

GFWC
Women's Club
of Bowling Green

Member Program Book



2019-2020
One-Hundredth Year

Living the Volunteer Spirit

President's Message

Living the Volunteer Spirit is not just a slogan for the Women's Club, it is the reality. The Club gives women in this area the opportunity to give back to our community as a group in ways that one person might not be able to do. When I think of our Club, I think of a wonderful group of ladies who have unending compassion, knowledge, inspiration and dedication. I know I am a better person for being a part of this special group. Together we make a difference.

The general meetings, doing special projects or attending a literature or garden group meeting gives the opportunity to make new friends and to spend time with old friends. There is something for everyone and it is easy to get as involved as your time will allow.

We will be celebrating our 100th year in 2020. It is truly amazing to see how much the various service projects of the Club have impacted the community over the past 99 years. We plan to keep the level of service going for the next 100 years. Come join us!

--Susan Enright, President

Club address:

Women's Club of Bowling Green
P.O. Box 693
Bowling Green, OH 43402

Club website:

www.womensclubbg.org

Women's Club of Bowling Green Board of Directors, 2019-2020

Officers:

President	Susan Enright
First Vice President	Jean Blechschmidt
Second Vice President	Lynne Comings
Secretary	Laura Keller
Treasurer	Sara Moomaw

Committee Chairs:

Arts	Evelyn Bachman Norma Stickler
Conservation	
Domestic Violence Awareness	Linda Frizzell Patricia Limes
Education	Kathy East Carole Sarkan
Fund Raising	Sharon Franklin
Garden Group	Carol Ballard Jo Sipes Evelyn Bachman
Historian	Lynette Rosebrook
Home Life	Judy Miller
Inspiration	Jo Vernon
International Outreach	Sue DiBiasio
Linus Project	Carol Ballard
Literature Group	Kay Heffernan
Long-Range Planning	Earlene Kilpatrick
Membership	Sharon Franklin Debbie LeGalley Donna Schmidt
Music	Mary Boone
Newsletter/Website	Deb McLean
Program Book	
Public Issues	Earlene Kilpatrick
Publicity	Joyce Osterud
Social	Debbie LeGalley
Sunshine	Jo Sipes

Calendar of Events

(www.womensclubbg.org/events)

Most meetings of the Women's Club of Bowling Green are held at 7:00 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month, September through April, except for January when no meeting is held. Our May meeting will be held on Saturday, May 2, 2020 at 9:30 a.m.

Meetings of the WCBG Board of Directors (officers and committee chairs) are held on the 4th Monday at 6:30 p.m. prior to regular membership meetings. Meetings are held at The Carter House (307 N. Church St., Bowling Green).

In case of inclement weather, meetings are cancelled during Level II or III emergencies.

- In addition to WCBG meetings and gatherings, members also have the opportunity to attend meetings, conferences, and annual conventions of the various GFWC divisions. These provide great times for getting to know other club-women, do some sightseeing, and attending fun and informative programs.
- **Ladies Who Lunch** -- Second Wednesday of each month except January; Noon at Bowling Green Country Club
- **September 5-8, 2019 (Thursday-Sunday)** - GFWC Great Lakes Regional Conference. Double Tree by Hilton, Grand Rapids, MI.
- **October 11-12, 2019 (Friday-Saturday)** - GFWC Ohio - Northwest District Fall Conference plus OFWC 125th Anniversary Celebration -- Where It All Began. Courtyard Hotel, Springfield, OH. (Actual 125th Anniversary: October 24.)
- **November 9, 2019 (Saturday)** - WCBG Holiday Art and Craft Show, First United Methodist Church, BG (This is our major fundraiser.)

Calendar (cont.)

- **February 2020 (Saturday) (Exact Date TBA)** - WCBG co-sponsors the Winterfest Chillabration Soup & Chili Cook Off, New Veterans Building, BG City Park.
- **March 13, 2020 (Friday)** - GFWC Northwest District Legislation Day, Howard Johnson Hotel, Lima, OH
- **April 24-26, 2020 (Friday-Sunday)** - GFWC Ohio Annual Convention, Embassy Suites, Dublin, OH.
- **May 30, 2020 (Saturday)** - Roaring 20s Party celebrating the founding of our club, Bowling Green Country Club. 6 p.m. social time; 6:30 p.m. dinner buffet.
- **June 27-30, 2020 (Saturday-Tuesday)** - GFWC Annual Convention in Atlanta, GA.

Miscellaneous Information

The program book and membership directory is edited by Deb McLean. Please contact her for changes/additions.

The bylaws of the WCBG contain the rules of the club and descriptions of its various activities.

