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**JENNY LAMB (LEFT)
IS NAMED THE “WOMAN OF
ACHIEVEMENT” RECIPIENT**

**MARIAN JOHNSON
(RIGHT)
RECEIVES 50-
YEAR MEMBER
CERTIFICATE
AND PIN**



**AWARDS PRESENTED AT THE DECEMBER 5TH TEA
(ARTICLES ON PAGE 2)**



**MONA ELLARD & JENNY
LAMB ARE HONORED AS 25-
YEAR MEMBERS**

JENNY LAMB – This year’s Woman of Achievement winner, has been a member of GFWC-Charlotte for 25 years. She worked her way through the chairs and served as President in 1995-96. Jenny has been the chair of our Reading is Fundamental (RIF) program for 13 years, encouraging Club members to subscribe to *Kind News* for classrooms. Jenny has sponsored a new member, and has been a committee member and chair of several committees, such as the Senior Tea, book club, CIP, etc. She is active in the community delivering Mobile Meals, volunteering as a nurse at the Methodist Church Red Cross Blood Drive and for football physicals, and serves as a Eucharistic Minister at her church. She received her LPN in 1977 and her RN Associate Degree in 1992. She is a life-long learner attending professional seminars, Kaleidoscope, Health by Design, Town Hall, tap dancing lessons, etc. She is the Assistant Director of Nursing at the Eaton County Medical Care Facility. She is married to Jim and has two children. How appropriate to get this award on the 25th anniversary of Club membership!

MARIAN JOHNSON – 50-YEAR MEMBER – Marian has been very active in the Club for 50 years. She served as President in 1972-3 and was the choir director for most of its existence. She received the Woman of Achievement Award in 1997-98.

MONA ELLARD – 25-YEAR MEMBER – Mona has served in many capacities through the years. She was president in 1994-95, served at the District level as the Education Foundation Representative in 1995-96, and was the Senior Tea speaker a time or two. She chaired the “Woman of Achievement” committee for many years.

PAST PRESIDENTS HONORED



THOSE IN ATTENDANCE:

BACK ROW: DONNA W. JOHNSON, JO GAGER, NOLA BUCK, MARILYN MONROE HART, KAREN ELSESSER, CHERYL JACKSON, MONA ELLARD, LORI PRAY
FRONT ROW: CAROL MONROE, CHRIS FLEISCHMANN, SHIRLEY RANN, SARA BISKIE, LINDA FOSTER, MARIAN JOHNSON, SANDY MAATSCH, JENNY LAMB
(NOT PICTURED – JOYCE SPARKS)



**NEW MEMBERS INTRODUCED
 PICTURED WITH THEIR SPONSORS
 DELMA SMITH(I) W/LINDA FOSTER
 APRIL BROOKS (r)MARY REMENAK**



GFWC-Charlotte Fall Membership Drive a Great Success

Our GFWC-Charlotte general members sponsored eleven new members during the GFWC National level's ACT in OCT drive efforts and GFWC Michigan membership themed initiative to "Recruit and Retain We Cannot Remain the Same". Special guests in attendance were Fran Leonard, GFWC MI Southwestern District President and GFWC – Gun Lake Area Club's Membership Chairperson Linda Molitor.

On Thursday, November 20th a total of twelve new members (new members included from the 2008 calendar year) and their sponsors attended the New Member Orientation meeting at the Spartan Room of the Charlotte Library. The celebration, hosted by our Membership Committee, provided the thirty-four members attending a salad luncheon complete with dessert and coffee. Membership committee members include chair Cheryl Jackson, Lisa Blakeney, Karen Elssesser, Connie Fast, Susie Moore and Sherry Myers.

All were welcomed and GFWC-Charlotte President Mary Remenak explained GFWC history and explained our service organization's structure, mission statement and priorities at the national, state and local levels. GFWC-Charlotte Co-1st Vice Presidents Eva Crandall and Margie Carter reviewed opportunities for new members and explained how to grow "active" in her choice of the six club departments, club committees and special project(s). Information was shared to help everyone feel welcomed and connected to GFWC-Charlotte.

Remember we all may sponsor a new member at anytime. If you know someone who would enjoy being a part of our organization, please bring her/them as a guest to a monthly meeting to see firsthand what our service club has to offer.

We welcome all of our new members and look forward to working with you in club spearheaded community service projects and activities.

