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GFWC-Charlotte December Tea Honoring Past Presidents and New Members

The General Federation of Women's Clubs-Charlotte held its Annual Christmas Tea on Friday, **December 6**, 2019 at the First Congregational Church. We honored our Past Presidents, new members and others. The chorus sang. Chris Reist told about her trip to Israel, Diane Ruswick told of hers to the Galapagos Islands, and Judy MacInness of her trip to Spain.



Past Presidents in attendance: (back) Linda Foster, Sandy Maatsch, Lori Pray, Jeannette Sommer, Mona Ellard, (front) Nola Buck, Karen Elsesser, Sara Biskie, Marilyn Monroe Hart, Mary Remenak, Sylvia Colles, Dianna Rabey



Donna Mae Johnson becomes **Honorary Member** for **50 continuous years** of membership. Presented by **GFWC MI President, Sue Johnson**. **Sherry Myers** gets **25-year pin**. Pinned by sponsor, **Linda Foster**.





Membership Chair, Sherry Myers, Introduces New Members, accompanied by their sponsors: Lauraine Paladino (sponsor Michelle Taylor); Sandra Guernsey (Jo Vanderstelt); Amy Slot (Chris Reist); Sue Steinberg (Ginny Baxter); Sally Sedlar (Sherry Pabst); Jess Doman (Jane Forte); Becky Dolman (Brenda Filkins); (Linda Foster, sponsor for Mandy Stewart who had to leave.) Also missing: Angel Fulkerson, Marilyn Bernard

Mona Ellard is named Women of Achievement for 2019



The Woman of Achievement Award is given every other year to a member who has made extraordinary contributions to the Club and community. Mona Ellard has served as Vice President and President, been active in the Southwestern District Education Foundation, and was awarded Ms. Federation. She has served on various committees and programs in leadership positions.

She chaired the GFWC Community Improvement Project focusing on childhood obesity, known as GAM. This project won 1st place at the GFWC State Convention, and 3rd place at the GFWC International Convention, which resulted in our Club receiving \$2,500.

Mona participates in the Beautification Committee by cutting evergreens and planting the downtown urns, both in the spring and fall. She is also active in her church and helped establish the Tide Me Over program, which won the Excellence in the Community Award. She has been awarded the Liberty Bell Award from the Eaton County Bar, and the Athena Award from the Chamber of Commerce. Mona helped implement the Eaton County SMILE program, and is known for her educational leadership seminars involving many topics.

Our recipient has furthered her education to develop herself in all ways, having completed her B.S. and M. A. She began her career as a home economist with the Eaton County Extension Office, and later became the Director of that agency.

Mona is married, has two children, and imparts the values of family. She lives her life with generosity of heart. She focuses on getting to know new members of our Club and makes them feel at home at the meetings.





President, Julie Dartt announces that SIREN Shelter and GFWC- Michigan will each get about \$6,000 from the proceeds of the Tea. Tracy Mulvaney from SIREN introduced a client, Karen, who told how she has been helped from SIREN.

CHOIR SANG: *Celebrate This Day Together, Let it Snow, Stars in the Night, Can you Hear the Angels, What Strangers Are These, Medley: Winter Wonderland, Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas, It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year, and We Wish You the Merriest*



Back: Patty Retzer, Christ Reist, Mary Heightchew, Lori Pray, Amy Krizek, Carol Rossio;
Middle: Patty Greene (Director), Julie Dartt, Marlene Darin, Val Reisen, Pam Rinckey, Jo Vanderstelt, Joan Hasselback;
Front: Mary June Garn (pianist), Donna Leahy, Peggy Nichols, Pat Campion, Sandy Maatsch, Linda Foster, Jeannette Sommer; **Below:** Sylvia Colles who played the dulcimer.



Lori's granddaughter helped us practice.





Speakers

CHRISTMAS TEA – DECEMBER 6TH





CHOIR PERFORMED AT ROTARY ON DECEMBER 10TH PLUS AT THE MEDICAL CARE FACILITY, SENSATIONS, & HOPE LANDING





Fun at Rotary – Gifts for Patty & Mary June




*Hand
to
Hand*
GFWC-Charlotte

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Do you know of someone in our club who could use a hand – ride to appointments, meal brought in, receive a card, visitor, listener, shopper, etc.?
 Contact Lorraine

New Member Make-up Orientation 12/3/19



- Sherry Myers, presenter**
- Sandra Guernsey**
- Susan Steinberg**
- Louraine Paladino**
- Angel Fulkerson**
- Sally Sedler**
- Linda Foster, presenter**
- Mandy Stewart**





Board Talk – Julie Dartt

Happy New Year! I'm hoping this finds you ready to begin our next year of GFWC awesomeness. We had such a great year last year and we have many more amazing things to do. I really appreciate those of you who made the time to send in your volunteer hours and committee reports. (I appreciate the rest of you too, AND I would love it if you would still send me your reports! Thank you in advance!)

