

### Marion Women's Club & Home

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**Our Mission** 

Empowering women & enriching the community, while preserving the historic home & promoting the Club's legacy.

Join us!

"Creative Women" May 12 & June 9 • "Women's Wellness Wednesday" June 18 • "Ladies Luau: A Tropical Brunch" July 12



ards and a FREE YMCA family membership!

It Saved My Life Club member Laurie Snyder credits her OhioHealth mammography with saving her life. Register for FREE screening at 614-566-1111, WIN a \$100 gift card!

Be Aware & Safe Personal safety tips, proactive actions to stay safe. Officer Caleb Rector, Marion PD Win RFID travel bag, RING camera, personal alarms, and more!

Organize Me, Please Being organized improves al health! Learn how from local Professional Organize cia Turner. WIN \$600 in FREE services

> Dance into Wellness with Don Ewell & Sarah Stalter Inctive fun! Learn a dance and WIN \$100 in dance lesson



5-5:30pm Healthy Half Hour

5:30-6:15pm Be Safe & Aware

6:15-7pm Serenity Now
Organize Me, Please

7-7:45pm Dance Into Wellness



# Creative Women 'BYOB' improve well-being



Member Valerie Mettler (right) and Becky McKinney brought their own buttons for a 'Creative Women' class, making button bouquets. Research shows being creative enhances overall well-being and fosters selfexpression.

A button bouquet

### Hearts & Socks for Boys & Girls Club

Women's Club members opened their hearts at the "GALentine's Day" gathering, donating 300 pairs of socks to help keep local kids warm. "This project beautifully demonstrates the power of women coming together in sisterhood to make a difference," said Leslie Schneider, Regional Philanthropy Manager, Boys & Girls Club-Marion County. "This not only will help keep our club members' warm and dry, but also reminds them of the strength of community support. It shows how nonprofits, working together and united by a shared mission, uplifts and empowers all of us." -photo by Amy Roston



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# Dancing into history—one step at a time





Tiffanie Starcher (above with Dance Instructor Don Ewell) was named "Champion" of the Marion Women's Club's 6th Annual Celebrity Dance Gala, which raised close to \$100,000. Chris Massey (center, with Instructor Gabrielle Harter) and Elizabeth Moore (right, standing with Instructor Kirk Detweiler) each received the Judge's Performance Award.

"Being crowned champion was an unforgettable achievement," says Starcher, assistant manager-Carroll's Jewelers and Real Estate Showcase agent. "I'm honored to help the Women's Club & Home —it's an evening I'll NEVER forget!"

Proceeds from the sold-out gala will be used to complete the transformation of the carriage house into the Women's History

Resource Center, restoration projects, as well as supporting the Club's mission:

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**Women's History Resource Center Ribbon-Cutting & Open House Celebration** Oct. 28, 2025 • 4pm





## 'Award-Winning' Partnership

The collaboration between Ohio State Marion students and Marion Women's Club has been named a "Program of Excellence in Engaged Scholarship" by The Ohio State University.

"Each Spring, Marion clubwomen have opened their archives to my students, and have helped mentor them as they learn to carry out research as students and summer interns," explained **Professor Margaret Sumner who serves on the** Club's Board of Directors. "Students explore our fascinating records then share their discoveries through presentations, posters and dramatic plays. It's a win-win for everyone."

**DISCOVERING HISTORY: Margaret Sumner** (center) guides OSUM students Alister Murdock and Isabelle Wickline in researching Women's Club records as part of her "Busy, Brilliant & Bossy" women's history course.

Valerie's Views...

# Making history — with a new look & a new logo!



Valerie Wigton

Thanks to you, we've been adding to our Club's RICH history over the past 10 years. We've breathed new life and energy ... from raising nearly \$100,000 at our 2025 Celebrity Dance Gala to the transformation of the original carriage

house into the "Women's

History Resource Center," we continue to make history. Did you know we are the longest continuously operating nonprofit women's club in Marion? Our story began back in 1895...

It's time our "look" changes, too. We've launched a "New Logo Contest" — with a \$500 prize — to better reflect who we are today, while honoring our rich past (see below). At the same time, we're working on updating our website, and hope to re-launch it at our Oct. 28 Grand Opening celebration of the new "Women's **History Resource Center."** 

As we continue to honor our past, we're looking ahead, by impacting Grant Middle School students with an on-site field trip, and continuing to invite Ohio State Marion students to delve into our archives (below, left). It's all coming together as we make history every day, thanks to your involvement, your gifts, your time and talent. Thank you for all you do to help us make history!

Valerie

-photos courtesy

Brandy Gatrell

Valerie Wigton, President



### Submissions accepted April 1 - May 31, 2025 **Marion Women's Club & Home**

- Must be 18 or older to enter
- Maximum of three entries per person
- Visit website below or scan QR code for contest details, rules & entry form
- Send submissions digitally to omensclublogo@gmail.com



