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**Karen Lewis spoke on
“The Language of Flowers”**



**2014-16 GFWC – Charlotte Board
elected & installed**



Linda Foster, Jeana Rohrs, Ellen Fuller, Carol Rossio, Sylvia Colles, Dianna Rabey, Marlene Darin,
Sharon Kubica, Patricia Greene
Absent: Julie Dartt,

2014-16 GFWC – Charlotte Board

President – Dianna Rabey, VP – vacant, Secretary – Julie Dartt, Treasurer – Marlene Darin
Assistant to the Treasurer – Sharon Kubica, Board – Patricia Greene, Jean Rohrs, Ellen Fuller
Historian – Carol Rossio, Parliamentarian – Linda Foster, Immediate Past President – Sylvia Colles



New Members Recognized:
Jan Day (returning member)
& sponsor, Jo Vanderstelt
Barb VanderMolen (sponsor Jo Vanderstelt)
Sara Biskie sponsor for Sharon Kennedy

A handout to provide guidance to those responsible for your affairs if you become ill, injured or die will be distributed at the **Brainstorming Meeting**. It is a useful tool because your family may be called upon to make difficult decisions on your behalf at a very emotional time.

Smile Doll & Bag Project

Thanks to those of you who have participated in our project so far. You have turned in **26 bags and 11 dolls**. I will be mailing them out the first part of June. If you still are sewing for this project, please bring the completed items to the Brainstorming meeting or get them to me by the end of May. Remember we have a person that will stuff dolls if you don't want to do that part. Thanks!

Sara Biskie
slbiskie@sbcglobal.net



Spring Urn Planting – May 24 – 10 a.m.
Meet in front of the Ski Loft
Contact Stormi Stuler for more information.

40th Annual
Kaleidoscope
Reflect. Recharge. Reimagine.

Friday, Sept. 5
The Kellogg Hotel
and Conference Center



Sparrow Foundation and Women Working Wonders Present:

Kaleidoscope: Reflect. Recharge. Reimagine.

September 5, 2014

Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center; Cost: \$90



Kaleidoscope features **Jessica Fellowes** as the 2014 keynote speaker. Fellowes is an author, journalist and public speaker best known for her worldwide bestsellers, **The World of Downton Abbey** and **The Chronicles of Downton Abbey**. Fellowes brings "Downton Abbey" to life, offering behind-the-scenes insight to the beloved PBS television show, and witty historical perspective. Fellowes discusses the sociohistorical context of the era, particularly as it relates to the changing role of women, the rise of

technology, and the crumbling of class hierarchy in post-WWI Britain. Fellowes draws fascinating parallels between the world of Downton Abbey and the world of today. Get your "Downton Abbey" fix before the U.S. premiere of season 5 next January



W3 is happy to invite back Kaleidoscope staple, **Professor Elliot Engel**. Engel is an award-winning teacher of English and American literature, hailed for his cleverness as a speaker and his remarkable sense of humor. Engel is considered to be the most insightful, personable, and entertaining academic keynote to come out of academia in the last 50 years. Engel received national acclaim for his mini-lecture series on Charles Dickens, which premiered on PBS. For 2014, Engel will present his lecture, **Scarlett Fever: The Greatness of Gone With the Wind**.

In addition to these dynamic speakers, Kaleidoscope will also offer participants the opportunity to attend two breakout sessions, featuring an array of fun and informative topics. The Kaleidoscope Emporium, an unrivaled shopping experience, will be back as well as a *brand new* women's health expo, complete with health tips and screenings, from Sparrow Caregivers.

Program:

8:00-4:00 p.m.	The Kaleidoscope Emporium
8:00-4:00 p.m.	The Sparrow Health Emporium
8:00 a.m.	Registration and Breakfast
8:55 a.m.	Welcome from Sheri Jones, WLNS TV 6 Anchorwoman
9:00 a.m.	Remarks from Stella Cash
9:05 a.m.	Opening Session: Elliot Engel
10:30-11:30 a.m.	Session I
11:50-12:30 a.m.	Session II
1-2 p.m.	Lunch
2 p.m.	Keynote Address: Jessica Fellowes

INTERESTED? CONTACT LINDA FOSTER BY MAY 19TH!

