



GFWC – Charlotte CLUB COMMUNICATOR

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Linda Foster installs Patty Greene as Director for 2015-17, as President Dianna looks on.

APRIL 10, 2015 MEETING



**Matt Berger from ALIVE
Talked on
“Exercise for Life”**



Kaleidoscope

Reflect. Recharge. Reimagine.

**Sparrow Foundation and Women Working Wonders Present:
Kaleidoscope: Reflect. Recharge. Reimagine.**

September 11, 2015

Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center; Cost: \$90

Includes: breakfast; kick-off speaker, Elliot Engel; 2 breakout sessions; lunch; key-note speaker, Dr. Antonio Dajer; vendors for shopping

Registration opens in May

If you have questions, contact Linda Foster 543-3041 or ed@fosterdvm.com . I will be contacting those who have signed up to confirm interest in early May. At that time, I will need a check made out to me in the amount of \$90. (Send to: 316 Beech St., Charlotte, MI 48813)

Mini Trips



Lunch at Turkeyville & a visit to Southern Exposure

*Thursday, May 7 cost = gas for drivers & money for lunch and shopping
carpool from Alive at 11:00 am*

Let's do Lunch! This is a chance to lunch with friends and take a peek around the beautiful spring gardens at Southern Exposure. Both venues have unique gift shops as well. Let Jan or Jo (contact info below) know if you can make it.

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 –
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Tea and Tomes: . Join us as we talk about plain, mousey Rose Baker, a typist in a NYC police precinct in 1923. She hears every detail about shootings, knifings, and murders, and with a few strokes of the keys that sit before her, she can send a person away for life in prison. Ah, but she is not a reliable narrator, and to complicate the plot, the new, glamorous Odalie joins the typing pool. One reviewer says, "Don't start this novel at night if you need your sleep--you'll stay up to all hours devouring its pages." The book is *The Other Typist*, by Suzanne Rindell. Secure a copy and meet us in the Spartan Room of the Charlotte Community Library on April 21, from 12:45-2:30. Refreshments and delicious discussion provided.

SNEAK PEEK: May 26, 2015 Our last Tea and Tomes meeting until fall and our requisite Southern novel: *Miss Julia Speaks Her Mind*, by Ann B. Ross



USED BOOKS FOR SALE!

Are you looking for a reading bargain? Look for our Used Book table at every GFWC meeting. The prices of 50 cents and \$1 can't be beat! **We welcome your purchases and your donations.** The money collected is used by the members of Tea and Tomes for book related projects. So, grab a good read for a good cause!

GFWC-Charlotte has one of the largest ESO chapters in Michigan.

What is ESO? **Epsilon Sigma Omicron** is an honorary reading society under the education department of GFWC. It is a self-improvement program through reading; the motto is "Enlighten Your Own Pathway." Unlike other service-oriented programs, ESO exists specifically for the benefit of clubwomen. You may choose books from a GFWC published list or from your own personal interests. Reporting (sending in a list) is done once per year; there are no meetings. Would you like to join? **Information and pledge forms are on the gfwc-charlotte.com website.**

The following clubwomen have received ESO award certificates for 2014:

Member (16-39 books read): Julie Dartt; Ellen Fuller
Torch (54-99 books read): Carol Rossio
Century (100-199 books read): Patty Greene
2nd Century (200-299 books read): Sylvia Colles; Lee Falik; Elizabeth Siler
3rd Century (300-399 books read): Elizabeth Siler
4th Century (400-499 books read): April Brooks; Lori King
5th Century (500-599 books read): Mary Stafford
6th Century (600-699 books read): Brynda Filkins
Diamond (1,000 books read): Marilyn Monroe-Hart





Board Talk – Dianna Rabey



It is **SPRING** (really it is) and we are planning a party to celebrate our senior graduating class at the **68th Annual Graduating Senior Tea**. **It will be held at CPAC, Charlotte's Performing Arts Center, on April 28, 2015, at 1:00 p.m.** It was so much fun last year with all of the changes implemented in the revamp you don't want to miss out. I know our wonderful chorus has something special to sing for all and our speaker, Barbara Fulton, told me she will share some stories about herself that most people here don't know. I wonder what those could be...

