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March 1 speakers included MyLeads Candidate, Miranda Steward
Jeannette Sommer – Historical Moment
Arleen Campanella – “How to Create a Family History”

Jayde Glenn-Heintz – our Nursing Scholarship applicant wins the
GFWC MI \$500 award!





Board Talk - Sylvia Colles



More great news to share with you! GFWC-Charlotte was named GFWC MI Southwestern District Club of the Year. We are in category 4 with other clubs of 100+ members. The next step has been completed already. We've sent in the required forms and narrative to the state level. Now we have to wait to learn at the state convention if we are Category 4 Club of the Year for the entire state. Come to the convention and discover along with us if we receive this award. After all, it will be because of all the things you do as part of GFWC-Charlotte if receive this honor.

It's almost time for the 118th GFWC Michigan Annual State Convention in Grand Rapids on April 19-21. This is not just for your President and Vice-President and members of our club that serve at the district and state level. It is for all GFWC members. The convention is an excellent opportunity for anyone to gain a deeper insight and greater appreciation for this organization of which you are an important member. Plus, we have a lot of fun and meet so many wonder women from the other clubs. We'll car pool and room share to keep the costs low. Consider attending. More information is in the Spring Newsletter. Here's a link that will take you to the GFWC Michigan Newsletter:

<http://www.gfwcmi.org/members/Spring2013Newsletter.pdf>. Look for the information on pages 15-18. You might spend some time checking out pages 1-14 as well.

I've had a wonderful time in Alabama for the last few weeks, but I'm looking forward to being home again. Thank you so much, Dianna. It wouldn't have been possible for me to have this time on the beach without your help. See you all at the April meeting. It will be a lot of fun. Remember - Save the planet. It's our only source of chocolate.

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

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HISTORICAL MOMENT

At the 1981 opening meeting, a presentation was given by two officers from the Eaton County Sheriffs Dept. on the subject of Shoplifting. Statistics were offered and the movie shown so impressed the members, that it was recommended a anti-shoplifting committee be formed with implementation of this program as a CIP project.

It was later decided to purchase the film "Shoplifting, It's a Steal" to be used as a part of the local anti-shoplifting campaign in the schools, along with the McGruff promotions with bumper stickers, puppet shows and skits.

The film was also shown at church groups, the Campfire Girls Council and the chamber of commerce retail committee. As a result, seminars were held at the City Hall community room to present tips to employees of local retailers on how to spot shoplifters, etc.



“I feel sorry for people who don't read good books; they are missing a chance to lead an extra life.” Scott Corbett

Tea and Tomes: On Tuesday, March 26, we will be discussing the book *Little Bee* by Chris Cleave. The title character is a teenager from Nigeria attempting to find refuge in England. *Little Bee* appeals for help from the only people she knows: a couple she met on a deserted beach in her homeland. Many authors engage readers by sparking their desire to know what comes next. Cleave, however, creates suspense around what happened before. You may not want to know.

We meet in the Spartan Room of the Charlotte Community Library from 12:45-2:30 pm. Books are available for loan from Brynda Filkins, 541-3698. Please join us for a stimulating discussion and sweet refreshments.



Sneak Peek for April 23: *An Irish Country Doctor* by Patrick Taylor.

USED BOOKS FOR SALE. LAST CHANCE UNTIL SEPTEMBER.

Please stop by the Used Book Display at our April meeting and choose a book for spring and summer reading. Prices are just 50 cents for paperbacks and \$1.00 for hardbacks. There are some great selections for a great price. Your donations are always welcome to be added for sale. The money and the books are given back to the Charlotte Community Library, so you are giving locally to a good cause. When they're gone, they're gone!



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 19 and enter them for you. See Syliva Colles for an entry tag. We will return the following Sunday and get them back to you as soon as possible after that.



Membership Memos



Remembrances . . .