We had a great turn out for Christmas Kiddies and all the wrapping was finished in record time! Thank you for your help.

At the beginning of the year, my husband decided we (he) needed a dog. Our previous pup, a Yorkie, passed in October after having been a part of the family for nearly 15 years. Enter Oliver, a standard poodle pup. Boy is he ever full of energy! And big, and getting bigger. He is in to everything. It seems nothing is safe from his sharp puppy teeth and he is so very curious. Yesterday, he had his paws on my computer and seemed very intrigued by all the letters popping up on the screen. Oh boy. I know it will get better but right now, things are rather stressful at my house and I can't go too far away or for any length of time. Good thing he is completely adorable. When he is sleeping.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service is January 20th. We do not currently have a big project planned. Let's do a whole bunch of mini projects. Sometime during that week, do something for someone else. It can be a small thing like buying a coffee for someone or holding the door. Or, you may have the time and ability to do something bigger. Shovel/clear a driveway or sidewalk, deliver a treat to a neighbor, or better yet, to someone you know that doesn't get many visitors and visit for a while. The possibilities are great. Do something, then write a sentence or two about what you did and bring it to the February meeting. Can't make the meeting, send an email. The idea is that everyone can do something.

Our next meeting will be on Friday, February 7th at the Eaton Area Senior Center. It is also Wear Red for Heart Health Day so, please wear red. You can visit <https://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/health-topics/education-and-awareness/heart-month> for more information.

Is there more that I should be writing about? Probably. Tune in next month!

Make this year your best one yet.

GO RED FOR WOMEN



Have you ever noticed that so many of our members wear **RED** to the February GFWC-Charlotte meeting? You may think it's only because February is the month we celebrate Valentine's Day. But did you know February is also the month set aside by the American Heart Association to bring awareness to women's heart health? **National Wear Red Day**® — the first Friday each February — is a special day set aside to bring attention to this silent killer of women. We are all encouraged to wear **RED**, raise our voices, know our cardiovascular risks and take action to live longer, healthier lives. So let's all wear **RED** to our February meeting to celebrate Valentine's Day and to call attention to the leading cause of death for American women-heart disease.



TEA AND TOMES: Join us on January 28th at the Library to discuss *Among The Heroes* by Jere Longman. This book is about the passengers and crew of flight 93 and how they fought back against the terrorists that hijacked their plane on September 11th. Brynda Filkins will lead the discussion.

Julie Dartt has a copy of the book if anyone needs to borrow it.

Sneak Peek : In February, we will be reading *The Misremembered Man* by Christina McKenna. We will meet on February 25 for our discussion.



\$500 Nursing and \$500 Arts Scholarship Available through GFWC-Charlotte

Any student in the community, male or female, young or mature, current student or re-entering student is eligible to apply for a \$500 scholarship to pursue a career either in the field of arts or a nursing degree. These scholarships are provided by the General Federation of Women’s Clubs Michigan. These are in addition to the scholarships that GFWC-Charlotte awards to graduating seniors at Charlotte High School. Each year, GFWC-Charlotte donates \$50 to this GFWC Michigan scholarship program. GWFC-Charlotte has been successful in the past in having endorsed several winning applications and would be pleased to again submit qualified local applicants to continue that tradition. If you know someone planning a career in arts or nursing, encourage them to apply.

Applications are available at the Charlotte High School guidance office, Hayes Green Beach Hospital administration office on the second floor, and at the Charlotte Community Library. To fill out an application online, click on this link:

The online applications are in a “fillable” format and will need to be saved to your computer, then printed.

[http://www.gfwc-charlotte.com/Downloads/Arts and Nursing Scholarship Application 2018 fillable.pdf](http://www.gfwc-charlotte.com/Downloads/Arts_and_Nursing_Scholarship_Application_2018_fillable.pdf)

Completed applications should be mailed to GFWC-Charlotte; PO Box 464; Charlotte, MI 48813 BY January 15th. The current GFWC-Charlotte president will add her signature to completed applications when they are received, provide a letter of affirmation and forward them **to the state chairman by February 1st.**



Membership Memos



Remembrances . . .

