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**SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT GFWC MI
PRESIDENT, DONNA BROWN, IS
WELCOMED BY PRESIDENT, MARGIE
CARTER AT FEBRUARY MEETING**



**DOUG & JAN SJOQUIST
PRESENTED A
TRAVELOGUE ON TURKEY**



**LORI PRAY GIVES A CLUB
TRIBUTE TO HER MOTHER-IN-
LAW, LAUREL PRAY, WHO DIED
DECEMBER 4, 2010.**



Board Talk – Margie Carter



For the next two months we will be collecting items for Bay Cliff Camp. Wish lists were given to attendees at the February meeting and will be available at the next meeting, too. Sylvia and I plan on taking the items personally when we visit the camp in July.

Are you a writer of stories or poems? Would you consider submitting one to the GFWC Writing Contest by March 1, 2011? We are looking for you. Please contact me, if not for submitting something this year, maybe by next year or you could be in charge of organizing a program through the schools to submit something for next year. This sounds like a fun project and get recognition to writers of all ages.

We now have a banner for “GFWC-Charlotte at Work” to advertise the fact that we are working in the community for the good of community. I have it at my house for any group that would like to display it for any project. Thanks to Linda Foster for arranging to have it made.

Maybe MARCH could be a “SEA of GREEN” for St. Patrick’s Day.



Margie shows some of the Valentine's to be sent to the VFW Home in Grand Rapids.



Dallas Dedman – MYLeads

Each year GFWC-Charlotte sponsors a high school sophomore to attend the 3-day Michigan Youth Leadership conference at Michigan State University. MYLead is designed to help students “develop the skills to become understanding and effective leaders of tomorrow, to become confident in developing, exercising and further building those skills for the benefit of their communities.” Attendees at the conference have the opportunity to interact with civic, business and community leaders and to meet with their peers from across the state.

Outstanding Charlotte High School student Dallas Dedman spoke at the GFWC-Charlotte February meeting about her experiences at the MYLead conference. Dallas, who has a 4-point grade average and is ranked 1 out of a class of 231, is described as a pleasure to have in class by her teachers. She was so inspired by her experience that she plans to return to the program as a counselor. If you are interested in learning more about this program, check out <http://mylead.org>.

MOBILE MEALS, INC. OF CHARLOTTE HOLDS ANNUAL MEETINGS



Sherry Myers, Pam Jarvi, Mary Remenak, Dot Yoder, Lori Pray, Linda Foster
Beth Fry, Margie Carter, April Brooks, Bev Lipsey

The Annual Meeting of the General Membership of Mobile Meals was held on February 7th followed by the Board Meeting. Attending were Board Members: Linda Foster, President; Beth Fry, Vice President; April Brooks, Secretary; Lori Pray, Treasurer; Bev Lipsey and Pam Jarvi, and Margie Carter, President GFWC-Charlotte, Directors; Coordinators: Sherry Myers, Mary Remenak and Dot Yoder.

Once again, a big thank you to all the GFWC-Charlotte club members and friends who help to support this club project. Hot and cold meals are delivered 365 days a year to people in the community who have a need. Hayes Green Beach Hospital prepares the meals and United Way helps subsidize them.



GFWC Fair Trade/Organic Coffee Fundraiser

Coffee sales will continue through the end of the club year. We are on track to have a very successful fundraiser thanks to those members who are supporting it with purchases.

Both Regular and DeCaf 16oz bags in whole bean and ground will continue to be available at the general membership meetings for immediate purchase through the remainder of the year. A supply of coffee is also on hand and available for purchase by calling Marlene Darin at 543-2810 or Sharon Kubica at 517-231-3204 between meetings. Bags continue to sell for \$10 through February, then the price is going to \$11 due to a price increase to us.

If you haven't taken the opportunity to taste this great coffee, we encourage you to do so. We think your family and friends will enjoy it too.



Tea and Tomes: Please join us on Tuesday, February 22, at 12:45 for a discussion of the novel, *Ladder of Years*, by Anne Tyler.

"Baltimore woman disappears during family vacation," declares the headline. Forty year old Delia Grinstead is last seen strolling down the Delaware shore, wearing nothing more than a bathing suit and carrying a beach tote with five hundred dollars tucked inside. To her husband and three almost-grown children, she has vanished without trace or reason. But for Delia, who feels like a tiny gnat buzzing around her family's edges, "walking away from it all" is not a premeditated act but an impulse that will lead her into a new, exciting, and unimagined life.

The GFWC book discussion club meets at the Charlotte Community Library in the Spartan Room. Refreshments--and always tea--will be served. All are welcome.



Sneak Peek for March: *Tale of Two Cities*, by Charles Dickens. English majors and classics lovers have a field day!

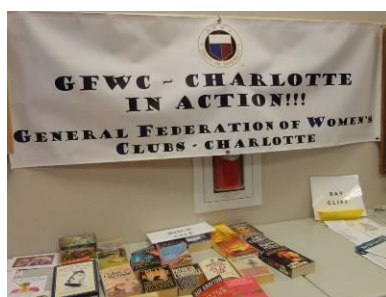


CALLING ALL KNITTERS:

Challenge yourself to knit at least one skull cap to turn in at either the March or April meeting. Knitting is a great way to spend a winter day and our soldiers need them! If you want a pattern or need help with your knitting, contact Sara Biskie at slbiskie@sbcglobel.net.



