



# GFWC – Charlotte

## CLUB COMMUNICATOR

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*Happy Valentine's Day*



**Cheryl Jackson and Karri Wills** from HGB gave a program on **Balance and Fall Prevention**. Shirley Hirt is being assessed.

**February 1, 2013**

### Mobile Meals Board and Coordinators for 2013



Back: Beth Fry, VP; Sally Jewell, Director; Linda Foster, President; Margie Carter, Carol Rossio and Mary Remenak, coordinators; Lori Pray, Treasurer

Front: Linda Wonser, HGB Dietary Department; Sonnie Cody, coordinator; April Brooks, Secretary; Sue Pruden, coordinator; Sherry Myers, Director

Board not pictured: Sylvia Colles

Coordinators not pictured: Dot Yoder, Irene Jewett, Donna W. Johnson  
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**Mobile Meals, Inc. of Charlotte** held its Annual Members' and Annual Board Meeting on February 4, 2013. All but Linda Wonser are GFWC – Charlotte members. This is a project that was started by the Club in 1971 and has had 42 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.



Board Talk – Sylvia Colles



Yeah!!!! The annual report is finished and turned in a whole 24 hours ahead of the deadline. Completing the annual report made me even more aware of all the volunteer work done by our members. What an amazing bunch of women.

Flower Power is the new fundraiser that was approved by members at the February meeting. Pam Jarvi has agreed to head the project. You'll hear more about it at the March meeting, but there are just a few things I want to share with you right now. There is a great selection of plants for spring gardening. They come with unconditional 100% money-back guarantee. This is a fundraiser approved by GFWC. It is a good proven product and company. We will earn a 50% profit which we need to continue to support our many financial commitments to scholarships and other community projects.

Speaking of fundraisers . . . Jackie Carr has been working on the Home Tour for quite a few years. She has a wealth of knowledge to share with someone who will work with her through the process this time. She and the other ladies on the committee have split up the duties so that the tasks are very manageable. One of you needs to step forward and volunteer. This is a vital fundraiser for us. We can't meet our commitments to our scholarships and all the other projects we support without the funds raised by the Home Tour. My cell phone number is 517-402-6704. Please call that number instead of my home phone. At this moment I can see the Gulf on my left and the Bay on my right, but I'm not too distracted to take your phone call.

P. S. Let me know if you have a nominee for the Jennie Award.





**TEA AND TOMES:** This month we step into an 11' by 11' room with a woman who has been kidnapped and with her son born in captivity. *Room* by Emma Donoghue is told from the perspective of five-year-old Jack. Room is his entire world. It is home to Jack, but it is a prison for his Ma. She devises a daring escape plan but she doesn't realize how unprepared they are for the plan to actually work. Books are available to loan if you would like to join us.

Contact Brynda at 541-3698 for a book or with questions. We meet at the Charlotte Community Library, Spartan Room, on Tuesday, February 26, from 12:45 to 2:30.

**SNEAK PEEK:** *Little Bee* by Chris Cleave on March 26. Books available to loan.

**USED BOOKS FOR SALE.** Please stop by the Used Book Display and choose a book for winter reading. Prices are just 50 cents for paperbacks and \$1.00 for hardbacks. There are some great selections for a great price. Your donations are always welcome to be added for sale. The money and are given back to the Charlotte Community Library, so you are giving to a good cause. Only two months left for this sale!



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"Reading is a means of thinking with another person's mind; it forces you to stretch your own." Charles Scribner, Jr.

### EPSILON SIGMA OMICRON (ESO) CERTIFICATES FOR 2012

Mrs. Terry Sovey, GFWC Michigan ESO chair, has issued all active GFWC-Charlotte ESO members a certificate of achievement for the 2012 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: Patty Greene
- Star Certificate: Carol Rossio
- Torch Certificate: Sandy Maatsch
- Century Certificate: Mary Remenak
- 2nd Century Certificate: April Brooks and Mary Stafford
- 3rd Century Certificate: Lori King and Lola Wilson
- 4th Century Certificate: Brynda Filkins
- 7th Century Certificate: Marilyn Monroe-Hart
- 8th 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. Pledge forms are available for download on [www.gfwc-charlotte.com](http://www.gfwc-charlotte.com)



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)

KALEIDOSCOPE – Friday, April 26, 2013 – Day-long Program  
for women – held at Kellogg Center, MSU, East Lansing, MI



Liz Murray – From Homeless to Harvard

Keynote speaker



Elliot Engel  
Kickoff speaker

Breakout sessions are listed at  
<http://alumni.msu.edu/programs/kaleidoscope/session.cfm>

If you have not done so already and are interested in attending, contact Linda Foster before February 21, 2013. We are registering as a group. Alumni Members = \$70, non-members = \$90. Education Foundation Scholarships may be available at \$25 per person. Again, contact Linda – see information above. We will carpool.