Tammy Crandell – death of her father, Don Cogswell.
Peggy Nichols – death of her brother.
Linda Foster's husband, Ed – pneumonia
Patty Greene's husband, Dick – hip surgery
Chris Reist's brother, Sherman – waiting for liver transplant
Elizabeth Siler's husband, Steve – ongoing health issues
Cathy Rudnitsky – death of her mother, Catherine McNeilly

Birthdays

20 Amy Slot
21 Lori King
26 Cheryl Jackson
27 Sally Sedlar
29 Kay Wyszynski

Late January

30 Barb & John VanderMolen

Early February

02 Marian Johnson
03 Eva Crandall
07 Becky Dolman
09 Sue Ainslie
04 Barbara Fulton
10 Charamy Cleary
15 Mona Ellard

09 Betty & Jim Crandall

Changes: Delete Mona Ellard's home number & use cell: 517-881-2679
Somewhere, I wrote Angel Fulkerson's number wrong. It should be: 517-667-1474

TWO MORE NEW MEMBERS – contact information in attachment



Lauraine Paladino -

Lauraine was born in Brooklyn, NY, but raised in the Midwest. She lives with her daughter, Michelle Taylor & her husband Jim and their son, Aiden. She says her son-in-law is a gem to agree to this arrangement! She retired from GM after 25 years. Lauraine also has a son, Dave, who is a corrections officer in Adrian, MI.

Angela "Angel" Fulkerson –

Angel was born and raised in Charlotte, and still resides here. She is married and has three adult children. She owns Bella Grande. She worked there three years before buying four years ago. She was a Cub Scout Leader, has a Coon Hound and cat. Likes to crochet, read, and explore the beauty of the state.



Mini Trips Update



December 5, 2019 trip to Frankenmuth

Julie Dartt, Betty Crandall, Lisa Starr,
Hope Dixon, Sharon Kubica, Marlene Darin,
Sherry Pabst, Patty Retzer

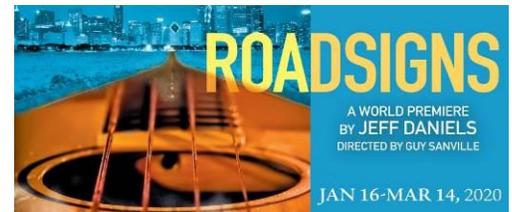
Any ideas for future trips let us know –
Hope Dixon hopedixon@rocketmail.com ,
517-490-7451 or
Lisa Starr, starlis@wowway.com ,
517-282-6088

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 basis. Non-members are always welcome to join us on our mini trips

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 2020, 3:00 P.M.

Roadsigns is a beautiful, lyrical new play by Jeff Daniels. The play follows Lance, a young poet, as he embarks on a journey to find the way to himself. This nostalgic tale is filled with rich characters who dwell on the outskirts of life, each following a dream or hoping to bump into one. Original music by Jeff Daniels and Ben Daniels.

*Contains adult language & content.



PURPLE ROSE THEATER AND LUNCH AT THE COMMON GRILL CHELSEA MI

LEAVE 12:00 RETURN 5:30-6:00

MEETING POINT: ALIVE PARKING LOT NEAR ROAD
MAKE CHECKS out to Lisa Starr

COST \$32.00 + lunch & gas

Contact Lisa Starr for reservations ASAP – only 2 spots left.

Lisa Starr Phone 517-282-6088 E-Mail: starlis@wowway.com
Hope Dixon Phone 517-490-7451 E-Mail: hopedixon@rocketmail.com

February 7, 2020 GFWC-Charlotte Meeting

The General Federation of Women's Clubs-Charlotte will hold its monthly meeting on Friday, February 7, 2020 at the Eaton Area Senior Center, 804 S. Cochran. Club members will have the opportunity to hear Scott Teter on *Elder Abuse*.

The deadline for luncheon reservations is 12:00 noon, Saturday, February 1, 2020. 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. Social time begins at 11:30 a.m. with lunch and meeting following at 12:00 noon. If you have any questions, please contact Chris Reist, 543-7734.



ESO: Ladies, please consider pledging to Epsilon Sigma Omicron, a GFWC honorary reading society. Any member can join and new members are always welcome! The idea is to "enlighten your own pathway" through reading. Pledges keep a record of books read during the calendar year and report the totals once per year. There is a national ESO reading list through GFWC (www.gfwc.org), or you may chose your own titles. Full information is available at www.gfwc-charlotte.com under downloadable forms. Brynda Filkins, 541-3698, is happy to answer any questions and get you started. Read to learn, to laugh, to lead.

RIE AT PARKVIEW SCHOOL

Parkview students sent package of thank you notes to Amy Smith and Diane Ruswick.



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

Christmas Kiddies Wrapping Session 12-21-19

A large contingency from GFWC-Charlotte helped out:



Val Reisen, Linda Lord, Amy Slot, Sandy Maatsch, Donna Leahy, Ginny Baxter, Julie Dartt, Judy MacInness, Linda Foster, Lee Falik + kids and grandkids. Missing from photo are Nola Buck and Peggy Nichols.



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