



In the News: A Huge Milestone!

Get out the champagne! We're not only ringing in 2019, we're celebrating 300 members! What a fantastic milestone to mark the completion of 2018!

To all of our new members, thank you. To our founders and current members, thank you. To everyone who promoted WGC in the community, thank you. To our volunteers, thank you! This is incredible and will help us make an even bigger impact in 2019 and beyond!

Photos: (Top) 2018 and 2019 Circle Advisory Team
(Bottom) The Merry Mingle - Thank you Carol Gabler!

Dates for your Calendar

Book Club

Monday, January 28
4:00 - 5:00 p.m. at The Goat
Educated by Tara Westover

The New Circle Advisory Team:

Chair: Tracey Smiskey
Vice Chair: Sue Tienor **Secretary:**
Becky Schweinfus **Education**
Team Chair: Andrea Sullivan, Co-
Chair Sara Antonson **Grant Team**
Chair: Jeanne Peterson, Co-Chair
Diane Hoadley **Membership**
Chair: Lacey Logslett, Co-Chair
Cindy Hangartner
Social Media Chair: Theresa
O'Neel, Co-Chair Jessica Martin
Past Chair: Sarah Stokes

Welcome New Members!

Susan Tomasi
Elizabeth Spencer
Patti Sontag
Jodi Thesing-Ritter
Ami Christensen
Elaine Olson
Theresa Hillis
Taylor Pelissero
Karen Hanson

Women's
Giving Circle

A Fund of the Eau Claire Community Foundation



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What's the latest at WGC?

- **Looking back on 2018:** I cannot express enough gratitude for the opportunity to be the Chair of this tremendous group of inspiring and dedicated women. Tracey Smiskey will be an incredible new Chair!
- It was a true joy to witness another year of giving through the Women's Giving Circle. We had more opportunities than ever to witness our work in action through some new volunteer activities. We enjoyed more social outings and grew to 300 members, which is incredibly exciting! We launched a website of our own to improve our educational outreach and communication, created a Facebook page that helps us celebrate our growth and giving, and made huge strides to streamline our grant review process.
- This happens with a collective group of caring hearts and intelligent volunteers. For all of the members who have stepped up to serve on a team, volunteer, review grants, post updates, organize events, and lead this organization...thank you. Thank you to the devoted staff at the Eau Claire Community Foundation. You are all rays of sunshine with hearts of gold. We couldn't do it without you.
- To the members who go above and beyond...thank you. Every moment of hospitality, donated wine poured with a smile, every dollar you gave to make it happen...thank you. To our non-profit grant recipients, thank you for doing the daily important work that makes our communities better. To our members, this group is much more than a newsletter, a quarterly event, or an annual donation. The Women's Giving Circle is a catalyst for change in the lives of women and children. Thank you for making it possible. Happy New Year!

In gratitude,
Sarah Stokes, *Chair*
Women's Giving