



GFWC – Charlotte

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*April 5<sup>th</sup> meeting speaker - Felicia Masters from Christopher & Banks*



*and C J Banks - style show*

*Models were Lori Pray, Pam Jarvi, Jeannette Sommer, Peggy Nichols, Shirley Hirt.  
Committee Chairs: Mona Ellard and Carol Rossio*



**Patty Greene** was elected for a two-year term as a Director, replacing Kim Capps, whose term expires this year. Congratulations to Patty and thanks to Kim! (left)

**Jo Gager** gave the 125<sup>th</sup> Historical Moment, explaining how the Club helped the **House of Ruth**. She gave a background on how the house came to be, and information on Ruth Rypstra, its namesake and a former GFWC – Charlotte member, now deceased.



**MSU Broad Museum Mini-trip**, March 21 – Diane Ruswick, Peggy Nichols, Jo Vanderstelt, Pam Rinckey, Linda Foster, Joyce Sparks, Ellen Fuller

The first day of spring was very “winterish” as we ventured to MSU. After touring the museum, we enjoyed lunch at the Peanut Barrel.



**Tea and Tomes:** Want to go to Ireland? Come join our book discussion this month on Tuesday, April 23, in the Spartan Room of the Charlotte Community Library. We meet from 12:45 to 2:30 and there is a place at the table for you!

This month, *An Irish Country Doctor* by Patrick Taylor, is our book of choice. Barry Lafferty, MD, is the proud owner of a spanking-new medical degree who jumps at the chance to secure a position as an assistant in a small rural practice. At least until he meets Dr. Fingal Flahertie O'Reilly. The pugnacious older doctor has his own way of doing things and Barry can't decide if O'Reilly is the biggest charlatan he has ever met or the best teacher he could ever hope for.

**Sneak Peek** for May 28: *Saving Cee Cee Honeycutt* by Beth Hoffman



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## Board Talk – Sylvia Colles



A special treat is coming your way. You know about our 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration and the 66th **Senior Tea**, but those are not the only special things happening in May. Our regular meeting on May 3rd will be the very important **brainstorming session** that helps us plan programs for the next year. Here's something that isn't in our yearbook about that meeting. We've planned something extra. You will have the chance to get a better idea of your personality style by taking a short survey. This is an example of the type of questions: "Do you like a fast pace?" or "Do you like a slow pace?" That and a few other questions will shed light on whether you are a Director, Influencer, Perfectionist or Stabilizer. It will be fun and informative.

May also brings you the opportunity to attend the "**Lobbying in Lansing Day**" on **May 8, 2013**, as a member of GFWC. Pat Boes, Legislation and Public Policy Chairman, has planned this event for us. Click on the attachment for the registration form and a description of the event. You will tour the Capitol and have a group photo taken on the steps. Members will be presenting two "white papers" to their legislators. (Click on the attachment.) These papers are concerning hands free phones while driving and absentee ballots for those entering the service. Sometimes we forget that we can be a voice because the strength of our large membership and our organization's dedication to volunteerism and community improvement make GFWC Michigan a powerful lobbying group. We don't make the huge financial contributions that some interests groups do, but we are a force to be listened to none the less.

May will bring a spectacular an end to our program year, but not to all of our activities. Please be sure that you are keeping track of the time you spend volunteering for GFWC-Charlotte. See you at **everything** in May.

Remember to get your articles in by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month for *The Club Communicator* to:

Linda Foster, 316 Beech St., Charlotte, MI 48813; 543-3041;  
[ed@fosterdvm.com](mailto:ed@fosterdvm.com)

**GFWC Jennie Award** is the highest honor given to a clubwoman by GFWC. A club can nominate only one person for this award every two years. The nominee should have an outstanding record of achievement in club programs and projects and be actively involved in her community's needs and concern, taking an active role and work with other organizations, such as school, church, hospital and her workplace. The Michigan winner is considered with other winners in the Great Lakes Region, which, selects two finalists and forwards the nominations to GFWC. The Jennie Award will be presented at the 2014 GFWC Convention. Every club has a special woman and now is the time to recognize her accomplishments. Please let President Sylvia know if you would like to nominate someone from our club.



