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LORI PRAY RECEIVES 2008 ATHENA AWARD

Two club members are honored at the Chamber of Commerce Awards Dinner March 27, 2008. (Articles on page 2.)

CAROL MONROE RECEIVES COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD



LORI PRAY (from page 1)

“Each year the Athena Award is given to an individual who demonstrates excellence, creativity and initiative in their business or profession; provides valuable service by contributing time and energy to improve the quality of life for others in the community and actively assists women in realizing their full leadership potential.”

GFWC-Charlotte was proud to nominate Lori for this prestigious award. Upon graduating from college, Lori joined the family business, Pray Funeral Home, as the business manager. She has served in that capacity for 28 years. Lori joined the Club in 1980 and has served and chaired numerous committees, served on the board and as club president in 1989-90. She has been the treasurer since 1999. In this capacity, she not only computerized our club finances, but has also conducted a workshop on financial management at the District level.

Lori is a Mobile Meals driver, and it the treasurer for that organization; opened her home as a stop on the recent Home Tour; is active in the Read-Me-A-Story (RIF) program; helps plant the downtown urns; knits hats for newborns; participates in the club book group; sings in the club chorus; has received many GFWC Awards, including Woman of Achievement and Ms. Federation; helped design the Charlotte Performing Arts Center; treasurer of the Friends of CPAC; advisor in the Explorer Scouts; active in her church; supports Hayes Green Beach and the Charlotte Public Library.

She is married to Joe E. Pray and has two sons, Tyler and McLain. She is the Daughter of Leonard and Rosalie Eishen, former Charlotte residents.



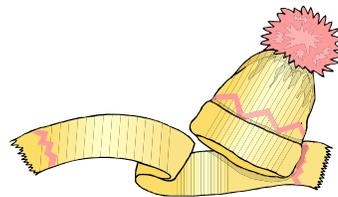
CAROL MONROE (from page 1)

Carol received one of the Chamber's three Community Excellence awards. She has been the president and director of the Eaton Clothing and Furniture Center since 1995. She helped solicit over 30 volunteers a year for the "Back to School" event, where new shoes, clothing, personal hygiene products and school supplies were made available without cost to eligible school children in Eaton and Barry counties.

She has been a member of GFWC-Charlotte for over 25 years, serving as president in 1986-87. She has also chaired many committees.

Carol is active in the First Congregational Church, UCC – deacon, financial secretary, Christian Education Board Chair, General Chair of the Annual Bazaar. She was a founding director of the Housing Services for Eaton County and has written grants for homeless assistance in Eaton County. She coordinated the drafting and printing of a protocol for emergency services for the tri-county ambulance systems, and served as a director on the EATRAN board.

Carol began her career as a dental hygienist, working in private dental offices for 25 years, and was active in the Michigan Dental Hygienists' Association for over 20 years. She graduated from the University of Detroit and later got a BS from Western Michigan University.



A REMINDER! Babies are being born every day and the HGB nurses enjoy presenting a hat to the parents. So . . .keep making hats! If you have some ready and would like me to pick them up, just let me know. Thanks!
Sara Biskie, slbiskie@sbcglobal.net or 543-0815.

WELCOME NEW MEMBER...



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Sarah, Ryan, Allison, Brandon (adults)

Susan Davis (Ralph)

I grew up in DeWitt, Michigan where I graduated in a class of 100 students. I then went to Central Michigan University where I earned my Bachelor of Science degree in Sociology and Psychology. After graduating, I married my husband, Ralph, and moved to Charlotte where I have now lived for thirty two years.

As we began our family, I returned to college at Michigan State University earning my Elementary Teaching Certificate and later my Master of Arts Degree in Curriculum and Instruction. I taught at St. Mary School for a number of years before becoming the principal during my final four years there.

I am currently enjoying the stress free life of a stay at home wife. I truly value the freedom and flexibility of my new schedule which allows me to help my four children: Christine(30) and her husband Edward Corbin with their six children, Ryan (28) and his wife Chrissy and their two children, Allison (26) and her husband AJ Preston and their two children, and Brandon (23) and his wife Alexis and their little boy.