Registration opens Monday, May 26, 2014



Board Talk – Sylvia Colles



Spring is beginning and we are nearing the end of our program year with two very important meetings. **Our May 2 meeting** is where we look to you to let us know what you are interested in learning about at our meetings during the next year. If you have specific speakers in mind for the Senior Tea, Husband/Guest Night, or any other meeting, please bring any contact information you may have. We also would love to hear any suggestions you have for improvements in any aspect of our organization. Your ideas give us valuable help. We have something to give to you also. I'm sure that many of you have given some thought to what would make things easier for heirs when they need to deal with all the issues that follow the death of someone. Ellen Fuller will do a presentation on the records that you should have ready. We will be providing a handy document for you to use. **We need to know how many will be attending so that we are sure to have enough printed, so please register as usual. There is no charge for this meeting. Bring a sack lunch. Beverages and dessert will be provided by the committee. Senior Tea on May 16.** This is a scheduled meeting, and all members are expected to attend. We listened carefully to your ideas about how we honor our Charlotte High School seniors, and I think you will be excited to see what changes have been made. Some new members may be wondering why they are put on the committee for this event. Here's the simple explanation: Each member of GFWC-Charlotte is expected to help at one meeting each year. This is in addition to other committees they may serve on. The meeting committees are filled over the summer prior to our meeting year. Since new members are not on the schedule, they are automatically assigned to the Senior Tea committee. The chairs contact the new members and let them know how they will be helping. I hope that clears up any confusion. I have had a richly rewarding time serving as president. When I look back, I am so aware of all the help, support, advice and encouragement my fellow members of GFWC-Charlotte have given me. You are blessings in my life. Thank you.

Hand to Hand

Well it looks like Spring may have finally sprung. I hope this finds everyone well and full of warm thoughts. It has been a rough winter and I know it has taken its toll on many. There are many things to look forward to this season, mainly warm sunny days! But with the melting of the snow, you may also feel overwhelmed with what

needs to be done around your home. Please don't hesitate to ask for a "hand." Spring also brings a sense of renewal to some, but to others it may bring fear. Need a friend to have a cup of coffee with? Please let us know. Sometimes you have so much to do in the Spring, you just don't know where to start...we can give you a "hand." Just remember, even though the meetings for GFWC-Charlotte will soon come to an end for the year, Hand To Hand continues year round. If you need someone to drive you, prepare a meal, visit with you or a loved one or run an errand, we are "your other right hand."



Please contact Mary Remenak at (517) 541-0382 or lovetthousedesigns@yahoo.com



Tea and Tomes: Fifteen years old and homeless in New York City. Riding the subways all night to have a place to sleep. Foraging for food. Liz Murray tells her poignant story in *Breaking Night, A Memoir of Forgiveness, Survival, and my Journey from Homeless to Harvard*. Liz was the speaker at last year's MSU and captivated the audience with her life story. Join us Tomes on Tuesday, April 29th, in the Spartan Room of the Community Library as we discuss her book. We meet from

pm. Refreshments and engaging discussion are served.



Kaleidoscope at
at Tea and
Charlotte
12:45 to 2:30

Sneak Peek for

May: *Wonder* by R. J. Palacio

EPSILON SIGMA OMICRON (ESO) CERTIFICATES FOR 2013

Mrs. Terry Sovey, GFWC Michigan ESO chair, has issued all active GFWC-Charlotte ESO members a certificate of achievement for the 2013 reporting year. The certificates indicate the total number of books read since pledging to ESO. *Of particular note are the following members who have reached new reading levels within ESO:*

