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To tie in with the Book Club's reading of the novel, *LOVING FRANK*, Brynda Filkins, Mary Remenak, Stormi Stuler, April Brooks, and Margie Carter, toured the Frank Lloyd Wright designed Meyer May House in Grand Rapids on February 28, 2010.



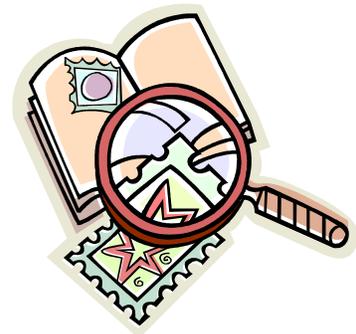
2ND ANNUAL SHARE YOUR HOBBY SHOW

What do you collect; create with needles, scissors, yarn, or thread; capture with a camera, paint brush, or pencil? Last year we had great fun discovering the fascinating range of hobbies and interests that our fellow members spend their some of their rare leisure time developing. We know that there is much more hidden talent out there, so at the April meeting we will have the **2ND ANNUAL SHARE YOUR HOBBY SHOW**.

So that we can be well-prepared, let us know what you would like to show. We need to know your name and contact info, the title of what you will bring and a brief description if you think one is needed, Forms will be available at the March meeting. You can also email the information to sylviacolles@yahoo.com anytime or call Sylvia at 517-543-3629 after March 17. We'll prepare a place card and reserve space for you on the display tables.

Important:

- Please provide us this information at least three days in advance of the April meeting.
Deadline March 29.
- Plan to arrive early for the meeting so that the materials can be arranged on the tables.





TIME TO REPORT YOUR ESO READING

If you have already become a member of Epsilon Sigma Omicron, it is time to report your reading lists to Brynda Filkins. She needs 1.) the titles and authors of the books you have read since pledging (or since last report) and

2.) the total number of books finished.

Reporting is done only once per year. Certificates are issued according to levels attained and are presented at the GFWC State convention in early May. (You need not attend to receive your certificate.) Certificates are issued after you have read a total of 16, 40, 64, or 100, 200, etc. books since pledging. Even though the **reading records are due by March 31**, you can continue reading toward next year's certificates.

Please send your information to Brynda via email (brynda@usa.net) or postal mail (1209 S. Sheldon St.). She will keep your records for one year, until the next reporting time--usually in March. Thanks and congratulations to all the 18 women of our club who are ESO members for their diligent reading throughout the year.

The purpose of Epsilon Sigma Omicron is to promote a commitment to lifelong learning and self-improvement through reading. Any GFWC-Charlotte member is welcome to join ESO. You do not have to be a member of the book discussion group to join ESO. You may read from a nationally-published list or you may select books according to your interests. If you would like to participate in ESO, you can download the pledge form and information on www.gfwc-charlotte.com



"The worth of a book is to be measured by what you can carry away from it."

James Bryce

Tea and Tomes: "Last night I dreamt I went to Manderley again." This opening line from *Rebecca* is one of the most powerful, and most recognized, in all of literature. For more than 70 years, readers around the world have praised Daphne du Maurier's novel as a spellbinding blend of mystery, horror, romance, and suspense. Our book discussion group will read this classic page-turner for our March 23rd meeting at the Charlotte Community Library. We meet at 1:00 and finish by 2:30. If you would like a copy to read, contact Brynda Filkins at 541-3698. Any GFWC member is welcome to join us at Tea and Tomes.

Sneak Peek: *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society*, by Shaffer and Barrows, on April 27, 2010.



News Flash . . .



The Club is purchasing an audio system with microphone & wireless microphone.

Coming up – **Girlstown Auction**. (Nov. 6 – Soaring Eagles Casino & Resort) We will sell tickets. .

1st prize-Embroidered tablecloth and matching dishes for 8.

2nd prize-baby doll w/christening outfit and a basket of doll clothes.

3rd prize-Embroidered pillow cases w/matching Amish doll

Tickets: \$1:00 or 6 for \$5.00

Charity Golf outing – July 24 9 a.m. – The Woodlands of Van Buren, Wayne, MI
Bring items to fill backpack with school items – take to state convention.