The club's motto is: Not for Self, But for Others. Our club flower is the yellow chrysanthemum; our colors are yellow and white.

Dues are \$50 per year, a portion of which is turned over to GFWC and GFWC Ohio.

The tag line for GFWC is "Living the Volunteer Spirit!"

Bowling Green Women's Club members can use the following fundraising website to order nuts and candies: <https://gfwcwb-bowlinggreeno.terrilynncares.com>

SEPTEMBER 4

***Annual Fall Meeting and
Celebration of Our 100th Year***

**First Christian Church
Corner of Poe and Haskins roads
6:00 p.m.**



***The evening features
a potluck dinner,
1920s theme and
barbershop quartet
music***

Inspiration: Kathy East

Hostesses: Sharon Franklin, Debbie LeGalley and Edie
Olds

Dress in 1920s attire, if desired
Join us as the BG Women's Club kicks off another year
of good company, lively conversation, entertainment
and shared inspiration

***Please invite potential new members
AND wear your GFWC pin!***

Happy Birthday in September to:

Amy Rahmel, 7th
Kathy East, 18th
Ruth Nastal, 21st

Laura Keller, 23rd
Camille Harris, 25th
Sue DiBiasio, 28th

OCTOBER 2

7:00 p.m. at Heritage Georgian Room

*Wear purple in recognition of
Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention Month*

Investment Clubs

Peggy Schmeltz



Music: Donna Schmidt

Inspiration: Ruth Ann McCray

Hostesses: Linda Frizzell, Pat Limes
Joyce Osterud and Jo Sipes

The Cocoon: The Club will make a
\$100 donation on behalf of the members.

Happy Birthday in October to:

Jane Duchacek, 2nd

Marilynn Ward, 2nd

Becky Hansen, 25th

Kay Sergent, 27th

Ruth Ann McCray, 31st

Becky White-Schooner, 31st

NOVEMBER 6

7:00 p.m. at Heritage Georgian Room

Feeding Our Winter Birds

Chris Gajewicz, Natural Resources Coordinator,
Bowling Green Parks and Recreation



Music: Donna Schmidt

Inspiration: Earlene Kilpatrick

Hostesses: Carol Ballard, Vicki Harris,
Judy Miller and Jo Vernon

BG Christian Food Pantry:

Personal care items and toilet paper

Happy Birthday in November to:

Marilyn Riewaldt, 1st

Mary Mackzum, 7th

Lola Judson, 9th

Helene Weinberger, 10th

Judy Clabaugh, 17th

Susan Kurfess, 17th

Donna Schmidt, 18th

DECEMBER 4

3:00 p.m. at Miriam Martin's Home
(corner of Rts. 199 and 105)

Ugly Sweater Contest

The Bowling Green High School Madrigals



Music: Donna Schmidt

Inspiration: Mary Boone

Hostesses: Miriam Martin, Roberta McClure
and Sara Moomaw

Wood County Humane Society:

The Club will make a \$100 donation
on behalf of the members.

December Birthdays:

Kathy Mull, 5th
Linda Myers, 9th
Peggy Hancock, 11th
Vicki Harris, 12th
Mary Boone, 23rd
Carol Ballard, 27th

January Birthdays:

Candace Gillen, 10th
Judy Miller, 24th
Jo Vernon, 27th

FEBRUARY 5

7:00 p.m. at Heritage Georgian Room

Wear red to recognize Heart Health Month

Fire, Fall and Home Safety

Lt. Jim Ritterbach, Bowling Green Fire Division



Music: Donna Schmidt

Inspiration: Susan Kurfess

Hostesses: Jean Blechschmidt, Mary Boone and
Lynne Comings

H.O.O.V.E.S.: \$100 donation on behalf of the members
toward seeds for a therapy vegetable garden

Happy Birthday in February to:

Susan Enright, 1st

Janeen Euler, 2nd

Fern Kao, 2nd

Roberta McClure, 8th

Josie Sidiq, 10th

Evelyn Bachman, 11th

Denise Niese, 13th

Jean Ladd, 19th

Bonnie Stearns, 22nd

Elaine McEwen, 25th

MARCH 4
7:00 p.m. at Heritage Georgian Room

Antique Jewelry
Fern Kao



Music: Donna Schmidt
Inspiration: Evelyn Bachman
Hostesses: Sue DiBiasio, Susan Kurfess,
Bobbie Lane and Linda Myers

**Donation Suggestions For The Wood County
Public Library:**

Duct tape, masking tape, scotch tape refills,
Sharpie markers, construction paper, ribbon,
pipe cleaners and tissues

