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Happy Valentine's Day



Beautiful table decorations by the committee!

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE FEBRUARY 3 MEETING

Lori Greer, Speaker on “Feng Shui”



**Past President, Jeannette Sommer
gave the Membership Moment**



Board Talk – Margie Carter



The Annual Report is completed and will be available for your perusing at the March meeting. Valentines for Vets were sent on the 6th—thanks to all who participated. Would you be available to finish out the Board of Directors term for Suzanne Hayes? It would be once a month on the 4th Wednesday at the Cochran Centre for February, March, and April only. Let me know if you can help.

The Cooking Interest Group will have an organizational and informational meeting at ALIVE on February 21. Two different times are available for you to attend; either 11 a.m. or 6:30 p.m. in the teaching kitchen.

Also, don't forget that our partnership with HGB for Women's Health is coming up February 26 from 1-4 p.m. Our part is just to share the information to all that we know and to attend. Jessica Edel has agreed to man a table featuring GFWC-Charlotte information and applications. She will also have our name tags for us to wear as we participate in this Women's Health Experience. As you travel around from room to room, sign up for those sessions that you want to attend and just show up. Don't forget to return your name tags as you leave. Watch for a reminder in email form coming closer to the event.

Keep bringing your Bay Cliff items. They are now telling me that they need twin blankets and standard pillow cases. Watch for the plastic bin and drop in your contributions. See you in March.



Tea and Tomes: Guy Montag was a fireman whose job it was to start fires....of books. *Fahrenheit 451...the temperature at which books burn*, by Ray Bradbury, is the February selection of our book discussion club. Written in 1953, this science fiction novel (set in the future) has startling implications for our technological times. Why should a person read? Why are books important? What would be lost if books were burned? Please join us for tea, refreshments and discussion on Tuesday, February 28th at 12:45. We meet in the Spartan Room of the Charlotte Community Library. We finish promptly at 2:30.



Remember to get your articles in by the 15th of each month for *The Club Communicator* to:
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GFWC-Charlotte Photo Interest Group

Do all of your family/group pictures look the same? Is everyone standing/sitting in a row?

At our March 8 2012 meeting, photographer Amanda Lipsey will teach us how to take creative group and portrait shots. We will meet at 12:30-2:00 in the Spartan Room of the Charlotte Community Library. All are welcome!



GFWC Fair Trade/Organic Coffee Fundraiser

Thanks to those of you who purchased coffee at the December Christmas Tea. Sales were very brisk and have helped to make this club fundraiser successful to date.

Both Regular and DeCaf 16-oz. bags in whole bean and ground will continue to be available at the general membership meetings through the remainder of the year at \$12 per bag.

A supply of coffee is always on hand and available for purchase by calling Marlene Darin at 543-2810 or Sharon Kubica at 517-231-3204 or sending an email to Sharon at smkubica@sbcglobal.net

This is a quality coffee product and worth having on hand to enjoy each morning or after a satisfying meal. We hope you will join the growing number of members who have made this coffee part of their daily routine.



GFWC-Charlotte will meet on: Friday, March 2, 2012

Program: Women of Early Charlotte

Social Time: 11:30 a.m.

Lunch: 12:00 noon

Location: Charlotte Community Library, Spartan Room

Cost: \$10.00

Reservation Deadline: Saturday, February 25, 2012, Noon

Reservations may be made at Christensen's Furniture and at Hayes Green Beech Gift Basket – payment enclosed. Reservations may be emailed to sylviacollesmg@gmail.com – check or exact change at door day of meeting.

Our March program will feature speakers Lila Klaiss and Mary Jean Baker who will present a program about the women of early Charlotte and how they helped shape the town and influence issues of their day. They will also share information on what resources are available locally for doing genealogy research so that you can discover how your own foremothers made history.



Random Acts of Kindness and Conscious Acts of Courtesy

Ever since we heard from Bob Hoffman and learned about ePIFany, I've been trying to remember to do little acts of kindness when an opportunity presents. Here's your chance to perform a **CONSCIOUS ACT OF COURTESY**. Make your reservations for club meetings by the deadline. You receive lots of advance notice. Don't wait until the last minute, and then have something prevent you from adding your name to the list before the noon deadline. There are those who say, "What does it matter if I am a few minutes, hours, days late? I've always been accommodated." Of course, the co-chairs always try to make arrangements for those who miss the deadline, but, really ladies, let's be kinder to them and the caterers. Try, please try, to do this deliberate act of courtesy and meet the registration deadline.



Cooking Interest Group

There will be a meeting at AL!VE in the teaching kitchen on Tuesday, February 21st.
Please come to one of two times: 11:00 a.m. or 6:30 p.m.

We will organize groups and schedule our calendar of future meetings.

If you are unable to attend either time on the 21st, please contact me to indicate your level of interest.

Lori Pray
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I received a thank you from a teacher at Parkview who receives **KIND News** and also has students from her classroom involved in GAM:

**Dear Charlotte Women's Club,
Thank you for the *KIND News* and for the time and energy that you put into the GAM program. You Make a BIG Difference!
Sincerely,
Jane Haga
Parkview School**

Also, in November Carol Idalski and I held our own lap robe making session aided by my granddaughter, Miah. While at the medical facility yesterday, I passed two rooms and recognized what the residents were wrapped up in!

Thanks, Carol Rossio





Mobile Meals, Inc. of Charlotte held its Annual Members' and Annual Board Meeting on January 30, 2012. Pictured are Sally Jewell, Director; Margie Carter, Director; Lori Pray, Treasurer; Sherry Myers, Director; Linda Foster, President; Beth Fry, Vice President; Linda Wonser, HGB Liaison; April Brooks, Secretary. All but Linda Wonser are GFWC – Charlotte members. This is a project that was started by the Club in 1971 and has had 40 continuous successful years! Hot, nutritious meals are prepared daily by Hayes Green Beach Hospital. Our local United Way helps subsidize the meals to keep the cost at an affordable rate. These funds come from designations to our program through United Way, direct contributions and a grant from United Way. Please remember to support Mobile Meals when making your donations. A big thank you to all who volunteer by driving, coordinating and helping the program to function.

Birthdays and



Anniversaries

Late February

21 Linda Foster
 23 Dana Pray
 26 Dorothy Leeser

25 Barbara Fulton/Richard Butman

Early March

08 Dyna Lehman
 08 Sue Pruden
 10 Charlene Sutherland
 12 Fran Fuller
 12 Darlene Freeman
 13 Kim Capps

06 Ieva & Doug Inglis
 09 Shirley & Dick Rann
 18 Sue & Gary Pruden

Remembrances . . .

Bill Garvey died – father in law of Ann Garvey, brother to Bobbie Kane
 Carolyn Maiers' mother, Dorothy Logan, died

Welcome two new members...

Martha Limauro



Trystin Vanderstelt



Separate emails will give their bios.



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