# Membership Memos

## Remembrances...

**Jan van Blaricom** died 3/25/13 – she served as GFWC MI President and President of Girlstown. She was parliamentarian for the state and SWD for years. Jan was active nationally and locally – a member of the Ladies’ Library Association in Kalamazoo. Condolence cards may be sent to her daughter, Tina Jensen, 22555 Shadowglen, Farmington Hills, MI 48335-3652. Jan was dear to many in our club who worked with her.



March 19, 2013  
7# 4 oz.; 20.25”  
**Maia Edel Harrelson**  
(pronounced Miah or Miya)  
Mom, **Jessica**

Also congratulations to Jessica on getting her PhD!



## Birthdays

## Anniversaries

### Late April

22 Peggy Nichols

30 Patty & Richard Greene

### May

07 Sylvia Colles

01 Pam & Vernon Jarvi

05 Norma & John Curtis

21 Kathy Tomlanovich

06 Fran & Matt Rush

28 Sally Jewell

19 Susie & Harry Moore

23 Diane & Frank Ruswick

**Kathy Tomlanovich** is moving to Oregon. Her new address is: 525 Covey Lane, Eugene, Oregon 97401.



New GFWC Tagline:



## Child Abuse Awareness Month

Here's your chance to be a part of a Pinwheel Garden in the heart of New York City. In recognition of Child Abuse Awareness Month, join GFWC Partner Prevent Child Abuse America on Tuesday, April 16, where PCAA will transform the "Big Apple" into the "Big Pinwheel Garden" by creating a display of 5,000 to 10,000 pinwheels in Times Square! **Maybe we should consider adding pinwheels to our downtown urns in April.**



## GFWC Flash Drives on Sale 3 for \$30

Save all of your valuable files and keep them handy with the emblematic GFWC Flash Drive, now at a new promotional bundle price of 3 for \$30--a savings of \$6. Store up to 2GB of your vital files or images on this portable flash drive. The GFWC flash drive makes an excellent gift and is a great way to stay organized. Go to the [www.gfwc.org/marketplace](http://www.gfwc.org/marketplace) to order yours today.

## GFWC by the Numbers



Reporting numbers are in! Once again, GFWC members' generous contributions and hard work have enhanced the lives of others, by supporting the arts, preserving natural resources, advancing education, promoting healthy lifestyles and encouraging civic engagement. Thank you for your continued commitment!

### CSP+Special Projects

Projects: 90,945  
Volunteer Hours: 4,439,652.52  
Dollars Donated: \$12,841,913.43  
In-Kind Donations: \$13,649,881.78  
Dollars Donated & In-Kind Donations sum: \$26,491,795.21

### Advancement Areas

Projects: 51,405  
Volunteer Hours: 3,188,335.45  
Dollars Spent: \$4,759,684.97  
Dollars Raised: \$10,536,923.15

## **BRAINSTORMING – GFWC – CHARLOTTE MAY MEETING**



Noon Lunch – casual dress – bring your own sack lunch. Beverages and dessert will be provided. This is an important meeting where we get all your wonderful ideas in deciding what the programming should be for next year. If you have sponsored a new member this year, encourage them to attend, so that they can learn more about the club and let us know what would interest them. Those of you who will be setting up for the evening celebration, please send your ideas to Diane Rabey at [drabey@eatonisd.org](mailto:drabey@eatonisd.org) ahead of time.

