federated Women's Club  
Town & Country Jr. Club, Avoca  
Bancroft History Assembly, Creston  
Exira Study Club  
Granger Women's Club  
Yorel Study Club, LeRoy



## ***Photography and Membership Award Photos***



First place *Photography* award winners pictured above:  
Karen Martinek, *Reflections*; Carma Bisinger, *Living the Volunteer Spirit*;  
Bette Kuboushek, *Natural Wonders*; Linda Hueser, *Our World Up Close*



First place *50-Year Membership* pin awarded by Chairman Sue Hass  
to Mary Magill, 5 Seasons' Women's Assoc., Cedar Rapids



## ***Presidential Photos***



GFWC International President Deb Strahanoski and GFWC/Iowa President Nancy Tabor



The above silver that has been stored at GFWC/Iowa Headquarters was gratefully accepted by President Strahanoski, who promised to transport it to GFWC Headquarters in Washington, D.C.



## 2024-2026 State Officers' Photos



President Strahanoski pinning incoming GFWC/Iowa President Mickey Coonfare.



Incoming GFWC/Iowa President Mickey Coonfare's 2024-2026 logo pin which goes with her theme "Spread Your Wings with GFWC 2024-2026."



Pictured above are the 2024-2026 GFWC/Iowa Officers: Mickey Coonfare, Ann Zlabek, Cindy Hansen, Lisa Gottschalk, Mary Adams, Meredith McHone-Pierce.



# GFWC Annual Convention

## **2024 GFWC Annual Convention June 29-July 1, Chicago**

The GFWC Annual Convention will be held at the  
Downtown Hilton in Chicago, Illinois,  
June 29 - July 2, 2024.

This is as close as the convention may get for many years.

It is drivable (you can carpool)  
and guaranteed to be fun.

Let's make the Iowa delegate attendance rock the house.  
See you there!!



**To all who Dream Big, Sparkle More and indeed Shine Bright, the 2024 GFWC Annual Convention is upon us! Please join GFWC as we “Sparkle, Shine & Succeed” at the Hilton in Downtown Chicago.**

**Register online at [gfwc.org](https://gfwc.org). For questions or assistance with your registration, contact GFWC Events Manager Nishu Raina at 202-628-2478 or at [nraina@gfwc.org](mailto:nraina@gfwc.org). All registrations must be submitted by May 20, 2024.**

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