



GFWC – Charlotte CLUB COMMUNICATOR

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RICK TODD, DIRECTOR CROSSWALK TEEN CENTER

Rick explained what the teen center is all about. He did such an effective presentation, that a spur-of-the-minute, pass-the bucket raised a \$468 donation from our attendees! (In addition, the club donated \$50.)

**VP FRAN FULLER CONDUCTED THE MEETING FOR
VACATIONING DIANNA RABEY.**

**ED & LINDA FOSTER GAVE TIPS ON USING OUR
DATA BASE SYSTEM.**

NEW MOBILE APP: <http://m.imembersdb.com>





February 6, 2015 Meeting

Mini Trips



February 10, 2015 Trip to the English Inn



Lovely lunch in private room; Deb Malewski of Eaton Rapids Historical Society did great presentation abt the mineral springs and how they made Eaton Rapids famous for over 50 years, abt 1870-1920. Tour of English Inn's guest rooms and art gallery ended the event.

Elsie Wiltse, Jan Day, Patty Retzer, Peggy Nichols, Jane Karlzen and Sandra Guernsey, guests: Becky Jamros and Jane's friend.

GFWC – CHARLOTTE 127 YEARS OF HISTORY . . .



Mary Remenak and Jeannette Sommer have created a wonderful historical display of GFWC – Charlotte (formerly Charlotte Woman's Club) at the Court House. Several of us took a little tour following our February meeting. The display will be available for several more months – don't miss taking a look at it! Thanks to all those who have helped, including Dick Remenak, Addie Kimmer, and April Brooks!



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



"I've been in love three hundred times in my life, and all but five were with books."

Lee Glickstein (by way of Father Tim of the *Mitford* series)



Tea and Tomes: "My body might be a slave, but not my mind. For you, it's the other way round." Are you aware of the role that Sarah and Angelina Grimke played in abolition and women's rights? Grab a copy of *The Invention of Wings* by Sue Monk Kidd and join us for book discussion on Tuesday, February 24, from 12:45 to 2:30. The book tells the searing and soaring tale of mistress and slave; the bond of sisters; the relationships of mothers and daughters; and the love of husbands and wives. A mixture of fact and fiction, it brings to light an agonizing period of American history. We meet in the Spartan Room of the Charlotte Community Library. New readers are always welcome.



Sneak Peek: *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* by Maya Angelou, March 24.

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 March Program

Upcycling/Repurposing Creative Reuse of Household Items

The General Federation of Women's Clubs-Charlotte will hold its monthly meeting on Friday, March 6, 2015 at the Charlotte Community Library, 226 S. Bostwick. April Brooks, Cathy Singer and Dianna Rabey will be our speakers. The deadline for luncheon reservations is **12:00 noon, Saturday, February 28, 2015**. Please register on-line by that day. If you need assistance please call Linda Foster and she will help you. The luncheon cost is \$10.00. We ask that you have the exact payment amount at the door. 'No Shows' are committed for payment unless their spot is resold. Social time begins at 11:30 a.m. with lunch and meeting following at 12:00 noon. If you have any questions, please contact Fran Fuller at 517-645-2573.



Board Talk – Dianna Rabey



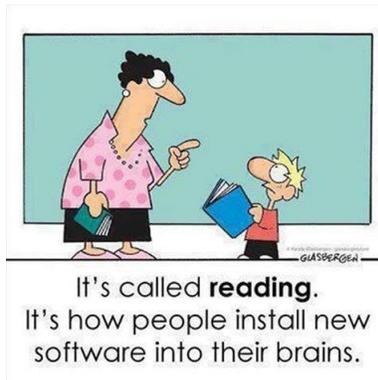
I want to thank Fran for helping me finish up the year-end report so I could leave for Florida carefree and ready for a new adventure. It was a wonderful feeling to have the report done and sent on its way, even though it took several sendings. It is amazing what you do in one year and I want to thank you for all you do for GFWC-Charlotte and the Charlotte community.

I have heard from several members that you passed the hat at the Crosswalk meeting and between your donations and a \$50 dollar donation from the club we gave Rick Todd \$518 dollars. What kind and generous hearts you have.

I told you in September that I wanted you to learn more about what we do and what programs we support. BAY CLIFF HEALTH camp in the Upper Peninsula is a GFWC-Michigan supported program. This camp gives children with disabilities a chance to believe in themselves and realize their dreams. This six week experience is done with the help of medical and camp staff but not with family members. Going to summer camp is a wonderful experience for any child to gain a certain independence that you don't get anywhere else. We give Bay Cliff \$100 from our budget every year. If this is something you are interested in supporting you can bring new twin sheet sets and/or pillow cases to the March or April meeting. If you would like to make a donation, you can make a check out to GFWC-Charlotte and we will take all to the State convention in April.

