



# GFWC – Charlotte

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### OPERATION SMILE DOLL PROJECT

Some of the “sewers” of dolls are pictured above: Fran Fuller, Mike Pawli, Nathalie Weisman, Stormi Stuler, Nola Buck, Sandy Maatsch, Sylvia Colles, Chris Waugh-Fleischmann, April Brooks, Lori Pray, Sara Biskie, Mary Remenak and Lori King.

The Operation Smile project is coming to a close. If you picked up a doll kit to sew, please return the completed dolls to Mary or Fran by April 27<sup>th</sup>. If you’re still out of state for the winter, return your dolls as soon as possible after you return. We’ve had a wonderful response and over 60 dolls returned at this time. Thank you.

### PECKHAM SPEAKER NICOLE ELLWANGER



Mainstreaming our developmentally disabled citizens was the topic for our April 3 meeting.

**ESO, Epsilon Sigma Omicron**, is an honorary educational reading society open to all GFWC members. The purpose of ESO is to promote a commitment to lifelong learning and self-improvement through reading. ESO is a national society with state chapters. Our local ESO has 16 pledged members in this, our first year. Later this month, at the State Convention, our chapter members will receive certificates for their reading during the past year. We would like to honor the following women who will receive certificates:

Member certificates (those who have read 16-39 books):

Mary Jean Baker, Sara Biskie, Sylvia Colles, Lee Falik, Brynda Filkins, Linda Foster, Lori King, Marilyn Monroe-Hart, Mary Remenak, Cynthia Siarney, Christine Waugh-Fleischmann

Star certificates (those who have read 40-63 books):

Brynda Filkins, Lori King, Marilyn Monroe-Hart

Torch certificates (those who have read 64-99 books): Marilyn Monroe-Hart

Century certificates (those who have read more than 100 books): Marilyn Monroe-Hart

Congratulations to these women on their reading success and their path to self-enrichment and personal growth!

It is not too late to pledge to ESO if you would like to join. Forms are available on the website.



**TEA AND TOMES:** Please join us for one of the best-loved stories of all time, *To Kill a Mockingbird*, by Harper Lee. A story of innocence and experience, acceptance and prejudice, justice and injustice, it has earned many distinctions since its original publication in 1960. It won the Pulitzer Prize, has been translated into more than forty languages, sold more than thirty million copies, and has been made into an enormously popular movie. Most recently, librarians across the country gave the book the highest of honors by voting it the best novel of the 20th century. Copies of the book, as well as book-on-cassette, and book-on-DVD, are available at the library. We will meet for book discussion on Tuesday, April 28, at 1:00, in the Spartan Room of the Charlotte Community Library. New members are always welcome. Contact Brynda Filkins, 541-3698, for more information.



**Photo from the March Tea and Tomes meeting when we read *Gilead*. (Furnished by Shirley Rann.) Tea china belonged to Stormi Stuler.**





# GFWC-Charlotte Guest Night

**FRIDAY, MAY 1**

**CHARLOTTE COUNTRY CLUB**

**5:30 p. m. Cash Bar – 6:30 p. m. dinner**

**\$20 per person – choice of pork loin or chicken**

**Reservations and meal choices due by noon April 25,**

**Saturday at The Linen Chest or Wildern's Drug Store.**

**Join us for a fun, casual, “coffee house” get together with a good dinner, beverages of your choice, good music and an entertaining and thought-provoking experience following dinner when **RICHARD BUTMAN** speaks about his crafting of custom acoustic guitars. Bring a friend, your husband, significant other, etc.**



**Co-chairs: Barbara Fulton & Sherry Pabst  
Program Rep: Linda Foster**



## NEVA MIKESELL DIES 4-9-09

Neva had only been a member of our club for about a year and a half, but she was very active and a real asset. She had a very courageous battle against cancer. She was preceded in death by her husband, Willard, and is survived by children Ann, Terri and Jim ; stepchildren Kathy and Tom; 13 grandchildren.

Neva became the first female Journal Clerk in the House of Representatives and retired as Clerk of the House of Representatives in 1995. She had a private pilot's license, belonged to the First Congregational Church and was a life member of the VFW Auxiliary 2406 and the American Legion Auxiliary 42, an Eaton County Shriner's Club Lady, and was a HGB volunteer. She will be missed.

**PLEASE DELETE NEVA MIKESELL AND LAURIE NEWLAND FROM YOUR DIRECTORIES.**

### Birthdays

#### Late April

21 Wanda Powell

#### May

07 Sylvia Colles

20 Jenny Lamb

21 Kathy Tomlanovich

25 Zelma DeHaan

26 Lisa Blakeney

28 Sally Jewell

30 Delma Smith

### Anniversaries

22 Nathalie & Sid Weseman

28 Toni & Bob Small

08 Susan & Ralph Davis

19 Susie & Harry Moore



## Here's a Second Chance . . .



As of April 1<sup>st</sup>, 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.



## BOARD TALK – MARY REMENAK



CONGRATULATIONS GFWC-CHARLOTTE! I reported at our April meeting that we have been awarded Club of the Year in the Southwestern District for Category 4 clubs. Recently, we have been informed that we have been further honored for our work in Conservation and Membership. I will share more details with you after the convention.

The Senior Tea is fast approaching and once again our club is challenged to step forward and give extra assistance. Thank you Eva Crandall and Shirley Hirt for joining Nola Buck as committee co-chairs on short notice. The Tea, a club tradition, is an important event on our club calendar. It is a wonderful opportunity for us to put a personal face on GFWC-Charlotte when we meet with parents, students and Charlotte Public Schools administrators and facility. Please join us on May 8 at 1:00 at CPAC. Our speaker, Elaine Bickel, is a treat you will not want to miss!

