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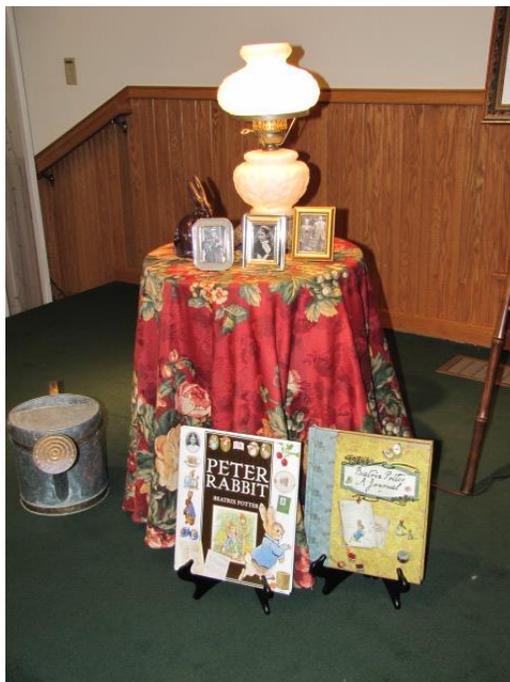
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Happy
Valentine's
Day

February 5, 2016 Meeting

Brynda Filkins as Beatrice Potter
was the outstanding program.



Mini Trips



Gilmore Car Museum

Saturday, February 20 cost = \$12 admission & money for drivers gas & lunch Carpool from Alive at 10:00 am

Enjoy a step back in time at one of the country's premiere car museums that is in our neck of the woods! Even if you're not a car buff this amazing spot is not to be missed. If you are interested in going, please contact Jo or Jan. <http://www.gilmorecarmuseum.org/>

Taste & Tour of Old Town

Saturday, April 9 cost = \$20 admission +food sampler & money for drivers gas Carpool from Alive at 11:00 am

Here's your chance to see Old Town in a new way. The Old Town Commercial Association is hosting the 9th annual Taste and Tour of Old Town, a progressive food sampler and exclusive tour of lofts and commercial spaces. The sampler gives visitors a chance to taste a variety of Old Town's eats and an opportunity to tour real estate in Old Town. <http://www.iloveoldtown.org>

Alden B Dow Home & Studio

Friday, May 20 cost = \$15 admission Bring money for drivers gas, shopping & lunch Carpool from Alive at 10:00 am

We are going to Midland in May to see one of the Top 25 Best Historic Homes in America. The Alden B. Dow Home and Studio is a one of a kind place influenced by Mr. Dow's lifelong interest and study of architecture, which include the influences of many premier midcentury architects including Frank Lloyd Wright and his love of including nature in design. Learn more at <http://www.abdow.org/>

Mackinac Trip Opportunity

Thursday, June 23 to Saturday, June 25 cost = \$260

This bus trip was recommend by club members. It is coordinated by a gentlemen from Hopkins and sounds like a great way to enjoy a trip to Mackinac Island with others. Reservations are accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis. For more information, email Jan or Jo and we will send you the reservation sheet with more details.

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 –

Jo Vanderstelt 517-281-1301 www.jovanderstelt@yahoo.com or Jan Day 513-833-1246
www.jan_day@ymail.com

KALEIDOSCOPE – Friday, September 9, 2016 – contact Linda Foster if you think you might be interested in going to this day-long program. ed@fosterdvm.com or 517-543-3041.



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



Tea and Tomes: Our book selection for February is *Elizabeth is Missing* by Emma Healy. The narrator, Maud, will stop at nothing to find her best friend, who seems to have gone missing. However, no one takes her seriously--not her frustrated daughter, not her caretakers, not the police, and especially not Elizabeth's son--because Maud suffers from dementia. It is a complex read because the narrator, having such difficulty with her memory, cannot be trusted. Come and discuss this psychological mystery with us on February 23, 2016, at the Charlotte Community Library, from 12:45-2:30 pm. Those of us who have been touched by Alzheimer's will find this book especially poignant.



Sneak Peek: March 22: *All the Light We Cannot See*, by Anthony Doerr.

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!

On March 8th Charlotte Public Schools will offer the Recreation and Playground Millage RENEWAL of 0.5 mill for 6 years. This proposal will allow the school district to CONTINUE a dependable and secure source of funding for Aquatics and Community Recreation. This is not a change or increase over what citizens have been paying the last 5 years. You can find more detailed information and answers to any questions on the school website www.charlottenet.org and also at www.swimcharlotte.org.

Don't forget to vote on March 8, 2016



Board Talk – Dianna Rabey



It has been a little chilly here in Orange Beach, Alabama, but I must say that it has been wonderful learning about the area from some of our members that have been coming here for years. They have shown us some of the great spots to visit and eat. We have really enjoyed the eating.

I want to thank Mary Remenak, Sharon Adams and their committee for the great job of setting the stage for a fantastic performance about Beatrix Potter by Brynda Filkins. Sylvia Colles, Jo Gager, and I got together and were able to watch it all on Facetime.

Technology is wonderful and it has allowed me to participate in board meetings, observe regular meetings, making sure the State scholarship person received additional information on our Arts and Nursing scholarship applicants, and passed important information on to members, all while being in another state hundreds of miles away. If you need to get ahold of me or need to ask a question, just e-mail me at diannarabey@gmail.com.

