



# GFWC – Charlotte CLUB COMMUNICATOR

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## HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY



VP Dianna Rabey with Speaker, Sheriff Tom Reich



Sponsor Margie Carter, new member Jeannie Tomasek, Fran Fuller



Committee: Jane Karlzan, Lola Wilson, Sandy Maatsch, Carol Rossio, Sue Farlin





## Board Talk – Sylvia Colles



I just came back from a home tour put on by GFWC Gulf Shores Woman's Club. All the homes were amazing. Not all were somewhere I could see myself living. Sometimes the only thing you can say is, "Black ceilings. Well, isn't that interesting." It was fun to chat with the GFWC ladies and learn about how the monies from the tour are used to benefit their community. One of the women is a fairly recent resident of Gulf Shores and had lived in several other states as well. In each place, she had found a group of GFWC women ready to welcome her.

I've enjoyed wearing my pink and purple GFWC sweatshirt jacket here for a couple of reasons. I like pink, it's been a wee bit brisk here (no snow to shovel though), and it is such a good conversation starter. The jacket says "GFWC It's a volunteer thing", and there is always someone who will ask me what that means. I get to tell them about what we do at the community, state and international level. I love bragging about all the things GFWC-Charlotte does.

We'll be heading home to Michigan in a couple of weeks. I'm almost looking forward to seeing some beautiful white snow. Our mailbox was hit three times by the snowplow before we left Michigan, and our son says it is entirely missing now. It's probably there under a pile of beautiful white snow. See you in a couple of weeks. Sylvia



**TEA AND TOMES:** Please consider joining our GFWC book discussion group this month as we read and discuss *Two Old Women; An Alaska Legend of Betrayal, Courage and Survival* by Velma Wallis. Based on an Indian legend, this is the shocking, suspenseful and inspirational tale of two old women abandoned by their tribe during a brutal winter famine. Though these women have been known to complain more than contribute, they now must either survive on their own or die trying. We meet on **February 25, from 12:45 to 2:30** at the Charlotte Community Library. Books are available to loan. We will also be discussing our January read, *The Rent Collector*, since we were unable to meet last month. Call Brynda Filkins at 541-3698 with any questions.

**Sneak Peek** for March 25: *The Language of Flowers*, by Vanessa Diffenbaugh





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

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# Hand to Hand

What better time to talk about Hand To Hand then the month of February. It's a month full celebrations, from Ground Hog Day to National Tooth Fairy Day and everything in between. It's the in between Celebrations I think we may not know about and can remind us that we may have a fellow member who can use a hand. Since its National Heart month as well as Valentine's Day, I urge everyone to stop and think of that certain someone you know that could use a special heart filled hand. February 7<sup>th</sup> was National Send a Card to a Friend Day, perhaps you know of someone who could use a little snail mail to brighten their day. This, too, is one of the many things Hand to Hand does...just let us know. On the 11<sup>th</sup> it was

Make a Friend Day. Everyone needs more friends! So don't hesitate to ask for assistance, you may make a new friend from it. February 17<sup>th</sup> brings us to Random Acts of Kindness Day; and I think with the way this winter has been treating us we can all keep this date in mind. Next is my favorite, February 20<sup>th</sup>, National Hoodie Hoo Day....I hope everyone will step outside at noon, raise your arms in the air and yell "Hoodie Hoo"! This is a day to chase away winter blahs and bring in spring. So gather your new friends you met on the 11<sup>th</sup> drag them outside and give a good yell! The 20<sup>th</sup> is Be Humble Day; the Hand To Hand group keeps this day in their thoughts every day. This group was not formed for accolades but because we care. February 26<sup>th</sup> is Tell a Fairy Tale Day, well maybe not a Fairy Tale in our circumstances, but there is nothing better than hearing a good story to bring a smile to someone's face. This brings us to February 26<sup>th</sup>, almost the end of the month, for National No Brainer Day. The definition of this day is "doing something that is simple, easy, obvious and logical". To me and my fellow committee members this would be a short definition of Hand To Hand. I hope you enjoy the month of February, I know at times, although it is the shortest month it can feel like the longest! If you or someone you know needs a "Hand" through it, please don't hesitate to let us know. In the mean time, Happy Tortilla Chip Day (February 24)!