Happy Birthday in March to:

Norma Stickler, 2nd
Patricia Limes, 4th
Sue Hess, 6th
Leslye Lounsberry, 17th

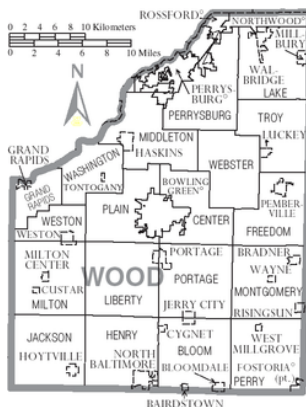
Dottie Linn, 21st
Linda Frizzell, 29th
Linda Hamilton, 30th

APRIL 1

7:00 p.m. at Heritage Georgian Room

**Wood County Commissioners:
Their roles and operations and why they are
important**

Doris Herringshaw, Commissioner



Music: Donna Schmidt

Inspiration: Linda Myers

Hostesses: Marcia Buckenmyer, Lola Judson,
Dottie Linn and Lynette Rosebrook

Donation for The Cocoon:

Items to be determined.

Also this month:

38th Annual Writing Contest Presentations
Coordinated by Kathy East and Carole Sarkan

Happy Birthday in April to:

Suzi Saunders, 16th

Marilyn Pahl, 17th

MAY 2

9:30 a.m. Breakfast at First Christian Church
Catered by Flo Klopfenstein
Advance Reservations Required

**New Beginnings: Looking Forward
to the Next 100 Years**

Theme: Bridal Gowns and Customs



Annual book and puzzle exchange
Bring one (or more), take one; Extras go to the
Heritage Hospice and Wood County Public Library

Music Scholarship Presentation: Donna Schmidt
Inspiration: Jean Blechschmidt
Hostesses: Evelyn Bachman and Debbie LeGalley

BG Christian Food Pantry:
The Club will make a \$100 donation

Happy Birthday in May to:

Elizabeth Tilton, 3rd
Debbie LeGalley, 6th
Carole Sarkan, 9th
Miriam Martin, 21st
Shelly Sabo, 24th

Kim Roessner, 25th
Earlene Kilpatrick, 27th
Sharon Franklin, 29th
Nada Sue Knauss, 29th

SUMMER

**Watch the newsletters and the website
(www.womensclubbg.org/events)
for details of summer activities.**



**Happy Birthday during the summer
to the following members:**

JUNE

Kathy Helm, 15th
Kay Heffernan, 19th
Sara Moomaw, 20th
Jo Sipes, 30th

JULY

Becky Bhaer, 2nd
Linda Kuhn, 7th
Martha Moon, 7th
Pat McGinnis, 11th
Roberta Lane, 12th
Lynne Comings, 14th

AUGUST

Deb McLean, 2nd
Marcia Buckenmyer, 4th
Lynette Rosebrook, 4th
Liz Uhlman, 6th
Joyce Osterud, 6th
Jean Lanning, 10th
Edie Olds, 14th
Jean Blechschmidt, 30th



GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs Bowling Green Representatives

GFWC/OFWC

Evelyn Bachman, Great Lakes Region board member and budget committee member; Great Lakes Region legislation committee representative
Donna Schmidt, Northwest District Scholarship Trustee

Northwest District Officers and Chairs 2018-2020

Sharon Franklin, President (WC of BG)
Diane Jordan, Secretary (Springfield City Federation)
Kim Williamson, Arts CSP Chair (TRIAD – Springfield)
Sharon Franklin, Communications/Public Relations CSP (WC of BG)
Sharon Franklin, Conservation CSP (WC of BG)
Sharon Franklin, Education CSP (WC of BG)
Sharon Franklin, Fundraising CSP (WC of BG)
Sharon Franklin, Home Life CSP Chair (WC of BG)
Linda Hamilton, International Outreach (WC of BG)
Lin Wilken, Leadership Chair (Celina History Club)
Debbie LeGalley, Membership Chair (WC of BG)
Elaine Altstaetter, Public Issues CSP Chair (Celina History Club)
Evelyn Bachman, GFWC Signature Project: Domestic Violence - Chair (WC of BG)

Garden Group Schedule

Carol Ballard and Jo Sipes, Co-Chairs

Evelyn Bachman, Assistant

(All meetings begin at 7 p.m., unless otherwise noted)