I want to thank those members that have let Fran or Pam know that they are going to be growing with us and become a member of our board. You know I encourage you to come out of your comfort zone and **GROW**, so with a new year starting we will be looking for some new board members. Some of you have already stepped up and told Fran you would like to help and be on the board and I know there are more of you that would welcome the opportunity to grow and support GFWC-Charlotte. We are looking for members who can fill the positions that are expiring: **vice president, treasurer, assistant to the treasurer, one director position and a memory book chairman**. Please call Fran at 645-2573 or Pam Rinkey (nomination chair) at 543-2901 if you have any questions and let them know which one of these positions you would like to fill. Unlike some organizations, being a member of the board does not mean you will be expected to move up to eventually become president of the club. Only the vice president is expected to move into the president's position. I know this is basically the same message I sent last month but I know we have an abundance of talent out there and I encourage you to share it.

I am looking forward to the March meeting because I love antiques and estate sales. I can't wait to hear what our speaker has to tell us. Is it better to have an auction or an estate sale? What is the financial advantage of one over the other?

Stay warm and I will see you the middle of March or sooner on Facetime.



GFWC-Charlotte March Program

The General Federation of Women's Clubs-Charlotte will hold its monthly meeting on Friday, March 4, 2016 at the Eaton Area Senior Center, 804 S. Cochran. Steve Stanton from Stanton's Auctioneers & Realtors is the speaker for a Mini-Antiques Road Show.

The deadline for luncheon reservations is **12:00 noon, Saturday, February 27, 2016**. 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

Membership Memos

Remembrances . . .

Joyce Sparks – moved to Sensations

Nathalie Weseman – Sciatica problems

Carol Monroe – death of her husband, Leon

Donna Leahy – grandson, Frederik Jacob Leahy (parents are Sean and Lauren Leahy) was born January 17, 2016 in The Hague, Netherlands. He weighed 7 lbs. 13 oz. and is 20". Congratulations!

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 Linda Lord
08 Dyna Lehman
08 Sue Pruden
10 Charlene Sutherland
12 Fran Fuller
12 Darlene Freeman
13 Kim Capps
15 Cindy Miller-Holley

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:

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517-449-6274

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

Linda Foster, 316 Beech St., Charlotte, MI 48813; 543-3041;
ed@fosterdvm.com

Mobile Meals Board and Coordinators for 2016



**Pictured: back - Sue Farlin, Marian Johnson, Linda Wonser, Linda Foster
Front - Lori Pray, Lorraine Green, Lee Falik
Board: Linda Foster, President; Sherry Myers, VP; Lee Falik, Secretary; Lori Pray,
Treasurer; Lorraine Green, Sue Farlin and Dianna Rabey, Directors
Others: Linda Wonser, HGB; Marian Johnson, Coordinator**

Mobile Meals, Inc. of Charlotte held its Annual Members' and Annual Board Meeting on January 25, 2016.. 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 45 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. We have a few driver spots open. Contact Linda Foster 543-3041 or ed@fosterdvm.com for more information.



Kudos...your Membership Committee

Kudos to Brynda Filkins for her outstanding presentation at our February meeting! Her delightful portrayal of Beatrix Potter was lively and informative. In addition, we send *Kudos* to the committee and club members who lent a hand in preparing this program and to Cindy Miller for provided our tasty luncheon with enthusiasm!

*Please send you nominee for Kudos recognition to Mary Remenak for publication in our Club Communicator.

JUST FOR FUN...



I am a Seenager. (Senior teenager)

I have everything that I wanted as a teenager, only 60 years later.
I don't have to go to school or work.
I get an allowance every month.
I have my own pad.
I don't have a curfew.
I have a driver's license and my own car.
I have ID that gets me into bars and the whisky store.
The people I hang around with are not scared of getting pregnant.
And I don't have acne.
Life is great.

Also, you will feel much more intelligent after reading this.

Brains of older people are slow because they know so much. People do not decline mentally with age, it just takes them longer to recall facts because they have more information in their brains, scientists believe.

Much like a computer struggles as the hard drive gets full, so too, do humans take longer to access information when their brains are full.

Researchers say this slowing down process is not the same as cognitive decline. The human brain works slower in old age, said Dr. Michael Ramscar, but only because we have stored more information over time. The brains of older people do not get weak. On the contrary, they simply know more.

Also, older people often go to another room to get something and when they get there, they stand there wondering what they came for. It is **NOT** a memory problem, it is nature's way of making older people do more exercise.



An elderly gentleman ..

Had serious hearing problems for a number of years. He went to the doctor and the doctor was able to have him fitted for a set of hearing aids that allowed the gentleman to hear 100% The elderly gentleman went back in a month to the doctor and the doctor said, 'Your hearing is perfect. Your family must be really pleased that you can hear again.'

The gentleman replied, 'Oh, I haven't told my family yet.'

I just sit around and listen to the conversations. I've changed my will three times!



Hospital regulations require a wheel chair for patients being discharged. However, while working as a student nurse, I found one elderly gentleman already dressed and sitting on the bed with a suitcase at his feet, who insisted he didn't need my help to leave the hospital.

After a chat about rules being rules, he reluctantly let me wheel him to the elevator.

On the way down I asked him if his wife was meeting him.

'I don't know,' he said. 'She's still upstairs in the bathroom changing out of her hospital gown.'

KIND NEWS ORDER FORM

To adopt a classroom for the **2016-2017** school year, (August 2016-May 2017), please complete this form and return by **March 30, 2016** to Carol Rossio, 2233 S. Cochran Rd., Charlotte, along with a check made out to **GFWC-Charlotte**. **The cost is \$25.00 per classroom.**

Your Name: _____

Is there a specific teacher/classroom you'd like to sponsor? If so, please complete the information below:

Teacher Name: _____ Grade _____

Level _____

School: _____

School Address (if not in Charlotte): _____

Questions? Contact Carol Rossio at 543-4172 or cjrossio@hotmail.com.



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