Member Certificate: Lorraine Green
 Star Certificate: Patty Greene
 Torch Certificate: Patty Greene
 Century Certificate: Sandy Maatsch and Sue Pruden
 2nd Century Certificate: Sylvia Colles and Le Ann Green
 3rd Century Certificate: April Brooks
 4th Century Certificate: Mary Stafford and Lola Wilson
 5th Century Certificate: Brynda Filkins
 9th Century Certificate: Marilyn Monroe-Hart
 10th Century Certificate: Marilyn Monroe-Hart

ESO, with its motto of "Enlighten Your Own Pathway" is open to all GFWC members. One does not have to belong to a book club to join. Each ESO pledge is responsible for reading and recording her own choices and reporting once per calendar year. ESO-Charlotte welcomes Ellen Fuller as a new pledge. Pledge forms are available for download on gfwc-charlotte.com

Mini Trips Update



Detroit Eastern Market

*Saturday, May 3 cost = gas for drivers & bring plenty of spending money
 Carpool from Alive at 8:00 am*

This day trip will take us to the legendary Detroit Eastern Market www.detroiteasternmarket.com/ for a unique shopping experience. After we have lunch, we will be stopping by a few wineries along the Pioneer Wine Trail www.pioneerwinetrail.com and heading home. This will be an all-day trip. If you are interested in going please email Jo at jovanderstelt@yahoo.com.

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 me know - Jo Vanderstelt, Mini Trips Chairperson, 517-281-1301 or www.jovanderstelt@yahoo.com

Membership Memos

Remembrances . . .

Jo Gager's daughter, Mary – breast cancer surgery

Birthdays



Anniversaries

Late April

22 Peggy Nichols

30 Patty & Richard Greene

May

07 Sylvia Colles

01 Pam & Vernon Jarvi

04 Regina & Ernest Sober

05 Norma & John Curtis

20 Barb VanderMolen

06 Fran & Matt Rush

28 Sally Jewell

19 Susie & Harry Moore

23 Diane & Frank Ruswick

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



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.





BRAINSTORMING – GFWC – CHARLOTTE MAY MEETING

The next General meeting is May 2, 2014 at noon at the Charlotte Community Library. This is our *Brainstorming* meeting where we get all of your wonderful ideas to help us decide what the programming should be for next year. This is also a great opportunity to get to know other members in a relaxed setting (casual dress).

This year we are offering a short program, “What your Family Should Know,” presented by Ellen Fuller. There is no cost, but please register by April 30th, so we know how many handouts to print. Members may register online at www.imembersdb.com. To register online go to “register me”, “register now”, check off questions on page, hit “register” and “confirm”. If you can’t remember your user name and/or password, or for other assistance registering online, contact Linda Foster.

Bring a sack lunch, your calendar and your ideas for next year’s programs. Dessert and beverages will be provided. If you have sponsored a new member this year please encourage them to come with you so that they can learn more about the club and have a voice in what they would like to hear about next year.

Please make plans to attend! No cost.



GFWC-Charlotte 67TH ANNUAL CHS GRADUATING SENIOR TEA

GFWC-Charlotte will host the 67th Annual CHS Graduating Senior Tea on Friday May, 16, 1:00 p.m., at the Charlotte Performing Arts Center. Our speaker will be MSU Assistant Professor of Media Acting, Mark Colson. Mark is a Charlotte High School Graduate and his mother “BD” Colson was a member of GFWC-Charlotte. Our Chorus will be singing and we will be awarding three scholarships. One \$1000.00, and two \$500.00 scholarships that will be drawn from cards filled out by students

All members are encouraged to come and help us honor our Charlotte High School Graduating Senior Class of 2014. No reservations are needed. Refreshments will be served following the program.





Cooking Group featured an English Tea – presenters: Mary Remenak and April Brooks

Attendees: Fran Rush, Stormi Stuler, Linda Foster, Margie Carter, Patty Greene and Lori Pray

March 18, 2014 at the home of Mary Remenak

YUM!!!



Joke for the day.



KIND NEWS ORDER FORM



To adopt a classroom for the 2014-15 school year, (August 2014-May 2015), please complete this 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 15, 2014**. You may also bring it to the April 4th meeting.

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): _____

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



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