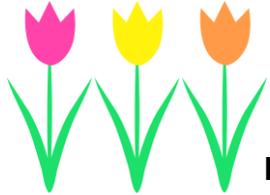




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**AMY KRIZEK IS INSTALLED AS
A DIRECTOR 2019-21 BY PAST
PRESIDENT, FRAN FULLER**

**SPRING FASHION SHOW – NARRATED BY
CHRIS REIST – MODELS: JULIE DARTT, LORI
PRAY, PEGGY NICHOLS, LISA STARR,
DONNA MAE JOHNSON, LINDA FOSTER,
SHERRY MYERS, DONNA LEAHY AND AMY
KRIZEK**



STORES: LILYPEPPER, PEEBLES & BELLA GRANDE





FASHION SHOW



Remember to get your articles in by the 15th of each month for *The Club Communicator* to:
Linda Foster, 316 Beech St., Charlotte, MI 48813; 543-3041;
ed@fosterdvm.com

Membership Memos

Remembrances . . .

Death of inactive member, **Joyce Sparks**, on 4-1-19
Joyce joined in 1975. She was President 1978-79; Chorus (pianist 1975-1982, 2000, fall 2001-06); Co-GFWC-Charlotte Woman of Achievement 2002-03; moved to inactive 9/2016 for health reasons. She was the "Energizer Bunny" and participated in almost all of the Club activities. She especially liked gardening, walking, exercising, playing bridge, helping at church, Mobile Meals, golfing, skiing, and teaching piano. She was an avid MSU fan and camped for many years.



Donna W. and Richard Johnson – ongoing health issues
Kim Bruce – ongoing health issues
Val Reisen – foot accident
Sue Farlin – surgery
Sharon Adam's son – health issues

Birthdays

Anniversaries

Late April

18 Amy Krizek
18 Mary Heightchew
22 Peggy Nichols

30 Patty & Richard Greene

May

07 Sylvia Colles
11 Michelle Taylor
17 Haley Vanderstelt
20 Barb VanderMolen

28 Sally Jewell

01 Pam & Vernon Jarvi
01 Linda & Jim Lord

06 Fran & Matt Rush
19 Susie & Harry Moore
23 Diane & Frank Ruswick

EXPO April 13-14 at the Charlotte High School.



Mini Trips



Williamston – Fireworks Glass Studios

Thursday, March 21

We went to the Fireworks Glass Studios <https://fireworks-glass.com/> in Williamston and saw one-of-a-kind creations being created. We enjoyed a nice lunch & checked out the local shops and antiques.



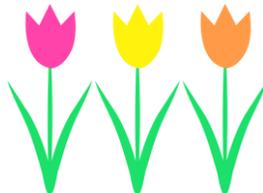
Trips carpool from Alive – park near the pavilion · All trips can accommodate only a limited number of participants, spaces will be filled first come first serve · Non members are always welcome to join us on our mini trips

Any ideas for future trips let us know –

Jo Vanderstelt 517-281-1301 www.jovanderstelt@yahoo.com or Sharon Kennedy
608-322-0626 sharonakennedy65@gmail.com



Thank you to club members for your generous donations that made it possible to send 89 pillows to Bay Cliff Health Camp. They should arrive by this Thursday.





Board Talk – Julie Dartt



Welcome to Spring! Our spring fashion show at the meeting earlier this month was lots of fun. Neat to see the different outfits that were modeled. Thank you to all who wore some blue in support of Child Abuse Prevention Month. I don't think we got around to taking a group photo, but if anyone has any photos from the meeting, please send them on so we can include them in our memory book.

Bay Cliff is excited to receive all the pillows from GFWC-Charlotte! Enough money was collected to order 89 pillows that will be delivered directly to the camp. There are five more pillows that were donated at the meeting that will be delivered to Bay Cliff representatives at the GFWC Michigan Convention. I will tell you that I am sooo happy most of the pillows are a direct ship, the extra five are in my car and it is getting a bit crowded!

You have also donated 19 Dr. Seuss books that will be delivered to SIREN for the children. I have heard that there were other donations made to classrooms, children, and organizations across the area. Excellent work!

2018 was a busy year for our club. 103 reported projects, 9,038 hours of service, we raised \$10,933.39, donated \$10,205 (from budget, fundraising, and other \$ donations), and \$5,629 in-kind. Amazing work by amazing women! I am so proud to work with you!!!

If everyone reported all the activities, hours, money, goods, and services they have given over the year, I know those number would be a good bit larger. Please keep up the excellent work. That really is the most important part of what we do, 'enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service.'

DSW in Eastwood Towne Center is a drop off site for Soles4Souls. They collect new and gently used footwear for children, men, and women to be distributed to those in need and to also be used with micro-enterprise partners. This project, along with donating Dr. Seuss books, is part of the Seven Grand Initiatives of GFWC International President Mary Ellen Brock.

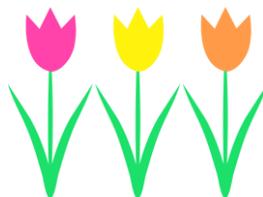
If you have any items for entry in the Arts & Crafts competition, contact me to arrange a meeting to collect your entries. Categories and tags are attached to this newsletter.

As of Saturday afternoon, the Home & Business Expo had a good number of visitors and many stopped by our table to look at pictures, ask questions, and sometimes just to visit. Membership information will be sent to those women who gave us contact information. Some are especially interested in the SIREN Holiday Tea.

Be thinking of grand ideas for our club to include in next years program. Speakers, topics, mini trip destinations, projects, guest night activities...all ideas are welcome. Be sure to attend the May Brainstorming meeting on May 10th at the First Congregational Church.