OPERATION SMILE REMINDER

We will be sewing at Mary's house on Thursday, March 18th at 1PM for anyone interested in finishing their Operation Smile dolls. We have 16 more dolls to complete and will be working to finish those as well.

The Operation Smile project is coming to a close. If you picked up a doll kit to sew, please return the completed dolls to Mary or Fran by April 26th. If you're still out of state for the winter, return your dolls as soon as possible after you return. We've had a wonderful response and over 70 dolls returned at this time. Thank you for your continued support of this program.





**March 5, 2010 Meeting
Featured Barb Smith (left) and
Master Quilter, Dale
Waddle(below).**



**Fun at the March 5th meeting –
note quilts on wall.**



KIND News Update

As recently appointed coordinator of the **KIND News** project, I did a bit of research to familiarize myself with the program and would like to share some things that I discovered with you. For a number of years, GFWC-Charlotte itself, along with a number of its members, has provided **KIND News** by 'Adopting a Classroom' in the Charlotte community. **KIND News** is a colorful, four-page classroom newspaper read by over one million schoolchildren nationwide each year. It is highly praised by teachers and has received numerous awards for educational and editorial excellence. *The primary focus of the magazine is to teach children the value of kindness toward people, animals, and the environment. The main emphasis is on humane values such as fairness, compassion, and responsibility, and also seeks to encourage good character in children.* Jane Goodall, world-renowned primatologist, says of the periodical, "**KIND News** is a wonderful newspaper, a great tool for teaching kids about animals and the earth."

If you as an individual, or in partnership with another GFWC member, would like to 'Adopt a Classroom' by providing **KIND News** for the upcoming school year, it is available in three editions for grades K-2, 3-4 and 5-6. Each month, September through May, classrooms receive 28 copies of the newspaper and a teacher's guide at a cost of \$25.00 per subscription. The students enjoy articles, games, and artwork that sparks their interest all the while teaching the core values of **KIND News**.

GFWC-Charlotte budgets sponsorship for two teachers/classrooms to receive **KIND News** and there are currently seven individual members that have 'adopted' a classroom either separately or together with another member. Would you like to adopt a teacher/classroom for the 2010-2011 school year? Do you have a particular teacher/classroom in mind? Would you like me to appoint a teacher/classroom for you? Sponsorship order forms will be available at the April 2nd meeting or feel free to contact me with questions or comments.

Thank you,
Carol Rossio, Coordinator, 543-4172, cjrossio@hotmail.com



Mini-Trips Update

Chicago Bus trip

This Friday, March 19, in conjunction with Charlotte Community Education we are headed to the Miracle Mile. There are a few spots left so call the community Ed office at 541-5740 now if you are interested in joining us. Cost is \$70 per person.

Southern Exposure Luncheon

What a way to start Spring! On Wednesday, May 12, we will be going to Southern Exposure for a luncheon made just for us. While there we will also tour the gardens and make a bottle of herbal vinegar. Cost is \$38 and reservations are due by May 1. We will be carpooling from the Charlotte Country Club at 11:15 and be home about 5:00. Call Jo at 517-281-1301 for more details.

Future trip ideas

Is anyone interested in a day trip to IKEA in Canton or going to Hazel Ridge Workshop & Gallery? If so call Jo.

Jo Vanderstelt, Mini Trips Chairperson 517-281-1301



BOARD TALK – MARY REMENAK



Dear Friends,

The “Luck of the Irish” has come to GFWC-Charlotte! Members stepped forward to serve on our Board for the 2010-11 club years!

Joining President, Margie Carter, is Sylvia Colles, who has agreed to serve as our next Vice President.

Mary Jean Baker will rejoin the Board as a Director. Mary Jean, who also volunteered to serve as V.P.

(hours after my email from Sylvia) has expressed an interest in moving into the V.P. position in two years.

Sharon Adams will serve as Historian and Elizabeth Siler will begin a two year term as Director.

Continuing in their current positions are: Sharon Kubica, secretary; Marlene Darin, Treasurer; and Asst. to the Treasurer, Kathy Tomlanovich. As I write this article, two positions need to be confirmed.