Ralph and I have a park unit at Silver Lake where we spend most summer weekends enjoying the company of our friends and family and the magnificent beauty of Lake Michigan and the Sand Dunes. I am also a member of the Busy Bunko Babes and the Bulb and Blossom Clubs in Charlotte and enjoy a number of hobbies including Stained Glass and Reading.

I was very active in helping the community through the Jaycess organization when my children were younger. It seems as though with the busy life of full time work, continued education, and the activities and sports that my children were engaged in, finding time for outside involvement became too difficult. I am now looking forward to working with other club members to help my community. I have truly been blessed in my life, and rejoice in the opportunity to share those blessings with others.

Birthdays

Late April

21 Wanda Powell

May

07 Sylvia Colles
20 Jenny Lamb
25 Zelma DeHaan
26 Lisa Blakeney
28 Sally Jewell
28 Laura Newland

Anniversaries

22 Nathalie & Sid Weseman
28 Toni & Bob Small

08 Susan & Ralph Davis
19 Susie & Harry Moore

Remembrances...

Carolyn Maier's husband, Jeff - health
Margie Carter – knee surgery
Chriti Dutcher's husband, Tom, - health issues
Sue Berger's daughter, Lyndsay -
 Congratulations on receiving
 the DAR Good Citizen Award
Sharon Kubica's husband – health issues
Christi Dutcher – Fulton Lumber
 celebrates 100 years!
Bobbie Kane's husband, Frank - accident





BOARD TALK – NOLA BUCK



Happy Birthday. GFWC. I have received an email from Jacquelyn Pierce reminding us that, "On April 24, 1890, members of 63 women's clubs from throughout the United States came together to form the General Federation of Women's Clubs at a ratification convention in New York City."

The membership committee reports that GFWC-Charlotte now has 106 members.

I am very proud to report that two of our members were recognized at the Annual Chamber of Commerce Dinner. Lori Pray was honored with the Athena Award. (See article on page 2.) Carol Monroe was honored with the Community Excellence Award for her commitment to the Eaton Clothing and Furniture Center as well as many other volunteer commitments she has to the community. Congratulations to both of these ladies.

We voted at the March General meeting to donate \$500 toward the refurbishing of the Sheriff's Residence where we keep our archives. A very nice thank you note has been received from the Courthouse Square Association.

Please mark your calendars-- we have some important days coming up. We need you at the Brainstorming meeting at my house on May 2. Be sure to check out the details in this newsletter. If you are reading this before April 18 and still wish to attend Cornwell's Dinner Theatre, please call Shirley Rann immediately. She needs to finalize the reservations. It sounds like a fun night. The Senior Tea is 1:00 on May 8 at the Charlotte Performing Arts Center. Don Colizzi will be our speaker. It is important to have a good attendance of members to show support of our high school graduates.

I hope all of you are enjoying the spring days we are finally getting. As a skier I love the snow, but it's time to get out the rake and get our hands dirty. See you May 2nd.

BRAINSTORMING - WE NEED YOU

The Brainstorming Brunch will be held at Nola Buck's home at 1775 E. Clinton Trail at 10:30 on May 2. To avoid parking on the road, we will be parking cars on the lawn. It would help if members carpooled to cut down on the number of cars. Mary Remenak and Nola Buck are treating us to a Brunch to thank everyone for helping us have a great year. Dress casual and bring your program suggestions for 2008 - 2009 for Carole Barnett-Stopper, our incoming Vice President. We are asking that you confirm your plan to attend with Mary (541-0382 - lovetthouse@voyager.net) or Nola (543-2681 - dougbuck@att.net)

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; egfoster@cablespeed.com or to: Gloria Wilson, 410 East 3rd St., Charlotte, MI 48813; 543-7618 or 541-5752 (wk) wilsong@charlottenet.org



TEA AND TOMES: "It is a truth universally acknowledged, that a single man in possession of a good fortune, must be in want of a wife." So begins the opening line of Jane Austen's most famous novel, *Pride and Prejudice*. Let the discussion begin! This classic, romantic tome will be the final book of the 2007-2008 GFWC year. Tea and Tomes book discussions will begin again in September. You are invited to join us this month for a luncheon, with tea, at the home of Mary Remenak, 405 E. Street, on April 22, at 12:00 o'clock. Hats may be worn on special occasion. Book Club members are asked to respond to Mary at 0382, if they have not already done so. An evaluation of this year's activities and book selection recommendations for next year will follow the luncheon and book discussion.