# Membership Memos

## REMEMBRANCES . . .

Sharon Adams – death of her sister

Sandy Maatsch – eye surgery

Lori Pray - surgery

Jo Gager – knee surgery

## Birthdays



## Anniversaries

### Late February

21 Linda Foster  
23 Dana Pray

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  
09 Shirley & Dick Rann  
18 Sue & Gary Pruden

Change Ellen Fuller's phone number to: **517-231-6251**

## Mobile Meals Board and Coordinators for 2014

### Mobile Meals, Inc. of Charlotte



held its Annual Members' and Annual Board Meeting on January 27, 2014. All but Linda Wonser are GFWC – Charlotte members. This is a project that was started by the Club in 1971 and has had 43 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.

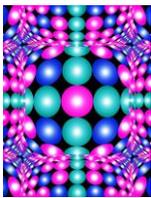
A big thank you to all who volunteer by serving on the board, driving, coordinating and helping the program to function, especially with all this snow and ice.

Board – front row: Beth Fry, Linda Foster (also coordinator), April Brooks, Sally Jewell (also coordinator) (not pictured: Lori Pray, Sylvia Colles and Sherry Myers (also coordinator)  
Coordinators – back row: Mary Remenak, Linda Wonser (HGB), Sonnie Cody, Sue Pruden (not pictured: Marian Johnson, Margie Carter, Donna W. Johnson, Irene Jewett, Carol Rossio, Dot Yoder)



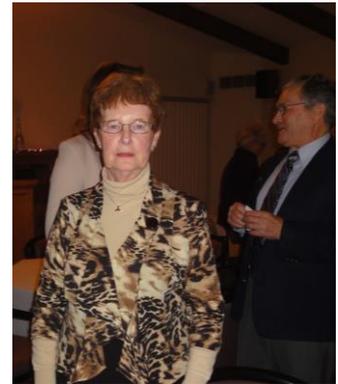
Education Foundation Scholarships are available to club members of at least one year. Contact Linda Foster for more information. (543-3041)

## Mini Trips Update



**KALEIDOSCOPE – has been cancelled this spring, so cross off April 25<sup>th</sup>. New date is Friday, September 5<sup>th</sup>. Details will be forthcoming later.**

## **Chamber of Commerce Dinner GFWC – Charlotte Members Honored**



Ann Garvey – Essence of E Award    Doug & Nola Buck – President's Award  
Sue Pruden – GFWC – Charlotte's Woman of Achievement

**GFWC-Charlotte March Program**  
**“Arm Chair Yoga and Meditation”**

The General Federation of Women’s Clubs-Charlotte will hold its monthly meeting on Friday, March 7, 2014 at the Charlotte Community Library Spartan Room. Martha Limauro, owner and operator of the Still Butterfly Yoga Studio will speak on the healing benefits of Yoga in relieving stress and restoring the body's natural state of balance and well-being. You will learn techniques to connect with your breath, slow down your mind, and relax your body. You will be led in a short chair yoga demonstration, and guided in a short healing meditation.

The deadline for luncheon reservations is 12:00 noon, Saturday, March 1, 2014. Reservations may be made at HGB Gift Basket or members may register online at [www.imembersdb.com](http://www.imembersdb.com) and pay at the door. 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. Those registering online are asked to have the exact payment amount at the door. ‘No Shows’ are committed for payment unless their spot is resold. The luncheon cost is \$10.00. Social time begins at 11:30 a.m. with lunch and meeting following at 12:00 noon.

If you have any questions, please contact Dianna Rabey at 543-3295.

## **GFWC MI Convention & Mackinac Island Trip**

The State Convention is coming up April 25-27 in Frankenmuth. Also is a trip to Mackinac Island on May 31<sup>st</sup>. Check with Sylvia on details.



TIP: HOW TO TEST BATTERIES TO SEE IF THEY ARE STILL GOOD

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y\\_m6p99I6ME](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y_m6p99I6ME)



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