After months of diligent work, our Prescription Drug Abuse Awareness committee is in the process of dispersing the posters, flyers and inserts in our community. Watch for them! Is it time to clean out your medicine cabinet?

We continue to Step for the Roses-We are now over 8 ½ million steps!!

Neva Mikesell's funeral service was held Monday. When a list of her affiliations and achievements was recited, the General Federation of Women's Clubs-Charlotte was among them. I was acquainted with Neva for too short a time. In that time I came to admire her love and dedication to her family and a real spirit of volunteerism that she lived by example.

My flowers are beginning to poke through the soil-a new season is beginning...

See you at our Brainstorming meeting, May 1. Good friends, good food, and great ideas! Then at the Guest Night for the Club at 5:30 at the Charlotte Country Club.

### **TIME TO PLANT FLOWERS**



The time is coming soon to plant flowers in the downtown urns and plant Snell Park as well as the Welcome sign by Quality Dairy. Mark your calendar. The downtown urns will be planted on May 16 and the flowerbeds will be planted May 20. This is usually a morning project. The more volunteers we get, the more fun we have. For more details contact Nancy Holtz or Nola Buck.



## ***Kind News Update!***

It is that time of year that *Kind News* is renewed. The process usually takes several weeks that turns into several months, but needs to be submitted by June 1<sup>st</sup>. I send an update to the general membership, hoping that this may attract some interest. Next, I call all the adopted teachers and confirm that they would like to continue receiving the monthly newspaper and lessons plans. Last but not least, I call our club members who sponsored the teachers. We have dedicated members who have sponsored the program for many years. *Kind News* is generously supported by GFWC nationally and, of course, locally through our members.

The monthly newspaper is sent to the adopted teachers. The newspaper promotes kindness. It teaches kindness to animals, classmates and the environment on each grade level. There are articles, games and artwork to spark interest and fun. The cost is \$25.00 for one school year. Please call if you are interested. I will need the check made out to GFWC-Charlotte and name of the school teacher by the end of May. If you do not have a teacher in mind, I will find one for you. Many teachers have been very pleased about this program.

I especially would like to thank and recognize our club members who have sponsored (adopted) teachers. Lee Falik sponsored Cindy Cook(Washington); GFWC –Charlotte sponsored Waymire (Washington) and Michelle Marchand (Washington) ; Marilyn Monroe Hart sponsored Tami Nixon (Galewood); Bobbie Kain sponsored Stephanie Weaver (St. Mary's); Mary Remenak and Fran Fuller sponsored Jane Fort(Parkview); Mike Pawli sponsored Chris Hoover (Charlotte Middle School); and Lola Wilson sponsored Lisa Hoyt (Parkview).

Please call me if you have any questions or interest.  
Jenny Lamb, Chair (543-7038)



There is still time to register for the State Capitol “Day In May.”  
Contact Mary Remenak for the registration form. Registration deadline is May 1. Cost is \$10 with checks made payable to GFWC MI.  
9:30 a.m. gather at Immanuel Lutheran church in Grand Ledge; take buses to capitol; return to Grand Ledge about 2:30 p.m.





## **Photography Interest Group Does Photo Shoot at Bennett Park**

The Photography Interest Group met at 10:00 a.m. at Bennett Park on March 27<sup>th</sup> for its first field trip since taking classes at the Ritz Camera Shop.

The sun cooperated and members were able to get some very nice shoots of nature scenes, river rapids, the bridge over the river and of the 1845 Eaton County Courthouse. The members reconvened around 11:00 a.m. to head downtown to Evelyn Bay for a cuppa tea or coffee and sharing of photos they had just taken. At the group's next meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, Carol Idalsky will demonstrate digital photo scrap booking techniques like those used in the book she created for her grandchildren. Members will be sharing some of their printed photos taken in March at Bennett Park.

May 22<sup>nd</sup> will be the group's last meeting of this club year. They will be taking another field trip. This time they will be car-pooling to Hastings to Photographer's Studio. Mr. White, owner of the studio, will be sharing his photography tips with the group, after which they will enjoy lunch at one of Hastings' lovely eateries.

GFWC-MICHIGAN will again be sponsoring a photo contest. All GFWC members are encouraged to enter their favorite photographs. Winners from the state contest are forwarded to National for judging. The national winners' photographs are then used in the annual GFWC calendar. **If you would like to submit a photo, contact Mary Remenak for contest rules and entry forms. Absolute deadline for entering this contest is April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2009, when Mary will be leaving Charlotte to go to the state convention.**

## **KALEIDOSCOPE PARTICIPANTS MEET AT THE CHARLOTTE COUNTRY CLUB FRIDAY AT 7:15 A.M.**

**NEXT MEETING MAY 1, 2009 10:00 A.M. BRUNCH & BRAINSTORMING, FREE,  
CHARLOTTE COMMUNITY LIBRARY SPARTAN ROOM**

**GUEST NIGHT, MAY 1, 2009, FRIDAY, 5:30 P.M. CASH BAR, 6:30 P.M. DINNER,  
7:30 P.M. PROGRAM – COST \$20 – RESERVATIONS DUE BY 4/25**

**SENIOR TEA – FRIDAY, MAY 8<sup>TH</sup> – CPAC - FREE**

Remember to get your articles in by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month for  
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