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Kind News Update

I wanted to start early promoting *Kind News*. This is a very well-received program that GFWC offers at the national level.

Members of GFWC have the opportunity to adopt teachers, so that their class may receive a monthly newsletter. The teacher receives 30 copies with a lesson plan to share with his/her students each month during the school year.

The students benefit from articles and cartoons and games relating to the environment, friendships and tender care of animals.

It is time to present this to the general membership, please let me know if you are interested in adopting a teacher. It is a wonderful way to promote youth literacy.

The cost is \$25.00 for the year. I will be contacting last year's sponsors and the adopted teachers just to make sure that they wish to continue.

Please call me if you have any questions, if you wish to adopt a teacher, please send me a check for \$25.00 as soon as possible. Also, if you know of a teacher you wish to sponsor, that is great. If you do not have a teacher in mind, I can find one for you.

Thank you to Mike, Bobbie, Lola, Marilyn, Lee and also the General Membership (for sponsoring two teachers) for the kindness in supporting the program this year.

Happy Spring!

Jenny Lamb, Coordinator

Mobile Meals, Inc.

of Charlotte



Mobile Meals, Inc. of Charlotte began in January, 1971 as the result of an established need called to the attention of General Federation of Women's Clubs-Charlotte (GFWC-Charlotte) by Dr. B. P. Brown. The organization is headed by a seven-person board of directors, one of whom is always the current president of GFWC-Charlotte. Mobile Meals functions with about 100 **unpaid** volunteers from the community – many of whom have been with the program since its inception 37 years ago.

Basically, it provides about 6,500 meals each year to shut-ins, convalescents, physically or mentally handicapped individuals who are unable to adequately care for themselves. This program is based on need, not age or financial criteria. The meals are prepared by Hayes Green Beach Hospital and its dietitian, Julee Emenhiser, oversees this part of the program. She also serves as the Qualifier. Special diets and food preferences are accommodated. The noon meal usually includes cooked meat, poultry, or fish, potato or substitute, vegetable, salad, bread, butter, milk and dessert. The supper meal consists of a sandwich, salad, dessert and milk.



Volunteer drivers are scheduled once a month to pick up the meals at the hospital around 11:15 and deliver a hot meal to the subscribers. A cold supper meal is also available and is delivered with the noon meal. The program operates 365 days per year, including holidays and weekends! GFWC-Charlotte oversees the scheduling and reminding drivers and handles administrative duties. Many of the drivers are from that organization. In addition to the regularly scheduled drivers, substitutes are always needed.

The Eaton County United Way partially subsidizes the cost of each meal, and Food Stamps are accepted. The current cost is \$3 for the hot noon meal and \$2 for the cold supper meal.

Besides meeting food needs of the subscribers, the daily contact boosts morale and has saved lives. It also enables subscribers to be released from hospital stays earlier. To learn more about volunteering for this organization, contact Linda Foster, 517-543-3041. To find out how to obtain this service, contact Julee Emenhiser, 517-541-5909.



A GFWC-CHARLOTTE COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT SINCE 1971. THANKS TO ALL WHO HELP WITH THIS PROGRAM – BOARD MEMBERS, COORDINATORS, DRIVERS, FOOD PREPARERS, HGB HOSPITAL, EATON COMMUNITY UNITED WAY!



Here's a Second Chance . . .

As of April 1st, unused **Education Foundation** funds from all districts were pooled and are available. Contact Linda Foster (543-3041) for more information if you are interested in applying for a scholarship.



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