See you soon, continue to be awesome!

Julie





Education Foundation Scholarships are available to members of at least one year. Linda Foster for more information.

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Tea and Tomes - Join us on April 30 to discuss *Mrs. Lincoln's Dressmaker* by Jennifer Chiaverini. Elizabeth Hobbs is a gifted seamstress, who earned her freedom and is the friend of First Lady Mary Todd Lincoln. In the story, of love, loss and the Civil War, Chiaverini weaves a lovely piece of historical fiction. We will gather on April 30 in the Spartan Room at the Charlotte Community Library 12:45-2:00.

Sneak Peak - *Presto* by Mitch Albom. (There is a book box for this title.) We will gather on May 21, the 3rd Tuesday of the month. At this gathering, we will also be completing our end-of-the-year surveys. If you have any questions about Tea and Times or would like to join us. please contact Elizabeth Siler for more information.



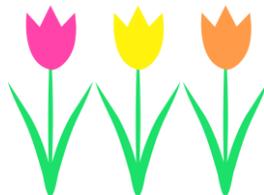
ESO: Epsilon Sigma Omicron is an honorary educational society open to all GFWC members. The purpose of ESO is to promote a commitment to lifelong learning and self-improvement through reading. Each pledge is to "enlighten her own pathway" through reading and personal study. Once per year, reading totals are submitted and certificates awarded. The Charlotte chapter of ESO has 28 active members who achieve various levels of certification. New pledges are always welcome and information in the form of a download is available at www.gfwc-charlotte.com.

The ESO award recipients for 2018 are: Century Certificates (100-199 cumulative books read), **Lorraine Green, Mary Heightchew, and Sharon Kennedy**; Second Century Certificates (200-299 cumulative books read), **Sara Biskie, Patricia Greene, and Sandra Maatsch**; Fourth Century Certificate (400-499 cumulative books read), **Linda Foster**; Sixth Century Certificate (600-699 cumulative books read), **Lola Wilson**; Seventh Century Certificate (700-700 cumulative books read), **Lori King**; Eighth Century Certificate (800-899 cumulative books read), **Elizabeth Siler**; Twentieth Century Certificate (2000-2999 cumulative books read), **Marilyn Monroe-Hart**.

Twelve ESO certificates were awarded this reading year. A total of 689 books were read by our members between January and December, 2018. Each ESO pledge keeps a record of the number of books read since pledging; hence the amounts shown are cumulative over a number of years. If you would like to "Enlighten your own pathway" by pledging to ESO, forms may be obtained at www.gfwc-charlotte.com For more information, contact Brynda Filkins, 541-3598. You are invited to join this group of reading women!

Congratulations to these members! Certificates will be presented as soon as they arrive.

Brynda Filkins, Chair





If you know of a club member who could use some help, contact:

Contact Lorraine Green, Chair, 543-5048,
rainraingreen@gmail.com

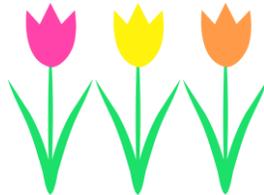
ANNOUNCEMENT FROM DONNA LEAHY WHO PLAYS IN THIS:

The Mason Symphony has two concerts left this year. On Friday May 17, they will be playing Johannesburg Brahms' Symphony No 1 at St James Catholic Church, 1010 S Lansing St in Mason at 7:30 pm. Admission is free.

Thursday, June 6, at 6 p.m., the Mason Symphony will be playing outdoors, weather permitting, on the lawn of the Mason City Hall, 201 W Ash St. This is a fun finale to the season.

For more information about the Mason Symphony:

<http://www.masonorchestras.org/>



CONGRATULATIONS TO LORI AND DANA PRAY OF THE PRAY FUNERAL HOME for receiving the 4th Annual Living a Generous Life Award



RIF GROUP CHOOSING BOOKS FOR CLASSROOM DISTRIBUTIONS

Diane Ruswick, Donna Leahy, Ginny Baxter, Cathy Rudnitsky, Amy Smith, Joan Hasselback

GFWC-Charlotte May Programs

Brainstorming

The General Federation of Women's Clubs-Charlotte will hold its monthly meeting on **Friday, May 10, 2019** at the 1ST Congregational Church, 106 S. Bostwick at 11:30 a.m..
(NOTE – THIS IS THE 2ND FRIDAY.)

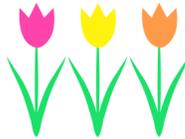
This will be our Brainstorming meeting for fellowship and planning next year's programs. **Please come** with ideas and your calendar to sign up for a monthly meeting.

There is no cost. Bring a sack lunch. Dessert and beverages will be provided. Dress casual.

CHS Senior Tea

Our tea honoring Charlotte High School graduating seniors will be on **Wednesday, May 22, 2019**, at 1:00 p.m. at the Charlotte Performing Arts Center. The chorus will sing and the speaker is Josh Holiday. You are encouraged to attend. There will be refreshments and there is no charge.

If you have any questions, please contact Chris Reist, 543-7734..



KIND NEWS ORDER FORM

To adopt a classroom for the **2019-20** school year, please complete this form and return by **May 15, 2019** to Carol Rossio, 2233 S. Cochran Rd., Charlotte, along with a **\$25.00** check made out to **GFWC-Charlotte**.

Your Name: _____

Is there a specific teacher/classroom you'd like to sponsor? If so, please complete the information below:

Teacher Name: _____ Grade _____

Level _____

School: _____ Address(if not in

Charlotte): _____

Questions? Contact Carol Rossio at 543-4172 or cjrossio@hotmail.com.



Club donates blankets they made to Eaton Area Emergency Services



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