### HISTORICAL MOMENT

The club year of 1956-1957 seemed to be a year of many firsts. The club was asked to support the first attempt in Charlotte to combine various fund drives into the United Fund Drive. They were also asked to support UNICEF, which of course they did. Club members were urged to start their polio shots **now**, as 69% of Polio cases were adults, 54% were 20-35 years old and 15% were under 35 years old!

Club finances seemed to be a big concern. The club voted to reduce the donation to Girlstown from \$150.00 to \$50.00. They also voted to try to enlarge the membership and raised dues from \$2.00 to \$3.00 for active and associate dues from \$3.00 to \$5.00.



# GFWC-Charlotte How to Create a Family History

The General Federation of Women's Club-Charlotte will hold its monthly meeting on **Friday, March 1**, at the Charlotte Community Library. Arleen Campanella, Personal Historian at Golden Voice Memoirs, will talk to us about how to help individuals, families and organizations preserve their life stories for future generations. This is especially significant since our CIP project for the next two years is documenting the 125 years of GFWC- Charlotte. We also will hear from our 2012 My Leads scholarship recipient Miranda Stewart

The deadline for reservations is 12 noon, Saturday, February 23. Reservations can be made at HGB Hospital Gift Basket. Members may also email their reservations and pay at the door by going to [www.imemberdb.com](http://www.imemberdb.com) . (If you can't remember your user name and your password, contact Linda Foster.) Click on "Go to Register Me," then "register now." Check off questions on page, hit "register" and then "confirm." (Linda Foster can help you.) If you choose to email your reservation, you are asked to have the exact payment amount at door. "No shows" are committed for payment unless their spot is resold. Cost is \$10.00. Social time is at 11:30 a.m., followed by a lunch/meeting at 12 noon. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Dianna Rabey at 517-543-3295 or [drabey@eatonisd.org](mailto:drabey@eatonisd.org) .

## Membership Memos

### Remembrances . . .

Dianna Rabey's husband, Chuck – hip surgery  
Pam Rinckey – death of cousin  
Kathy Tomlanovich – death of her mother  
Darlene Freeman – husband, Doug, in hospital  
Betty Crandall – death of sister-in-law

## Birthdays



## Anniversaries

### Late February

21 Linda Foster  
23 Dana Pray

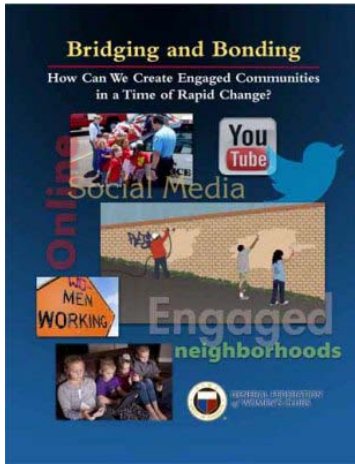
25 Barbara Fulton/Richard Butman

### 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





## GFWC Collaborates with Kettering Foundation on New Issues Guide

In collaboration with the Kettering Foundation, we are thrilled to unveil *Bridging and Bonding: How Can We Create Engaged Communities in a Time of Rapid Change?* With the input and dedication of GFWC members, the Kettering Foundation was able to develop this issues guide that focuses on bringing people together in a time when changing economic conditions and technological advances have transformed personal lives and community involvement. GFWC clubs are encouraged to host issues forums in their communities on this topic. Issues forums allow clubs and community members to discuss this fascinating topic to produce an understanding of the issue as well as promote further involvement. The Public Issues section of the 2012-2014 GFWC Club Manual will be updated in the upcoming weeks to reflect this new issues guide. Please refer to [www.GFWC.org](http://www.GFWC.org) to access the issues and moderator guides. For more information, contact Kettering

Associate Diane Eisenberg at [eaconsul.1@verizon.net](mailto:eaconsul.1@verizon.net) or 301-652-1901.

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## 2013 Convention Registration

Convention registration is almost open! With our quick, secure, and user-friendly online registration system, getting signed up for Convention has never been easier. Online

registrants receive exclusive access to the 2013 GFWC Annual Convention Celebrity Stay raffle, and the option to pre-order your tickets to the Gold Coast Raffle at discounted prices. In addition, registering online is the best way to secure your spot at meals, special events, and tours with limited seating. Register by May 15 to qualify for the early bird registration. Go to [www.GFWC.org/Convention](http://www.GFWC.org/Convention) for more information.