October 15, 2019

5:30 p.m. Pissanello's Pizza

6:30 p.m. WCDPL Community Reads

Hostesses -- Evelyn Bachman and Jo Sipes

November 19, 2019

Flowers and Folklore

Hostesses -- Leslye Lounsberry and Linda Hamilton

December 17, 2019

Benefit of Planting Evergreens

6 p.m. Dinner at B.G. Country Club

Hostesses -- Evelyn Bachman and Jo Sipes

March 17, 2020

Milkweed and Monarch Butterflies

Wintergarden Lodge

Hostesses -- Lynette Rosebrook and Linda Kuhn

April 21, 2020

Making Garden Art -- Painted Clovers (there will be a charge)

Hostesses -- Linda Frizzell and Pat Limes

May 19, 2020

Planting at the BG Welcome Sign

Meet at 5:30 p.m. (Eat-out after)

June 16, 2020

4:30 p.m. Tour Carruth Studios Mfg. Plant & Shop at Garden Smiles

Hostesses -- Marilyn Pahl and Susan Enright

July 21, 2020

Lavender -- Schooner Farms

Hostess -- Becky Bhaer

September 19, 2020

Butterfly House at Whitehouse (lunch out)

Hostess -- Joyce Osterud

Literature Group Schedule

Kay Heffernan, Chairwoman

September 11, 2019 (3 p.m.)

Hostess	Kay Heffernan
Leader	Sharon Franklin

October 9, 2019 (3 p.m.)

Hostess	Debbie LeGalley
Reviewer	Debbie LeGalley

November 13, 2019 (3 p.m.)

Hostess	Fern Kao
Reviewer	Fern Kao

December 11, 2019 (Noon lunch at B.G. Country Club;
3 p.m. meeting)

Hostess	Miriam Martin
Reviewer	Kathy East

February 12, 2020 (3 p.m.)

Hostess	Kay Heffernan
Reviewer	Lynn Ward

March 11, 2020 (3 p.m.)

Hostess	Kathy East
Reviewer	Miriam Martin

April 8, 2020 (Noon lunch TBD; 2 p.m. meeting)

Facilitator	Evelyn Bachman
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Women's Club of Bowling Green

The Women's Club of Bowling Green (WCBG), founded in 1920, is an organization dedicated to community service through volunteer efforts. WCBG is a non-sectarian and non-partisan organization, and has members of all ages and walks of life. Through its Community Service Programs in Arts, Conservation, Education, Home Life, International Affairs, and Public Affairs, our Club members provide a variety of ways to address community needs while promoting leadership, positive self-esteem, and good citizenship in the membership.

WCBG supports the Beryl Parrish Scholarship and the Joan Gordon Scholarship awarded to graduating seniors from Bowling Green High School; additionally it funds the Elma Zelman Scholarship given to a BGSU music student. In 2019, three non-traditional students received scholarships with funds raised during past "Little Black Dress" fundraising events.

Whether you are a new member or have been a member for some time, explore and expand your interests while gaining new friends and adopting the Club's giving and sharing way of life.

Thanks to all for assisting with:

Black Swamp Arts Festival
Bowling Green High School Senior Scholarships
Bowling Green State University Music Student
Scholarships
Box Tops for Education
Canine Companions for Independence
Children's Resource Center
GFWC Scholarship for Survivors of Domestic Violence
Greeting cards for local nursing home residents
Holiday Art and Craft Show
Linus Project
Pop can tabs for the Ronald McDonald House
The Bowling Green Christian Food Pantry
The Cocoon
United Nations Foundation Shot At Life
Welcome to Bowling Green Sign Garden Club Project
Winterfest Chillabration Chili Cook-Off
Wood County District Public Library
Writing Contest for Bowling Green students

Club Mentor

A Club Mentor (formerly known as Special Sister) serves as a friend and a guide to a new member. She stands with a new member when she is received into the club, explains club programs and procedures and introduces the new member to other club members. She stays in touch in individual ways to make the new member feel welcome and part of the group. A Club Mentor does not have to be with the new members at every meeting and event but just be that person who can be contacted -- or just that friendly face.

Strength in Numbers

Our local club is affiliated with the General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC) and derives support and program ideas from this international organization, which is headquartered in Washington, D.C. Many of our areas of interest such as Arts, Conservation, and International Outreach come from GFWC. The GFWC also researches various philanthropic organizations and forms partnerships so that we can all work together to accomplish our goals. The GFWC Signature Project is "Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention." The GFWC website is www.gfwc.org. It contains a huge amount of information. GFWC has divisions that are arranged by geography. The GFWC Great Lakes Region encompasses clubs from IL, IN, MI, OH and WI. GFWC Ohio is further divided in districts and we are part of the northwest district. Sharon Franklin is president for 2018-2020.

