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Dianna Rabey presents GFWC-Charlotte Woman of Achievement Award to Carol Rossio



Christmas Tea, December 4, 2015

New Members

Introduced: Cindy Miller-Holley, Donna Leahy, Mary Heightchew, Carol Davis, Heidi McNaughton, Linda Lord, Becky Dolman; sponsors in back: Jan Day, Nola Buck, Patty Greene, Linda Foster, Sally Jewell and Brynda Filkins



Linda Foster & Sandy Maatsch Awarded 50-Year Pins by GFWC MI President-elect Donna Brown



Brynda Filkins read *A Cup of Tea*





Tea and Tomes A "top pick for book clubs", *Station Eleven* by Emily St. John is our book selection for Thursday, January 28. A deadly virus takes its toll on humanity and a traveling troupe of survivors makes its way through Michigan, staging *King Lear*. When the performers come to a settlement called St. Deborah by the Water, they meet a crazed religious leader who could land them in danger. This post-apocalyptic novel is the Great Michigan Read for 2016, so we will be joining with two other book clubs for discussion. We will meet at the Charlotte Community Library at 7:00 pm for an evening meeting. Refreshments will be served. Book copies are available through the library for loan.

Sneak Peek: February 23: *Elizabeth is Missing* by Emma Healey.

Epsilon Sigma Omicron (ESO): Our GFWC-Charlotte club has 24 members and the reporting for 2015 is complete. The objective of ESO is to "Enlighten Your Own Pathway" by reading books and supporting literacy in our community. In 2015, our pledges read 1,133 books! Nine members have earned new certificates of achievement; these will be presented at our April meeting. Congratulations on another profitable reading year! If you would like to pledge ESO, information and downloads for applying are on gfwc-charlotte.com. Join us.

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!

GFWC-Charlotte Goes to Kellogg Manor



Patty Retzer, Jo Vanderstelt, Jan Day, Fran Fuller, Linda Foster, Patty Greene, Sara Biskie and Lorraine Green attended the mini-trip to Kellogg Manor on December 11th. Made it through a detour on the way there, and had ice cream at Moo-ville on the way home. Marge Robbie was our tour guide at the Manor.



Board Talk – Dianna Rabey



First, I want to thank all of you who have turned in committee reports and volunteer hours; they have made writing the annual report much easier. I do this, as do we all, not to be rewarded but to document what we have accomplished and to help those that take this on after us. It amazes me how generous you are with your time and your financial support to the Community of Charlotte. I applaud all of you; you make me very proud to be a part of this **KIND** and giving group of women.

It is hard to believe that it is 2016 already and I only have a few more months to serve as President. It has gone by very fast and with all of your support I have really enjoyed it. I am currently thinking of ways, once my term expires, that as your Past President, I can continue to help GFWC and Fran.

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 and two director positions**. 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 help 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.

Like last year I will be heading south to get out of the cold. This year for the first time we will be going to Alabama and joining many of the other members in Orange Beach. My plan is to attend all of the meetings through Face Time on my iPad. Fran will be running the meetings but I know you have some fantastic programs coming up and I don't want to miss them. If you are in Orange Beach give me a call on my cell phone and we can arrange to get together and attend the meeting. My cell phone # is 517-667-4185.

I want to thank Fran for taking on the next few months. I will see you all in April. Please stay healthy and watch out for each other.



Our leaders:

Fran Fuller, GFWC-Charlotte VP

Donna Brown, GFWC MI President-elect

Dianna Rabey, GFWC-Charlotte President

Pictured at the December Tea

Chorus at Christmas 2015 December Tea & Rotary



Marlene Darin, Mary Heightchew, Heidi McNaughton, Jo Vanderstelt, Carol Rossio
Julie Dartt, Patty Greene, Jane Karlzan, Lori Pray, Sally Jewell, Joan Hasselback
Nancy Hoskins (pianist), Patty Retzer, Peggy Nichols, Donna Leahy, Marian Johnson, Sandy
Maatsch, Linda Foster, Carolyn Maier (director), Jeannette Sommer



After Rotary, we also sang at the **Medical Care Facility and Hope Landing**



Past President, Shirley Rann pictured with her daughter. Shirley now lives in an assisted living complex near her daughter in southeastern Michigan.



Membership Memos

Remembrances . . .

Sally Jewell – death of her sister
Carol Monroe – Lee's health issues
Nathalie Weseman - sciatica

Birthdays

Anniversaries

Late January

19 Shelby Butler
21 Lori King
26 Cheryl Jackson

20 Martha & Mike Limauro

Early February

02 Marian Johnson
03 Eva Crandall
03 Lola Wilson
04 Barbara Fulton
07 Becky Dolman
10 Charamy Cleary
15 Mona Ellard
16 Carol Davis

07 Bev & Dick Trumley
09 Betty & Jim Crandall



Welcome new member Carol Davis



Carol grew up in Lansing and Grand Ledge. She graduated from Lansing Christian High School as valedictorian, and got a Bachelor's in Elementary Education from MSU. She and her first husband, managed Michigan Paint Store. After the birth of her two children, she stayed home and took in kids for day care. Carol worked at Michigan Conservatory of Music in Grand Ledge as a piano teacher, and substitute taught in the GL District. She remarried in 2000 and moved to Charlotte. She taught middle school at Holy Cross in Lansing for 8 years. In 2008, she attended

Lansing Community College for Computer Graphics and Web Design. She is currently a freelance web and graphic designer. Carol is a pianist at the Church of Christ of Grand Ledge and plays for weddings and events. (Her contact information is on the data base.)