2008 NEW MEMBERS

**Stormi Stuler, Betty Crandall,
Nicole Lutes, Dodie Horvath,
Cheri Smith**

**Elizabeth Siler, Carol Idalski,
Kathy Tomlanovich, Shelby
Butler**



April Brooks



Delma Smith



NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION NOVEMBER 20





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DELMA SMITH (DALE)

Delma was born and raised in Chicago in a large family of seven. She met her husband Dale, who was from Michigan, on a blind date in 1968. They were married in 1969. (They have been married almost 40 years).

Delma and Dale moved to the Charlotte area in 1976 with their two children. Their children attended the Maple Valley School district and she worked five years for this school district while her children were in their elementary years,

Her daughter Tara, 35, now lives south of Battle Creek and has two sons. Bryan, her oldest child, passed away two years ago at the age of 35 with cancerous brain tumor, but she shares, "He left us a beautiful little boy who lives in Wisconsin." Delma adds that they also have a very special "sort of" adopted Hispanic daughter whose family is very dear to them and she has a little girl. Delma and Dale find grand parenting a very special privilege!

After her employment in the Maple Valley School District, Delma worked for MSU for twenty years. She left MSU four years ago to pursue her own home-based business and her husband retired from the MSU Cyclotron three years ago. Her business, *Organizing For You*, provides organizing services to businesses and residential clients who struggle with organizing. Her business also provides Internet customers to purchase her own line of oak wood organizing products. Additionally, she teaches organizing classes for colleges in their Lifelong Education programs as well as classes for other organizations.

For fun Delma likes to travel with her husband in their motor home, plays guitar and banjo, enjoys reading, sewing and spending time with her grandchildren, and, of course – organizing. Her goal is to do some personal enrichment education to help others, especially children. Currently she is volunteering for a 6th grade classroom teacher whom her children had when they were in school.

BIRTHDAYS

LATE JANUARY

- 19 Shelby Butler
- 19 Gloria Wilson
- 21 Lori King
- 26 Cheryl Jackson

EARLY FEBRUARY

- 02 Marian Johnson
- 03 Eva Crandall
- 03 Lola Wilson
- 04 Barb Fulton
- 05 Carol Idalski
- 05 Jackie Carr
- 09 Cynthia Siarny
- 15 Mona Ellard
- 16 Barb Curtis



ANNIVERSARIES

- 07 Bev & Dick Trumley
- 08 Delma & Dale Smith
- 09 Betty & Jim Crandall
- 14 Carole & John Barnett-Stopper
- 16 Jo & Dan Vanderstelt



For all of us who are seniors - for all of you who know seniors - and for all of you who will be seniors. It pays to be able to laugh about it when you are!

And, speaking of senior moments: "WHERE is my SUNDAY paper?!" The irate customer calling the newspaper office loudly demanded, wanting to know where her Sunday edition was. "Madam", said the newspaper employee, "today is Saturday. The Sunday paper is not delivered until tomorrow, on SUNDAY".

There was quite a long pause on the other end of the phone, followed by a ray of recognition as she was heard to mutter,

"Well, shoot... so that's why no one was at church today".

REMEMBRANCES . . .

MARY TAYLOR – DEATH OF HER HUSBAND, CHUCK.

MARILYN MONROE HART – ULCER PROBLEMS

CHARLENE SUTHERLAND - TESTS

MINI-TRIPS



Detroit – Detroit Art Institute & Pewabic Pottery This day of art will start with a visit to the DIA for the Art of Norman Rockwell exhibit, lunch, and a trip to Pewabic Pottery. This bus trip is on Saturday, March 28 and costs \$62 which includes a \$10 lunch voucher and is being offered by Nancy Conn at The Hen House, 543-6454. The bus will leave the Hen House at 8 am and return at 5 pm.

Chicago American Girl Store Save the date – March 20, 2009. This will be a bus day trip to Chicago complete with our own private tea party. Maybe you have a granddaughter or niece who would enjoy this opportunity. This is scheduled for a non school day. More details to come....

Kaleidoscope – save Friday, April 17, 2009. Details to come. Contact Linda Foster 543-3041, ed@fosterdvm.com.

