



GFWC – Charlotte

# CLUB COMMUNICATOR

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## *Women of Early Charlotte*

was the topic discussed by speakers Lila Klaiss and Mary Jean Baker. Attorney, Kathie Cook gave us five tips in five minutes on estate planning and tax-deferred assets



*Lori Pray -  
Member Moment*

Lori joined the Club in 1980 and served as President in 1989-90 and held several other leadership positions. She recalled events with her mother and mother in law in the club. She sings in the chorus, participates in the book club, is starting up cooking classes, and remains a true leader in the Club.



March 2, 2012 Meeting

*Hats & gloves were the order of the day...*



**Tea and Tomes:** Please join us on Tuesday, March 28th at 12:45pm for a discussion of the epic novel, *Cutting for Stone* by Abraham Verghese. Written by a physician, the novel spans five decades in India, Ethiopia, and America. Marion and Shiva Stone are twin brothers born of a secret union between a beautiful Indian nun and a brash British surgeon. Orphaned by their mother's death and their father's disappearance, bound together by a preternatural connection and a shared fascination with medicine, the twins come of age as Ethiopia hovers on the brink of revolution. *Cutting for Stone* is an unforgettable story of love and betrayal, medicine and ordinary miracles--and two brothers whose fates are forever intertwined. The *Los Angeles Times* said, "Richly written...you may never leave the chair." Books are available for loan by contacting Brynda Filkins at 541-3698. Tea and Tomes meets in the Spartan Room of the Charlotte Community Library. Refreshments and refreshing discussion are served.



**Sneak Peek for April:** *Cold Sassy Tree* by Olive Ann Burns

Remember to get your articles in by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month for *The Club Communicator* to:  
Linda Foster, 316 Beech St., Charlotte, MI 48813; 543-3041;  
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## Remembrances . . .



Lori King – car accident  
Connie Miller – ongoing health problems  
Mary Kroodsma (former member) – death of her husband  
Gloria Wilson – cataract surgery

## Membership Memos

### Birthdays

#### Late March

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

### Anniversaries

#### April

06 Sherry Myers	05 Sara & Fred Biskie
09 Kathleen Rathbun	10 Jan Day/Bill Wight
11 Joyce Sparks	
11 Trystin Vanderstelt	
22 Peggy Nichols	30 Patty & Richard Greene



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**KALEIDOSCOPE PARTICIPANTS: Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup>; car pool from Charlotte Country Club 7:15 a.m. to MSU's Kellogg Center in East Lansing.**



## 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 16-oz. bags in whole bean and ground will continue to be available at the general membership meetings for cash and carry through the remainder of the year for \$12 per bag. A supply of coffee is always on hand and available for purchase by calling Marlene Darin at 543-2810 or Sharon Kubica at 517-231-3204 between meetings or emailing Sharon at [smkubica@sbcglobal.net](mailto:smkubica@sbcglobal.net)

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.



**Do you have suggestions for a new name for Girlstown? Since some of the programming involves boys, they are looking for a more appropriate name.**

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### How Can We Help?

Buy tickets for the Girlstown Raffle to donate and have a chance for a shopping spree after the winner is drawn at the GFWC MI Convention in April. GFWC MI clubs selling over \$100 of tickets will get \$25 back to help with club activities.

Eat at Applebee's on May 9 if there is one in your area. There is a list of participating restaurants and a coupon on the Girlstown Foundation Website.

Attend Girlstown Open House on Saturday, July 14, 12:00-3:00.

Donate Money for Summer Activities and the amount will be matched up to \$6,000. Send to Renee Horist, 3435 Metamora Rd, Metamora, MI 48455.

**Sat., Nov. 17 is the date for the Auction**

### News from Aaron Morandini, CEO:

On Nov. 22, Gov. Snyder signed into law the bills allowing children entering the state's foster care program between the ages of 18 and 21 to remain in foster care voluntarily with assistance payments continuing until they turn 21. This action will aid Girlstown with funds under Public Acts 225-230. This was accomplished to help youth in foster care make the transition to adulthood.