Please make plans to attend! No cost. No reservations necessary  
Spartan Room, Charlotte Community Library – **Friday, May 3, 12 noon**



### **HUSBAND/GUEST NIGHT – 125<sup>TH</sup> CELEBRATION OF GFWC-CHARLOTTE**

**May 3, 2013, Friday; social time begins at 6:00 p.m. and dinner is at 7:00 p.m.,  
at the American Legion, 1000 W. Lawrence, Charlotte, MI 48813. \$25/person.  
Checks should be made payable to GFWC – Charlotte and mailed to Jeannette  
Sommer, 912 St. Mary's Blvd., Charlotte, MI 48813 by April 20, 2013!**

- \*appetizers prepared by the cooking groups**
- \*program reflecting our history, including music by our chorus**
- \*music by Don Sovey's band - dancing**



## **66<sup>TH</sup>**

### **SENIOR TEA – 1:00 P.M. - CPAC Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>**



Honoring Charlotte High School Graduating Seniors  
No reservations. All club members are encouraged to attend.

Steven Corey, Olivet College President speaker  
GFWC – Charlotte Chorus - Two scholarships will be awarded.  
Refreshments following the program.



# Mini Trips Update

**KALEIDOSCOPE - Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup>; car pool from Allve at 7:15 a.m. to MSU's Kellogg Center in East Lansing. Be sure to let Linda Foster know if you will be driving over yourself, so we can plan cars accordingly.**

Note: This year, the MSU Alumni Association is partnering with the City Rescue Mission which has met physical and spiritual needs in the capital area, providing meals and shelter. Nearly 60% of those served are women and children. They will be collecting donations at Kaleidoscope of: underwear, socks, pajamas, sheet sets (extra long, colored twin), pillows, fleece blankets, feminine products, diapers, umbrellas, flip-flops. Bring what you can, and we'll do a photo op before we leave Allve.



## **Lansing Lugnuts**

*Friday, June 14 cost \$22.50 or \$11 If interested in ride sharing call Jo Vanderstelt*

We will have a joint event between Charlotte Rotary and GFWC – Charlotte to go to the Lugnuts' game on **Friday, June 14, 2013**. You have your choice of seating in the Clubhouse which has 49 balcony tickets and accesses the Clubhouse room (\$22.50 on a first-buy basis) or Stadium seats (\$11). On this night they are offering free hotdogs, popcorn and soda to seniors and there will also be fireworks. Checks should be made out to GFWC-Charlotte.

Trips carpool from Allve · 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 please let me know - Jo Vanderstelt, Mini Trips Chairperson, 517-281-1301 or [jovanderstelt@yahoo.com](mailto:jovanderstelt@yahoo.com)**



## Historical Highlight

Dr. Mary Green, a charter member, became our seventh president in 1895 at the time that the Michigan State Federation was being formed. Alongside her, serving as her vice president, was Dr. Sarah Allen. Both serving as the first women doctors in Charlotte.

Mary graduated from New York Medical College for women in 1868. She practiced medicine in New York for five years before moving to Charlotte. Soon after coming to Charlotte, Dr. Green was elected Health Officer for two terms - the first woman to hold elective office in Charlotte.

In 1893, Dr. Green was appointed Judge of Food Products at the Columbian Exposition in Chicago, the only woman to serve on this board. Dr. Green lectured in many large cities on the subject of hygiene, sanitation and home economics. She also wrote a book titled, "*The Food Products of the World*," and served for five years as National President of the National Household Economic Association.

During the Spanish-American War, she received orders from the Surgeon General's office, to establish a Diet Kitchen at Fort Thomas Kentucky where typhoid patients were sent from the sound. She then went on to establish another Diet Kitchen in Washington, D.C.

While in Charlotte, Dr. Green built and lived in the home that is now the Burkhead-Green Funeral Home.





# KIND News Order Form

To adopt a classroom for the 2013-14 school year, please complete this order form and return to Carol Rossio, 2233 S. Cochran Rd., Charlotte, along with a check made out to

GFWC-Charlotte for \$25.00 per classroom by May 1, 2013.



Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Teacher Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

School Address (if not in Charlotte): \_\_\_\_\_

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Questions? Contact Carol Rossio at 543-4172 or [cjrossio@hotmail.com](mailto:cjrossio@hotmail.com).



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