Linda Foster came up with the idea of having a banner to display when we are doing special projects such as the urn plantings downtown, so that the community knows who we are. Sylvia Colles came up with the slogan. The banner would also be great for a background display at our meetings. (See below.) The Board supported the idea and Insty-prints Downtown made it for us. Pictured are Linda (l) and President Margie Carter (r).



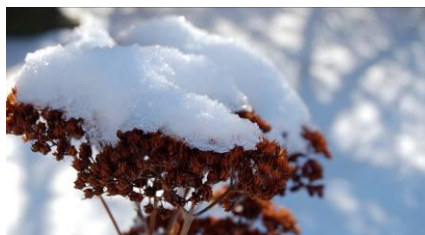
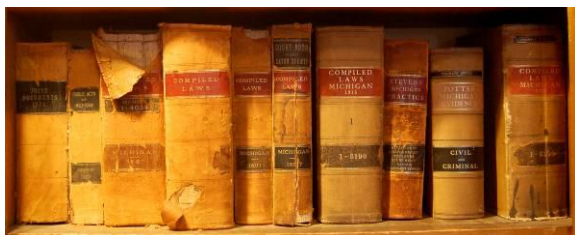
PHOTOGRAPHY INTEREST GROUP

Wondering how to create a perfect portrait of your child/grandchild? How about your favorite pet? Join us March 10 at 12:30 in the Spartan Room of the Charlotte Community Library. This month's speaker will talk about lighting, equipment, camera settings and getting that great personal shot.

It is never too late to join us. This month we welcomed three new members! For more information, contact Mary Remenak.

Our Photo Sharing Picks of the Month came from Connie Miller. Eight members submitted photos and six received votes! Congratulations!

PHOTOS BY CONNIE MILLER



(Editor's note. Last month the photos were labeled in reverse order. Sorry.)



Remembrances . . .

LeAnn Green – foot & leg surgery – laid up for 8 weeks

Vivian Flower – is home

Pam Jarvi – death of her mother

Membership Memos

Sue Berger – new email: bergerwoods@gmail.com

Charlene Sutherland: delete old email – will have a new one soon; temporary “buddy” is
LeAnn Green

Sue Farlin – email c/o church: office@fbcchar.org

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Birthdays and Anniversaries



LATE FEBRUARY

18 Amy Zemke

24 Amy & Jeff Zemke

21 Linda Foster

23 Dana Pray

25 Barb Fulton/Richard Butman

26 Dorothy Leaser

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



New member sponsors were honored:
Suzanne Hayes for Jan Day, Fran Fuller,
SWD President Donna Brown, Cheryl
Jackson, Dana Pray and Beth Fry for Jo
Gager.



GFWC-CHARLOTTE RECEIVES GRANT FOR RIF

The RIF (Reading Is Fundamental) committee of GFWC-Charlotte recently applied for a grant to help subsidize our RIF project. Thanks to Proctor and Gamble, GFWC in Washington D.C. was able to offer grants to promote club literacy projects. The grants were based on merit, a demonstrated effort to serve the community, and project sustainability. Our application was approved and we were awarded the maximum grant of \$150.

GFWC-Charlotte has sponsored and funded the RIF program in the Charlotte schools since 1996, with a current annual budget of \$700. Due to the increased cost of books and a depleted memorial fund we have been looking for other sources of support. This grant will be welcomed assistance in continuing such a worthwhile project.

The goal of RIF is to help children understand the value of books, develop a greater interest in reading, and motivate parents and children to read together. In Charlotte, the GFWC RIF committee members visit all second graders. During these visits we read each class a story, and display the books so that each child is able to choose a book. We find that many children have never owned a book of their own and are thrilled to choose a book to keep and take home. In the past year the RIF committee has distributed 456 books to Charlotte's enthusiastic second graders.

We often receive thank you letters, and their gratitude is summed up in the words of one young man: "Thank you ladies of GFWC. The book you read us was awsum! The book I picked was awsum! And I think you are awsum!" Evidently his teacher wrote "GFWC" on the board for him but he guessed at some of the other spelling☺

I would like to thank the members of GFWC-Charlotte for continuing to support such a valued program in our community. And I would especially like to thank members of the RIF committee: Lee Falik, Sharon Kubica, Jan Day, and Lorraine Green for all your hard work this year. You have developed and maintained a very worthwhile program that has touched the lives of many children and their families. I agree with the second graders you "laidies are awsum"!

Respectfully submitted,
Darlene J. Freeman
Chair of GFWC-Charlotte RIF Committee



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

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**KALEIDOSCOPE PARTICIPANTS: Friday,
April 29th; car pool from Charlotte Country
Club 7:15 a.m. to MSU's Kellogg Center in
East Lansing.**



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