Hand to Hand

Begun in 2011, the goal of Hand to Hand was to create a network of members willing to lend support to a fellow club member in a time of need. Our goal in 2015-16 remains the same. We are here to offer our help by preparing and delivering a meal, driving to appointments or elsewhere, sending a card or note, chatting, making a home or hospital visit or whatever is needed. Our success depends on you. Please contact a H to H volunteer or myself when you know of a member who needs a little support.
"When good comes from you, good will come to you."

Sara Biskie, slbiskie@sbcglobal.net 517-449-6274

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

PAST PRESIDENTS HONORED AT DECEMBER TEA



Those present: Nola Buck, Chris Waugh-Fleischmann, Mona Ellard, Lori Pray, Lee Falik, Mary Remenak, Jo Gager, Marilyn Monroe Hart, Marian Johnson, Jeannette Sommer, Sandy Maatsch, Linda Foster, Donna W. Johnson, Sara Biskie, Margie Carter, Sylvia Colles

Christmas Tea was enjoyed by all.





Sandy Maatsch and Linda Foster “ham it up” while GFWC MI President-elect Donna Brown presents them with their 50-year pins and certificates. Through the years, they have kidded about being Leverne and Shirley. Our Club bestows Honorary membership to those who have been a member for 50 continuous years. Honorees still are considered Active members, but the Club pays their dues.

Woman of Achievement Award for 2015-2016

“Her life is all about quiet behind the scenes achievement.”

The Woman of Achievement award is given to a club member who has demonstrated positive involvement, support and contributions to GFWC-Charlotte through participation on our club committees and departmental activities, contributions to the community as a club member, independent contributions to the community through volunteerism on various committees, boards, and projects in addition to GFWC sponsored activities, as well as development of oneself.



This year's recipient has been a club member since 2009. During that time she has participated in GAM; served as the Kind News Chairman, boosting our participation from two classrooms to 33; participated in the Photography interest group, our Tea and Tomes book club, and our Hand to Hand committee. She was very involved with recording GFWC histories from our senior members both as an interviewer and a photographer. She has been active in sewing Smile Bags for children along with her granddaughter. She has served on the GFWC Board for the last four years archiving our historical activities and events through the Memory Book, which always receives a gold or blue ribbon each year at the GFWC Convention. She has been a delightful addition to our chorus since she joined GFWC 6 years ago. She and her husband have been drivers for Mobile Meals for years and she recently accepted coordinator responsibilities. She bakes for funerals, the Siren/Eaton Shelter Holiday Tea, GFWC Christmas Tea, Senior Tea, Hand to Hand and often provides refreshments for Tea and Tomes. She also enjoys traveling with club members on our mini-trip outings around the state.

She is very involved in her church. She is co-treasurer of St. Vincent De Paul Food Pantry preparing monthly food boxes for clients. She is the assistant for the Meijer food program for her church. She also serves as a money counter for the church. She participates in church bible study and is a Eucharistic Minister taking communion to residents at the Medical Care Facility. Recently she has expanded her community service by serving on the Women's Health Advisory Committee for Hayes Green Beach and also the Women Giving Together Eaton County, (a newly organized women's philanthropic group).

She was a school secretary for 20 years and continues to participate in a book club with women from that time in her life. She is very artistic and frequently takes classes at Southern Exposure to expand her creative knowledge. She regularly attends the wonderful Kaleidoscope Conference at MSU each year.

She has been married to her husband John for 45 years. Together they have two children and 4 grandchildren. She was born and raised in the Upper Peninsula and shares a family cottage with her four brothers and one sister in Little Traverse Bay.

This awesome woman is kind and generous with her time and very committed to her church, her family, her community and GFWC-Charlotte. “She is the friend one can depend on. She does what she says she will and gets the job done well.”

It is with great pleasure that GFWC-Charlotte presents the 2015-2016 Woman of Achievement Award to our friend, Carol Rossio.

Kudos ■ ■ ■ your Membership Committee

Kudos to members have been preparing meals for a club member in need and bakers who donated yummy cookies for the Christmas Tea.

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

February 5th program - The Tale of Beatrix Potter

The General Federation of Women's Clubs-Charlotte will hold its monthly meeting on Friday, February 5, 2016 at the Eaton Area Senior Center, 804 S. Cochran. Club member Brynda Filkins will present a dramatization of the life and work of Beatrix Potter.

The deadline for luncheon reservations is **12:00 noon, Saturday, January 30, 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

P. S. We will also be voting on the Board Recommendation to divide the Historian position into two: Historian and Memory Book Chair.

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.



Remember to get your articles in by the 15th of each month for *The Club Communicator* to:
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KALEIDOSCOPE 2016 – A DAY FOR WOMEN

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2016

KELLOGG CENTER, MSU, EAST LANSING

7:45 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

8:15 BREAKFAST

9:00 A.M. ELLIOT ENGEL, KICK-OFF SPEAKER

SCHOLAR/AUTHOR/PLAYWRIGHT

10:35 – 11:30 SESSION I

11:45 – 12:40 SESSION II

1:15 LUNCHEON

**2:00 SUZANNE DE PASSE, KEYNOTE SPEAKER,
MOTOWN PRODUCTIONS, ACADEMY AWARD NOMINEE & EMMY
WINNER – DISCOVERED SOME OF MUSIC'S GREATEST**

I think the cost will still be \$90. We will car pool.

I will be pulling this together in May. Here are the people who have signed up so far:

Charamy Cleary, Betty Crandall, Linda Foster, Lorraine Green, Patty Greene, Marilyn Monroe Hart, Marian Johnson, Jane Karlzan + guest, Dyna Lehman, Mary Remenak, Carol Rossio

 Please email me at ed@fosterdvm.com or call 517-881-9381 **to add your name** to the list. Sign up if you have any interest. I'll double check with you in May to see if you are still interested and to find out your breakout choices.

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