**Quilters take note . . .**



**Across the Square Quilters Mini Quilt Show – Saturday 3-17-12**

**At the Charlotte Library in the Spartan Room 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

**Stiches in Time – A Community Quilt Show – March 24-25, 2012**

**Marshall Middle School 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**



## CONTESTS AT THE ANNUAL CONVENTION

Have you created something to enter in the contests offered at the Annual Convention?  
Here are the categories:

Laces (collars, doilies, runners)  
Knitted items  
Needlepoint  
Homemade Cards  
Drawings  
Photography

Crocheted items  
Embroidery  
Holiday Decorations  
Jewelry  
Painting

We would like to take any items to compete with us on April 27 and enter them for you.  
See Margie Carter or Mary Remenak for an entry tag. We will return the following  
Sunday and get them back to you as soon as possible after that.



### Board Talk – Margie Carter



The Cooking Interest Group met at ALIVE on March 13 at 10:30 a.m. and I will report to the group at the April meeting. There will also be a second meeting on March 29 in the evening (for a time, call Lori Pray). There will be a final craft meeting on April 5 at Stormi Stuler's home at 1 p.m. at a cost of \$5 to make bottled water container garden flowers. Bring 3 bottles to participate.

Keep bringing your Bay Cliff items. They are still telling me that they need twin blankets and standard pillow cases. Watch for the plastic bin and drop in your contributions. I will take them to the convention the end of April so you have one more chance to contribute.

We are excited to be able to hear about "Women of Islam" at our April meeting and also because we have a full slate of officers and Board members for 2012-13. Thanks to Marilyn Monroe Hart and her committee for their hard work. Thank you for stepping up into leadership positions to help keep this Club at its highest level. See you in April. (it isn't on April 1 this year so everyone is safe from the Carter tricks of April Fool.)





The April 6 meeting of GFWC-Charlotte will be a Brunch featuring speaker Dustin Byrd, Professor at Olivet College, giving a presentation on:

## Women of Islam



On a day when we observe the Christian Good Friday, we will also be increasing our knowledge and improving our understanding of the faith and lives women in other parts of the world and in our own neighborhoods. We will install Officers and Board Members for the 2012-2013 year.

**Please note the revised time for the April Meeting**

**Time: 9:30 a.m. Social Time – 10:00 a.m. Brunch and Meeting**

**Date:** Friday, April 6, 2012

**Location:** Charlotte Community Library – Spartan Room

**Cost:** \$10.00

**Reservation Deadline:** Saturday, March 31; 12:00 Noon

Reservations may be made at Christensen's Furniture and at Hayes Green Beech Gift Basket – payment enclosed. Reservations may be emailed to [sylviacollesmg@gmail.com](mailto:sylviacollesmg@gmail.com) – check or exact change at door day of meeting.

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## A Women's Health Experience

The event focused on five dimensions of health and well-being: move, eat, think, breathe and support. HGB was pleased to have you join us at ALIVE, the newly opened experience-based destination health park in Charlotte. This **free** event marked the beginning of **Community Vitality Week**.



*Free to all*

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## Here's a Second Chance . . .



As of April 1<sup>st</sup>, unused **Education Foundation** funds from all districts will be pooled and are available. Contact Linda Foster (543-3041) for more information if you are interested in applying for a scholarship.

**3-13-12 Lori Pray conducts first new GFWC-Charlotte Cooking Class at ALIVE. We did lamb, mashed potatoes, asparagus/vinaigrette, & mango dessert**

**Attending: Mary Remenak, Patty Greene, Linda Foster, April Brooks, Margie Carter, Lorraine Green and Cheryl Jackson (& baby, Kara)**



## **JUST FOR FUN . . .**

While on a road trip, an elderly couple stopped at a roadside restaurant for lunch. After finishing their meal, they left the restaurant, and resumed their trip.

When leaving, the elderly woman unknowingly left her glasses on the table, and she didn't miss them until they had been driving for about forty minutes.

By then, to add to the aggravation, they had to travel quite a distance before they could find a place to turn around, in order to return to the restaurant to retrieve her glasses.

All the way back, the elderly husband became the classic grouchy old man, he fussed and complained, and scolded his wife relentlessly during the entire return drive. The more he chided her, the more agitated he became. He just wouldn't let up for a single minute.

To her relief, they finally arrived at the restaurant. As the woman got out of the car, and hurried inside to retrieve her glasses, the old geezer yelled to her, while you're in there, you might as well get my hat and the credit card.



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