The WCBG works closely with the GFWC/Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC Ohio). The statewide organization provides organizational support and program assistance to member clubs. Each club writes and submits annual reports to the state board on its activities. Clubs and individuals are eligible for awards and recognition. State winners advance to the international level.

Linda Crish is the GFWC Ohio President for 2018-2020. Her administration theme is "The Memory of a Day, Holds The Key to Tomorrow," and her special emphasis is "Operation: Culinary Canteen" with the USO being the beneficiary.

GFWC Ohio issues a quarterly publication called "The Buckeye" and has a very good website at www.gfwcoho.com.

Past Presidents

Woman's Club Company

Mrs. F. D. Halleck	1920-1929
Miss Laura Heston	1930
Mrs. D. J. Crowley	1931
Mrs. W. H. Bachman	1932
Mrs. W. E. Lantz	1933-1934
Mrs. C. B. Newton	1935-1936
Mrs. W. H. Bachman	1937
Mrs. Bertha White	1938
Mrs. W. I. Shuler	1939-1941
Mrs. H. R. Troyer	1942-1944
Mrs. John B. Wilson Jr.	1945
Mrs. Lorin Janzer	1946
Mrs. John B. Wilson Jr.	1947-1958
Mrs. Fred Goebel	1959-1960
Mrs. Harry Boileau	1961
Mrs. Gerald Rockwood	1962-1963
Mrs. Gilbert Foster	1964-1965
Mrs. George P. O'Connor	1966
Mrs. Fred Bolster	1967-1969
Mrs. Dale Tyson	1970
Mrs. A. L. Sloan	1971-1973
Mrs. Robert Harris	1973-1974

Woman's Club of Bowling Green

Mrs. D. C. Bryant	1920-1924
Mrs. Philo Hankey	1924-1925
Miss Caroline Nielson	1925-1927
Mrs. D. C. Bryant	1927-1929
Mrs. W. E. Lantz	1929-1931
Mrs. F. C. Moores	1931-1933
Mrs. Clyde Hissong	1933-1934
Mrs. M. L. Hanna Sr.	1934-1936
Mrs. G. H. Urschel	1936-1937
Mrs. C. C. Kohl	1937-1938
Mrs. S. S. Statler	1938-1940
Mrs. S. R. Cook	1940-1942
Mrs. S. H. Lowrie	1942-1943
Mrs. M. M. Mercer	1943-1945
Mrs. Ralph Harshman	1945-1947
Mrs. Ross Shulz	1947-1949

Mrs. Arthur Dotts	1949-1950
Mrs. John Schwarz	1950-1952
Mrs. George Pfeifer	1952-1953
Mrs. Earl Myers	1953-1954
Mrs. Fred Goebel	1954-1955
Mrs. W. Roy Haines	1955-1957
Mrs. Fred Bolster	1957-1959
Mrs. Howard Vollmar	1959-1961
Mrs. E. Y. Roberts	1961-1962
Mrs. Fred Bolster	1962-1963
Mrs. Maurice Kithcart	1963-1965
Mrs. Dale Heyman	1965-1967
Mrs. C. F. Pahl	1967-1969
Mrs. D. R. Knauss	1969-1971
Mrs. Thomas Wright	1971-1973
Mrs. W. R. Gillespie	1973-1974
Mrs. James Forse	1974-1976
Mrs. Marion Capriotti	1976-1978
Mrs. C. A. Flowers	1978-1980
Mrs. William Lanning	1980-1981
Mrs. Janet Cultice	1981-1983
Miss Beryl Parrish	1983-1984
Mrs. Sue Fehlner Hess	1984-1986
Mrs. Cecil Hemmerly	1986-1987
Mrs. Janet Cultice	1987-1988
Ms. Joan Gordon	1988-1990
Mrs. William Titus	1990-1992
Mrs. James Bachman	1992-1993
Mrs. C. F. Pahl	1993-1995
Mrs. Clarence Lane	1995-1997
Ms. Sharon Franklin	1997-1999
Mrs. George Hamilton	1999-2001
Ms. Kathy East	2001-2005
Mrs. Laurence Nader	2005-2007
Ms. Earlene Kilpatrick	2007-2009
Ms. Linda Kuhn	2009-2011
Norma Stickler	2011-2013
Evelyn Bachman	2013-2015
Melanie Stretchbery	2015-2017
Mary Callahan Boone	2017-2019
Susan Enright	2019-

*Grieve not, nor speak of me with tears,
but laugh and talk of me as if I were beside you.*

Remembering our sisters who passed

Carlene McCurdy
Barbara Applebaum

August 18, 2018
May 10, 2019

