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VAN FRANKENHUYZEN AND  
ILLUSTRATOR/HUSBAND NICK  
VAN FRANKENHUYZEN  
PRESENT  
FEBRUARY 5<sup>TH</sup> PROGRAM**

**GFWC-CHARLOTTE BEGINS SELLING  
COFFEE AS A FUNDRAISER  
CAROLYN MAIER & MARLENE DARIN  
DISPLAY SAMPLES  
CONTACT MARLENE FOR MORE  
INFORMATION.**



**MEGHAN BUTLER (L) AND  
ALANA RETZER (R)  
MY LEADS  
REPRESENTATIVES**



## RETARDED GRANDPARENTS

After Christmas, a teacher asked her young pupils how they spent their holiday away from school. One child wrote the following:

We always used to spend the holidays with Grandma and Grandpa. They used to live in a big brick house but Grandpa got retarded and they moved to Arizona. Now they live in a tin box and have rocks painted green to look like grass. They ride around on their bicycles and wear name tags because they don't know who they are anymore. They go to a building called a wreck center, but they must have got it fixed because it is all okay now, they do exercises there, but they don't do them very well.

There is a swimming pool too, but they all jump up and down in it with hats on. At their gate, there is a doll house with a little old man sitting in it.. He watches all day so nobody can escape. Sometimes they sneak out, and go cruising in their golf carts. Nobody there cooks, they just eat out. And, they eat the same thing every night --- early birds. Some of the people can't get out past the man in the doll house. The ones who do get out, bring food back to the wrecked center for pot luck.

My Grandma says that Grandpa worked all his life to earn his retardment and says I should work hard so I can be retarded someday too.. When I earn my retardment, I want to be the man in the doll house. Then I will let people out, so they can visit their grandchildren.

[submitted by Karen Elsesser]

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

### LATE FEBRUARY

18 Amy Zemke	24 Amy & Jeff Zemke
23 Dana Pray	
21 Linda Foster	25 Barb Fulton/Richard Butman
26 Dorothy Leeser	

### EARLY MARCH

08 Dyna Lehman	06 Ieva & Doug Inglis
08 Sue Pruden	09 Shirley & Dick Rann
10 Charlene Sutherland	
12 Fran Fuller	
12 Darlene Freeman	
13 Kim Capps	18 Sue & Gary Pruden
17 Susan Davis	

**Remembrances** – Cynthia Siarny, cancer; Lori Pray's sister, Robin, cardiomyopathy; Larry Adams – health issues

### MINI TRIPS



**Kaleidoscope** – Friday, April 15, 2010, MSU Kellogg Center. Car pool from Charlotte Country Club 7:15 a.m. Contact Linda Foster for more information.

## Planting Downtown Urns Nov. 14, 2009



Judy Whitkopf, Stormi Stuler, Fran Rush, Sandy Maatsch, Lori Pray, Nancy Holtz, Donna W. Johnson, Linda Foster, Nola Buck, Gary Holtz and Doug Buck all pitched in.

EARS – Haiti donations can be made via GFWC Headquarters; order on [www.Amazon.com](http://www.Amazon.com) and GFWC can get 15%. Contact Margie Carter for details.

MY LEADS – Dallas Dedman attending this year. Nominationees from our club for the Nursing Scholarship – Nichole Bullock and Arts Scholarship – Cody Edgerton .



Dear Readers,

Are you loving Frank yet? I still have two copies of *Loving Frank*, if anyone needs to borrow them before the book club on the 23rd. Looking forward to seeing you then.

Mary R. and April B. and I have discussed going to see the Meyer May House, an original FLW, in Grand Rapids. Are you interested? I understand it is a beautifully restored home, designed down to the table linens, with lots of glass. There would be a docent-led tour for our group. Check out the website below. Here are the particulars:

The Meyer May House  
450 Madison Ave SE  
Grand Rapids, MI  
[www.meyermayhouse.steelcase.com](http://www.meyermayhouse.steelcase.com)

Tour on February 28 (Sunday)  
Home open 1-5 pm  
Car pool  
Leave Charlotte Library parking lot at 1:00pm  
No charge  
Husbands???

We need a commitment from you by Tuesday, Feb. 23, Tea and Tomes day. If you won't be at Tea and Tomes, but would still like to go, please give me a call. We need to have an accurate count when we call in our tour reservation.