Most of you know that Chuck and I are in Florida. The weather is wonderful but I have to tell you that I am out of my comfort zone. We have only taken short vacations in Michigan, never this long and never this far away, so it has made me try things I probably would have never done if not for this trip. It reminds me of the young lady that spoke to us about her experience at MYLead. You grow when you are out of your comfort zone. I am growing and I would like to encourage you to go out of your comfort zone and grow even if it is in little steps.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you at the March repurpose meeting on the 6th at the library.



Membership Memos

Remembrances . . .

Carol Little – death of her father.
Wanda Powell – former member died.
Linda Foster – Sciatica
Joyce Sparks – kidney problems
Bobbie Kane – husband, Frank ill.
Kathleen Rathbun – health issues
Dianna Rabey – fell, but doing better
Lisa Jackson – daughter health issues
Nola Buck & Char Sutherland – heart issues



Birthdays



Anniversaries

Late February

21 Linda Foster
23 Dana Pray

16 Jo & Dan Vanderstelt
20 Lisa & Kevin Jackson
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
15 Sunny Becker

03 Carol & John Little
06 Ieva & Doug Inglis
10 Brenda & Joel Young
18 Sue & Gary Pruden



Hand to Hand

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

Mary Remenak
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517-541-0382

Mobile Meals Board and Coordinators for 2015



Mary Remenak*; Sonnie Cody; Sue Pruden*; Dot Yoder*; Lorraine Green*, Board; Carol Rossio*; April Brooks, Secretary; Linda Foster*, President; Lori Pray, Treasurer; Sally Jewell*, Board *Coordinators; coordinators not pictured, Margie Carter, Marian Johnson, Donna W. Johnson Board member not pictured, Dianna Rabey; Qualifier not pictured, Linda Wonser (HGB)

Mobile Meals, Inc. of Charlotte held its Annual Members' and Annual Board Meeting on February 2, 2015. All but Linda Wonser are GFWC – Charlotte members. This is a project that was started (and is still administrated) by the Club in 1971 and has had 44 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 serving on the board, driving, coordinating and helping the program to function, especially with all this snow and ice. We have a few driver spots open. Contact Linda Foster 543-3041 or ed@fosterdvm.com for more information.



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

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NOTE: MARCH ISSUE WILL BE PUBLISHED A COUPLE DAYS LATER. DEADLINE STILL THE 15TH FOR ARTICLES.



GFWC Attends White House Briefing

The GFWC Executive Committee, led by International President Babs J. Condon, attended a [White House](#) briefing on Wednesday, January 21 with [key Administration staffers](#) and engaged in an informative dialogue that encompassed a variety of issues and initiatives that are high priorities for both our organization and Administration.

“GFWC was honored to have such an opportunity to discuss with the White House vital issues that have literally shaped our Federation through the years,” said President Condon. “GFWC is uniquely positioned to

educate communities about Administration initiatives in these areas, as well as others highlighted in the President’s State of the Union Address.”

The Executive Committee received an overview from Hallie Schneir, Deputy Director of the White House Council on Women and Girls, which focused on the profound effect of local level impact and grass roots engagement—a characteristic that has defined GFWC for well over a century. Schneir complimented both the breadth and scope of GFWC’s work and provided insight into possible future areas of engagement.

GFWC leaders then conducted a dialogue with Julie Chavez Rodriguez, Deputy Director of Public Engagement, Kyle Lierman (pictured above), Associate Director of Public Engagement, and Dr. Tiffany McNair, MD, MPH, a White House Fellow in the Office of the Vice President on a host of issues and initiatives, including the [It’s On Us campaign](#) focusing on sexual assault on women and girls, the [Invest in US](#) early childhood education initiative, as well as veterans outreach and the empowerment of young girls at risk of HIV/AIDS. The Executive Committee was able to point to GFWC’s work in these areas, from the national level down to grassroots efforts through its individual clubs across the country.



“We are proud to have an audience with the White House on these issues that are of such importance to us all as Americans,” said Condon. “We look forward to working with the Administration and position GFWC as an agent of positive change for the future just as we have been for 125 years, by *Living the Volunteer Spirit*.”

View selected images from GFWC’s visit to the White House at [our Facebook page](#).

Above from *News and Notes*.

JUST FOR FUN...



WOMEN'S REVENGE

'Cash, check or charge?' I asked, after folding items the woman wished to purchase. As she fumbled for her wallet ,I noticed a remote control for a television set in her purse .'So, do you always carry your TV remote?' I asked. 'No,' she replied, 'but my husband refused to come shopping with me, and I figured this was the most evil thing I could do to him legally.'

WORDS

A husband read an article to his wife about how many words women use a day... 30,000 to a man's 15,000. The wife replied, 'The reason has to be because we have to repeat everything to men. The husband then turned to his wife and asked, 'What?'

For you dog lovers...



For most of us...



KIND NEWS ORDER FORM

To adopt a classroom for the **2015-2016** school year, (August 2015-May 2016), please complete this form and return by **April 1, 2015** to Carol Rossio, 2233 S. Cochran Rd., Charlotte, along with a check made out to **GFWC-Charlotte** for **\$25.00 per classroom**. You may also bring it to the March 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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