GFWC-CHARLOTTE CHORUS ENTERTAINED US (& AT ROTARY)

**BACK: MARLENE DARIN, JAN HARMS, JO VANDERSTELT, LORI PRAY, DOROTHY LEESER,
PAM INGALLS**

**MIDDLE: MARILYN MONROE HART, JOYCE SPARKS, SANDY MAATSCH, SALLY JEWELL, BARB
THIEL, LINDA FOSTER, JOAN HASSELBACK**

FRONT: DIRECTOR, CAROLYN MAIER, VIVIAN FLOWER, JEANNETTE SOMMER



Tea and Tomes Book Discussion Group



Please join us this month as we travel to Gaborone, Botswana, and meet Precious Ramotswa in *The No.1 Ladies' Detective Agency*. Intelligence, intuition, perseverance, and personality describe the traits Precious must rely on as she opens the first ever Ladies' Detective Agency. Immediately upon setting up shop in a small storefront, she is hired to track down a missing husband, uncover a con man, and follow a wayward daughter. Brynda Filkins (ph.541-3698) has multiple copies to loan, and the library has book and books-on-tape copies. We will meet for Rooibos tea and stimulating discussion on Tuesday, January 27, at 1:00 pm in the Spartan Room of the Charlotte Community Library. CAUTION: This series is highly addictive. Reading this first book in the series may lead to late nights and missed meals!



Words never come easy when you are emotionally charged. Please realize how very much my heart was touched by the recognition of the "Women of Achievement Award." GFWC means so much to me. To me GFWC stands for compassion for one another, whether it is a friend or stranger, whether the cause is national or international, district or state. We members join for the same reasons - companionship and it is companionship at its best. Once again, thank you for the honor.

Jenny



BOARD TALK - MARY REMENAK



Dear Members,

It's a beautiful day in the neighborhood! The sun is shining, snow is piled high, there is a fire in the fireplace, and I look forward to 2009 and **"change."**

GFWC-Charlotte, along with our country, is ready to embrace **"change."** As many of you know, our club will join many other clubs by **"changing"** the terms of our president and vice-president from one year to two. Your Board supports this change and will discuss other innovations in 2009. Our By-laws will be revised as necessary. You will be kept informed as we go forward. Thank you to Margie Carter, who agreed to remain as Vice President. She made this **"change"** possible.

At our Annual Meeting in February, our new officers will be installed. (Some faces will be familiar!) Our Program will be presented by speaker, Jack Jesse, whose topic is: Eaton County Substance Abuse.

GFWC *Clubwoman* magazine featured a story about a need for **"change"** that we need to actively support. Lilly Ledbetter, a longtime GFWC member, lost a Supreme Court decision involving equal pay for equal work. In our next *Communicator* issue, we will bring you up to date on this situation and encourage you to be involved!

Leadership Day (formally, Legislation Day-**change!**) is February 10, 2009 in Grand Ledge. We are carpooling and welcome all members to join us! Deadline for registration is January 19. Please notify me ASAP. Cost is \$15.00.

After two months apart, I am looking forward to visiting with you in February!

Mary

Downtown Urns Ready For Winter



A crew representing General Federation of Women-Charlotte spent Saturday morning, November 22, replacing the flowers in the downtown urns with pine boughs. The pine boughs make downtown Charlotte more festive for the winter months.

Participants were Douglas & Nola Buck, Gary and Nancy Holtz, Jim and Betty Crandall, Bill and Cynthia Siarny, Carol Idalski, Lori Pray, Rachel Bacon, Jo Vanderstelt, Carole Franciscotty, Margie Carter, Karen Elseser, Kim Byrens, Fran Fuller, Kim Capps, Stormi Stuller, Mary Remenak, Delma Smith, Sylvia Colles and Patti Heinze.



Pine Boughs were provided by Dick and Mary Lou Scheneckenberger. Linda Bocheim helped make the bows placed in the urns. A thank you to the Charlotte Public Works employees who removed the plant material from the urns so they could be decorated. The Charlotte Downtown Development Association funds the urns and flowers and watering of the flowers. Picture 1: Rachel Bacon, Karen Elseser, Stormi Stuler and Sylvia Colles Picture 2: Jo Vanderstelt, Delma Smith, Nola Buck, and Kim Capps Picture 3: Group shot of volunteers

New Photography Group Meets

Pictured are: Dyna Lehman, Mary Jean Baker, Brynda Filkins, Carol Idalski, Cynthia Siarny, Nola Buck, Shirley Rann, Sylvia Colles, Sara Biskie, Mary Remenak and Fran Fuller.



SIREN/Eaton Shelter Thankful for Donations

On a snowy windy day in December GFWC-Charlotte donated approximately \$275 of personal care products, household items, food, mittens, hats, birthday party kits and cash to SIREN/Eaton Shelter. Donations to the Community Food Baskets were down this year so they were very appreciative and acknowledged that GFWC-Charlotte members give to their cause throughout the year. Thank you to all who think of Siren and make donations.

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

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