Jeannette Sommer – death of nephew, Shawn Sommer
Barb Thiel – hand/elbow surgery
Sherry Pabst – death of grandson
Carol Burnett-Stopper – former member – on the death of her husband
Jeana Rohrs – death of her father

Birthdays



Anniversaries

Late March

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

18 Sue & Gary Pruden

Early April

01 Jeana Rohrs
06 Sherry Myers
09 Kathleen Rathbun
11 Joyce Sparks
11 Trystin Vanderstelt
22 Peggy Nichols

05 Sara & Fred Biskie

30 Patty & Richard Greene



KALEIDOSCOPE PARTICIPANTS: Friday, April 26th; car pool from Allve at 7:15 a.m. to MSU's Kellogg Center in East Lansing. Let me know if you would be willing to drive. If you haven't mailed me your payment yet, please do so, as I have paid the bill.



Mini Trips Update

Broad Art Museum

Thursday, March 21 cost = lunch

carpool at 11:00 am

Here is your opportunity to explore one of the newest jewels in our area! The Eli and Edythe Broad Art Museum at MSU is a new and award winning museum of modern art.

<http://broadmuseum.msu.edu/>

Lansing Lugnuts

Friday, June 14 cost \$22.50 or \$11

If interested in ride sharing call Jo Vanderstelt

We will have a joint event between Charlotte Rotary and GFWC – Charlotte to go to the Lugnuts' game on Friday, June 14, 2013. You have your choice of seating in the Clubhouse which has 49 balcony tickets and accesses the Clubhouse room (\$22.50 on a first-buy basis) or Stadium seats (\$11). On this night they are offering free hotdogs, popcorn and soda to seniors and there will also be fireworks. Checks should be made out to GFWC-Charlotte.

Trips carpool from Allve · 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 please let me know - Jo Vanderstelt, Mini Trips Chairperson, 517-281-1301 or jovanderstelt@yahoo.com



Here's a Second Chance . . .



As of April 1st, 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.

SAVE THE DATE



GFWC - Charlotte is celebrating 125 years and you and your guest(s) are invited to attend a dinner and program on Friday, May 3, 2013 beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the American Legion, 1000 W. Lawrence Hwy., Charlotte, MI 48813

(More details to follow.)



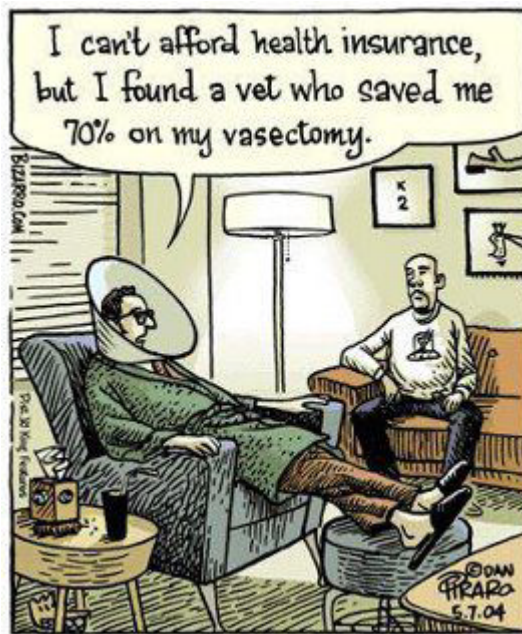
GFWC-Charlotte Fashion Show

Annual Business Meeting and Installation of Officers

The General Federation of Women's Club-Charlotte will hold its monthly meeting on **Friday, April 5**, at the First Lutheran Church 550 E. Shepherd. Our program will be a Fashion Show from Christopher & Banks and C. J. Banks along with our annual business meeting and installation of officers. Come and join us.

The **deadline for reservations is 12 noon, Saturday, March 30**. Reservations may be made at HGB Hospital Gift Basket. Members may also email their reservations and pay at the door by going to www.imembersdb.com. (If you can't remember your user name and your password, contact Linda Foster.) Click on "Go to Register Me," then "register now." Check off questions on page, hit "register" and then "confirm." (Linda Foster can help you.) If you choose to email your reservation, you are asked to have the exact payment amount at the door. "No shows" are committed for payment unless their spot is resold.

Cost is \$10.00. Social time is at 11:30 a.m., followed by a lunch/meeting at 12 noon. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Dianna Rabey at 517-543-3295 or drabey@eatonisd.org.



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