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## GFWC MI Convention – April 19-21, 2013 – Grand Rapids, MI

More details will be available soon. The “Call” is supposed to come out any day.



**CHARLOTTE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AWARDED GFWC-CHARLOTTE  
FOUR “STARS OF CHARLOTTE” AT THEIR ANNUAL DINNER HELD 1-31-13**

Margie Carter for “Ms. Federation”



Linda Foster for “Mobile Meals, Inc.”



Stormi Stuler for our Beautification Program; Mona Ellard & Lorraine Green for GAM

The Chamber singled out businesses, non-profits and volunteers that have made significant contributions to the community. They also recognized service organizations that have presented awards to members and programs they support.



Eaton County Clerk Fran Fuller accepts a testimonial resolution from County Commission chairman John Forell on her retirement. Fuller, who was elected to the post three times and before that served as a Deputy Clerk, did not seek re-election in 2012. ALAN MILLER | LCN

# Mini Trips Update



## **Titanic: The Artifact Exhibition – Grand Rapids Public Museum**

*Thursday, February 21 cost is \$17 and lunch*

*carpool @ 9:00 am*

More than 150 legendary artifacts conserved from the Ship's debris field are showcased offering a poignant look at this iconic Ship and its passengers. The Exhibition has been designed with a focus on the legendary RMS *Titanic's* compelling human stories as best told through authentic artifacts and extensive room re-creations.

We will also have lunch while in Grand Rapids. For more information see:

<http://www.grmuseum.org/http%3A/%252Fgrmuseum.org/titanic>

## **Hope's Landing & Sensations tour**

*Tuesday, March 5 no cost*

*carpool from Fay's Evelyn Bay @ 12:45*

This is an afternoon tour of these two senior living communities right here in Charlotte and an opportunity not only to see these facilities but also meet staff & learn more about options for family members in our community. Those members going can meet at Fay's Evelyn Bay for lunch and we will carpool from there at 12:45 pm.

## **Broad Art Museum**

*Thursday, March 21 cost TBD & lunch*

*carpool at 11:00 am*

Here is your opportunity to explore one of the newest jewels in our area! The Eli and Edythe Broad Art Museum at MSU is a new and award winning museum of modern art.

<http://broadmuseum.msu.edu/>

## **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. (Members and guests are welcome.) We have 49 balcony/with Clubhouse access seats reserved at \$22.50 per person on a first-buy basis or group stadium seats at \$11 per person. 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 and given to Jo Vanderstelt or Linda Foster.

Trips carpool from Allve · All trips can accommodate only a limited number of participants, and spaces will be filled first-come, first-serve basis · 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)



# Bibs for Bay Cliff

On the current Bay Cliff Wish List is a request for home-made towel bibs for the campers. GFWC-Charlotte is collecting towels to fulfill this request. Please bring new sage green bath or hand towels to the General Meetings and place them in the designated box. Towels will be collected until the April 5 meeting. If you are able to sew the binding on the necklines of the bibs, please sign up at the meetings or contact April Brooks.



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## VOLUNTEERS WANTED

**Carol Monroe was made aware of a need for volunteers at Sensations Memory Care Residence, located at 511 E. Shepherd St., Charlotte, and she is hoping that some of our Club members will be willing to help out. The contact there is Barbara White [bwhite.1954@gmail.com](mailto:bwhite.1954@gmail.com) . Barbara writes . . .**

We are so pleased that your group is considering getting involved in our community. As you know, we are a lock-down residence, specializing in memory care. It takes special people to understand our residents at times, but I'm confident that Carol Monroe would never have suggested I contact you, had she not thought the match would be good.

We have varied volunteer opportunities from which to choose. I've tried to list a few, but please know that we are open to anything your ladies feel they can do that would add quality to our residents' lives.

1. Activities (games, bingo, crafts, cards, reading, music, etc.)
2. Dining Room (assist with feeding, chatting with residents who are distressed)
3. Grooming Center (arranging hair [when stylist is not in house],, painting nails)
4. Gardening (designing additional small gardens, planting our pizza garden, etc.) This is truly an area where we could use some help, be it physical or creative!
5. Answer phone/receptionist for short periods.



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

# SAVE THE DATE



*GFWC - Charlotte is celebrating 125 years and you and your guest(s) are invited to attend a dinner and program on Friday, May 3, 2013 beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the American Legion, 1000 W. Lawrence Hwy., Charlotte, MI 48813*

*(More details to follow.)*



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