This class of seniors has realized what a tremendous power they have to make a difference in their community. They are the first class to plan and implement projects to benefit Charlotte. I know you all want to honor this great class of seniors and celebrate their accomplishments and how they have learned to give back to their community. So come and join us and their families to celebrate Oriole Pride.

One of our most important meetings is coming up **on May 1. This is the brainstorming meeting** where we get your program ideas about what you would like to do and who you would like to hear next year. So bring your calendars and your wonderful ideas and let's make some plans. For all of you that sponsored new members this past year please invite them to come with you and be part of the planning – a great way to get them involved. Those of us who attended will be reporting on what we learned at the GFWC-Michigan Convention. **Then at 5:30, we will see you and your guest at the Maple Brook Golf Course for dinner and to hear Wally Miars speak** on his book '*ALONE TOGETHER-Hiking the Appalachian Trail*'. Cost will be \$22/person.



April 24th is national GFWC Day – celebrating 125 years!

Education Foundation Scholarships are available to club members of at least one year. Contact Linda Foster for more information. (543-3041)



Membership Memos

Remembrances . . .

Patty Greene – grandma to Connor Greene, born 3-17-15, 7# a5 oz., 20”- Congratulations; also sympathy in the death of her grandson.

Vivian Flower has moved to Hope Landing, 1252 N. Cochran Ave.; 517-256-8344 – she would like visitors.

Cheryl Jackson – grandma to Cameron Jeffery Campbell. Born 4-13-15 at 5:25 p.m.; 7# 11oz., 20.5”



Birthdays

Anniversaries

Late April

18 Amy Krizek
18 Mary Heightchew

22 Peggy Nichols

30 Patty & Richard Greene

May

07 Sylvia Colles

01 Pam & Vernon Jarvi

20 Barb VanderMolen
28 Sally Jewell

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



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

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

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GFWC MI LEGISLATION DAY
“HUMAN TRAFFICKING INITIATIVE”

MONDAY, MAY 11, 2015

RADISSON HOTEL, LANSING, MI

REGISTRATION 9–9:30 A.M.

COST \$25 (INCLUDES LUNCH) – DUE BY MAY 5

DARLENE BERENT, CHAIRMAN

SCHEDULE

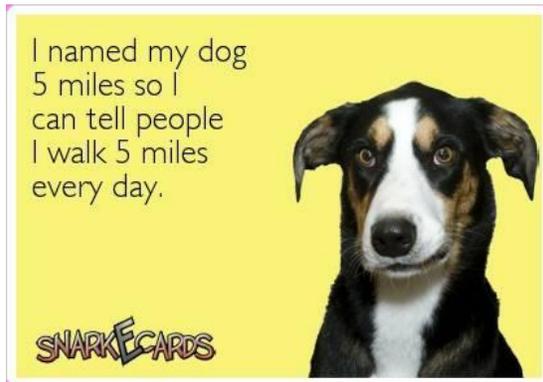
9:00 A.M. – Registration
9:30 a.m. – Program Starts: Human Trafficking
panel which includes Sen. Judy Emmons
Noon – Lunch
1:00 p.m. – Legislators address & discussions
3:00 – End of Program

JOIN US AND BECOME BETTER INFORMED ABOUT HUMAN TRAFFICKING. INVITE STATE REPRESENTATIVES AND SENATORS FROM YOUR COMMUNITY TO ATTEND. ENCOURAGE HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS, PREVENTION, AND CONSEQUENCES.

Contact Dianna Rabey for reservation information. 543-3295; diannarabey@gmail.com



JUST FOR FUN...



International Clubs

Check out the amazing work our international affiliates have been involved in in recent weeks:

The **Grand Bahama American Women's Club** completed its 12th annual Golf Classic tournament, raising more than \$23,000 to provide partial scholarships to 16 area Bahamian students. The club's fundraising also allowed seven children to attend enriching summer camps and programs. The club is also involved in the Reef Ball Project, a foundation that protects coral reefs from erosion by placing massive fiberglass domed "reef balls" over them. Additionally, the club hosted a successful fashion show featuring clothing made of antique kimono fabric, complete with metal and beaded necklaces, and recently screened *Every Child Counts*, which recounts a woman's journey opening a school for special needs children.