It was my goal, last year, when I asked you to move our club forward by changing our by-laws to extend the President and Vice-President terms from one year to two years, to end the yearly challenge of continually looking for candidates for these two positions. Now we can put our focus on our projects and programs. However, club members, you need to be thinking about the position you would like to fill when the opportunity next presents itself.

Thank you to Lori Pray and her Nominating Committee for serving us this year.

Congratulations, once again, to our club for being selected as the SWD category 4 “Club of the Year.” We are proud!

I look forward to seeing all of you at our April meeting. We will install our new board, hold a “brief” Annual Meeting, and check out a display of member’s hobbies and talents. I encourage your participation, contact Sylvia Colles. Keep in mind that the time of our meeting has been changed. We will meet at 9:15 a.m. and brunch will be served at 9:30.

HAPPY ST. PATRICK’S DAY

An Irish Blessing-May your house be too small to hold all your friends.

Mary

Lessons in Life . . .

When in doubt, just take the next small step.

Your job won’t take care of you when you are sick. Your friends and family will. Stay in touch.

You don’t have to win every argument. Agree to disagree.

When it comes to chocolate, resistance is futile.

Over prepare, then go with the flow.

Frame every so-called disaster with these words, “In five years, will this matter?”

However good or bad a situation is, it will change.

Don’t take yourself so seriously. No one else does.

Don’t audit life. Show up and make the most of it now.



**REGISTRATION FORM
DAY IN MAY
MAY 26, 2010**

(Copy this form for multiple registrations)

Name _____

Address _____

Club _____

Telephone _____

E-mail _____

STATE CAPITAL "DAY IN MAY"

Wednesday, May 26, 2010

Beginning and Ending at:

Grand Ledge Immanuel Lutheran Church
517 S. Clinton St., Grand Ledge, MI 48837

Buses to:



*Michigan Women's Historical Center and
Hall of Fame*



Michigan Hall of Justice and Learning Center



Michigan State University Museum

Michigan's largest public museum of natural science and
culture and the state's only land-grant university
museum

Registration Fee: \$15.00

Make checks payable to GFWC MI
(Registration fee includes bus trips and catered
luncheon by Teresa at Michigan Hall of Justice.)

Mail registration and check to:

Billie Holliday
14911 Kings Lane
Ocqueoc, MI 49759
989.734.8064

gholl49759@george.lhi.net

Reservation Deadline: May 19

Questions: Sherry Wellman
517.626.6582 or 517.202.6359
sherry.wellman@attglobal.net



**Suggested attire for GFWC MI
State Capital Day in May**

Birthdays

Late March

13 Kim Capps
19 Susie Sevitts
28 Sara Biskie
28 Joan Hasselback
29 Carolyn Maier
31 Ana Basterra-Sundquist

Anniversaries

Early April

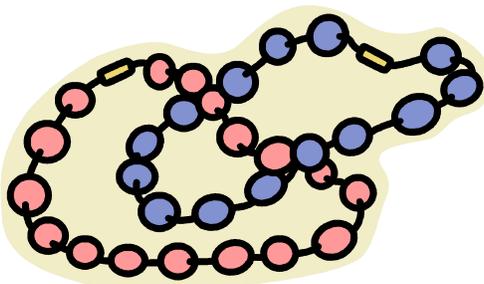
06 Sherry Myers
09 Kathleen Rathbun
11 Joyce Sparks
14 Diane Hudson

05 Sara & Fred Biskie
14 Sandy & Dan Husted



Booklet – delete “Bellevue” under Sherry Myer’s name. A computer fairy put it there!

REMEMBRANCES . . . Nathalie Weseman in the death of her husband, Sid.



CRAFT CLASS

April's Craft Class, the Floating Bead Necklace, has been moved from April 15th to Thursday, April 22nd. Still at Stormi Stuler's house from 2:00 to 4:00.

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





MOBILE MEALS HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING MARCH 8, 2010

**Lori Pray, Treasurer; Margie Carter, Coordinator, Mary Remenak, Board
April Brooks, Secretary; Linda Foster, President; Bev Lipsey, Board**
Thank you to all the GFWC-Charlotte volunteers for their help with this program!



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