Thanks,  
Brynda  
541-3698

## You can tell a book by its lover.



**Tea and Tomes:** Frank Lloyd Wright. Who among us has not been influenced by his work and his style? Are you interested in learning more about his personal and professional life? Please join us on Tuesday, February 23rd, at 1:00 pm at our book club as we discuss *Loving Frank* by Nancy Horan. Parade magazine said, "This gripping historical novel offers new insight into the mind of an American icon through the woman he loved." Lee Falik will present present background information on Lloyd Wright and we will decide if Mamah Borthwick Cheney was the love of his life--or just one of many. We meet in the Spartan Room of the Charlotte Community Library. For more information, call Brynda Filkins, 541-3698. New members are always welcome.



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

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## BOARD TALK – MARY REMENAK



When you read this Board Talk, Valentine's Day will have come and gone. I hope there were cards, chocolates and flowers from those you love. I send you my affection.

We are in the second half of this club year already! Hasn't it flown by? Our nominating committee is preparing a slate of candidates to serve the next two years. Thank you to those who have agreed to continue. Congratulations to new board members. Now, as you know is the challenge of filling the Vice President/President position.

This position is not about expert skills and extra ordinary self confidence. It is about a willingness to learn and to serve. Our club attracts capable women. I encourage you to take advantage of this unique learning experience; where you will enlarge your circle of friends and receive much more than you give.

Membership in GFWC-Charlotte requires service. Without members coming forward our club will not continue. Contact Lori Pray-(517) 543-61 [lpray@cablespeed.com](mailto:lpray@cablespeed.com)

Mary



## SKULL CAP KNITTERS

So far we've produced 11 caps for our service men and women. A reminder: Yarn must be black 100% wool. The Yarn Garden in Charlotte carries Cascade 220 Superwash which meets these requirements. One ball will make two caps. When you turn your caps in, either put your name on them or tell Sara Biskie.

We need to keep track of the number of GFWC members who participate for the year end report. If you need a pattern before the March meeting let Sara know and she can e-mail one to you. Happy Knitting!



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

For many years, GFWC Charlotte members have read and compiled entries for the Christine Wonch Writing Award Program. Readers will soon be receiving their packets from among the 1200 + entries.

We are now looking for volunteers to attach ribbons and sort entries on the following Saturdays from 9 am to noon:

March 20

March 27

April 24

You may sign up at the March 5th meeting or call Susie Moore (543-0157) to volunteer for a particular Saturday. Peace Lutheran Church is the location for all three days.



## Leadership Conference – February 8 and 9

This year's Leadership conference was again held in Grand Ledge at Emanuel Lutheran Church. The dinner, the previous night, was held at Luigi's in Grand Ledge. Mary Remenak and Margie Carter enjoyed the ladies (including Michigan GFWC 1st Vice President Chris Burns, in picture) and the excellent food. Many of the ladies went to see "Sherlock Holmes" at the local theater following the dinner.

Sylvia Colles and Marilyn Monroe Hart joined Mary and Margie in attending the Leadership Meeting on Tuesday. The guest speaker was Patti Whitehouse, President-elect for GFWC New Jersey. She spoke on "kindness and parliamentary procedure in running meetings and personal relations within clubs. Good information was collected and friendships rekindled.



## *Giving Up Wine*



I was walking down the street when I was accosted by a particularly dirty and shabby-looking homeless woman who asked me for a couple of dollars for dinner. I took out my wallet, got out ten dollars and asked, 'If I give you this money, will you buy wine with it instead of dinner?'

'No, I had to stop drinking years ago', the homeless woman told me.

'Will you use it to go shopping instead of buying food?' I asked.

'No, I don't waste time shopping,' the homeless woman said. 'I need to spend all my time trying to stay alive.'

'Will you spend this on a beauty salon instead of food?' I asked.

'Are you NUTS!' replied the homeless woman. I haven't had my hair done in 20 years!'

'Well, I said, 'I'm not going to give you the money. Instead, I'm going to take you out for dinner with my husband and me tonight.'

The homeless Woman was shocked. 'Won't your husband be furious with you for doing that? I know I'm dirty, and I probably smell pretty disgusting.'

I said, 'That's okay. It's important for him to see what a woman looks like after she has given up shopping, hair appointments, and wine.'



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