Members of the **International Women's Club of Porto Alegre**, located in Porto Alegre, Brazil, took part in a nationwide march on March 15 to take a stand against corruption in their government. Clubwomen, many who brought family members, marched to promote the return of democracy and integrity to Brazilian politics, participating in loud pot-banging and peaceful protests. These women marched to show the world that, as women of all different classes, they are affected by government corruption and that reform is necessary.

The club has also been active in the schools of Porto Alegre where they invest fundraising and volunteer time, [as this video shows](#).

GFWC – Charlotte and Mobile Meals are participating in this:



April 18th & 19th
Charlotte High School Gym

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Saturday 10am to 7pm
Everyone who BUYS a ticket gets a FREE Hot dog!

Sunday 10am - 4pm
Local Churches will be hosting a Pulled Pork Lunch for \$5

EATON COUNTY HOME & BUSINESS EXPO

LOCALs In Business & Charlotte Chamber of Commerce

For more information visit:
<http://www.micharlotte.org>

Over 90 Vendors will be displaying their products and services.

LOCAL BUSINESSES WILL INCLUDE:
Electrical • Pest Control • Lawn Care
Medical Professionals • Car Dealerships
Construction and Remodeling Services
Home based businesses • Realtors
Financial Advisors • Insurance Companies

LOCAL NON-PROFITS WILL INCLUDE:
Churches • Relay for Life • ALIVE • Colleges

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2 FOR 1 Admission*

Buy one admission at \$5, get one free. One coupon per customer.
Not valid with any other offer. Present the coupon at the door.

NOT ALL THIEVES ARE STUPID...

1. LONG - TERM PARKING:

Some people left their car in the long-term parking at SanJose while away, and someone broke into the car. Using the information on the car's registration in the glove compartment, they drove the car to the people's home in Pebble Beach and robbed it. So I guess if we are going to leave the car in long-term parking, we should NOT leave the registration/insurance cards in it, nor your remote garage door opener. This gives us something to think about with all our new electronic technology.

2. GPS:

Someone had their car broken into while they were at a football game. Their car was parked on the green which was adjacent to the football stadium and specially allotted to football fans. Things stolen from the car included a garage door remote control, some money and a GPS which had been prominently mounted on the dashboard. When the victims got home, they found that their house had been ransacked and just about everything worth anything had been stolen. The thieves had used the GPS to guide them to the house. They then used the garage remote control to open the garage door and gain entry to the house. The thieves knew the owners were at the football game, they knew what time the game was scheduled to finish and so they knew how much time they had to clean out the house. It would appear that they had brought a truck to empty the house of its contents. Something to consider if you have a GPS - don't put your home address in it... Put a nearby address (like a store or gas station) so you can still find your way home if you need to, but no one else would know where you live if your GPS were stolen.

3. CELL PHONES:

I never thought of this.....

This lady has now changed her habit of how she lists her names on her cell phone after her handbag was stolen. Her handbag, which contained her cell phone, credit card, wallet, etc., was stolen. Twenty minutes later when she called her hubby, from a pay phone telling him what had happened, hubby says, "I received your text asking about our Pin number and I've replied a little while ago." When they rushed down to the bank, the bank staff told them all the money was already withdrawn. The thief had actually used the stolen cell phone to text "hubby" in the contact list and got hold of the pin number. Within 20 minutes he had withdrawn all the money from their bank account.

Moral of the lesson:

- a. Do not disclose the relationship between you and the people in your contact list. Avoid using names like Home, Honey, Hubby, Sweetheart, Dad, Mom, etc....
- b. And very importantly, when sensitive info is being asked through texts, CONFIRM by calling back.
- c. Also, when you're being texted by friends or family to meet them somewhere, be sure to call back to confirm that the message came from them. If you don't reach them, be very careful about going places to meet "family and friends" who text you.





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