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MYLeads representative, Allison Goeman (left) with her mom, Ann Goeman. Allison told of her experience at the MYLeads Conference

March 6, 2015 Meeting

Fran Fuller introduces our new member, **Mary Heightchew**, sponsored by Patty Greene.

Program – **Upcycling/Repurposing**

Speakers: April Brooks, Cathy Singer, Dianna Rabey
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Upcycling/Repurposing

Items made by using old wool and/or sweaters. April Brooks



Dianna's repurposed pictures frames with screening added for holding earrings.



Cathy's rugs made from old and new

wool.

Tea Cup Pin Cushion



Arrangement won by Carol Rossio



Each table was given a paper sack with reusable-recyclable items and asked to create our own centerpieces. Clever idea, fun for the members and some great results.



Mini Trips



Ellen Fuller, Nola Buck, Jan Day, Jo Vanderstelt and Peggy Nichols went to the Ella Sharp Museum in Jackson, MI, and I think on to a prison this month. (Some of us snowbirds hope another trip to this venue is planned.) Contact Jo Vanderstelt or Jan Day with mini-trip ideas.



Tea and Tomes: *I Know Why The Caged Bird Sings*. The title invites you to join us to discover the reason! This autobiography of Maya Angelou's early years is our non-fiction choice this month. Dr. Angelou was one of the most influential voices of our time. She was hailed as a global renaissance woman (she spoke seven languages and held more than fifty honorary degrees). She was a celebrated poet, novelist, educator, dramatist, actress, historian, and civil rights activist. Please grab a copy of the book and come for the discussion on March 24th, 12:45 to 2:30 in the Spartan Room of the Charlotte Community Library. Tea will be served.



Sneak Peek: April 28, 2015. *The Other Typist* by Suzanne Rindell

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 April 10 Program

Annual Meeting and Installation Exercise for Life – Jacob Campbell from Al!ive

The General Federation of Women's Clubs-Charlotte will hold its monthly meeting on Friday, April 10, 2015 (note the second Friday of the month) at the **First Lutheran Church**, 550 E. Shepherd. The deadline for luncheon reservations is **12:00 noon, Saturday, April 4, 2015**. 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. If you have any questions, please contact Fran Fuller at 517-645-2573.





Board Talk – Dianna Rabey



The 120th GFWC-Michigan State Convention will be held April 17-19, 2015, at the Hilton Grand Rapids Airport Hotel. You are all invited but if you can't attend **you can participate by entering the Arts and Crafts Contest.**

I know we have an abundance of talented members in our club and I encourage you to enter the many categories that are available. You might choose needlework of any kind; jewelry, drawing, pottery, and many more unique creative surprises. I will need to let the chairperson know what categories we are entering so that she can have the appropriate judges in place. Let me know what you would like to enter and I will get you the information you need and we will take your artistic creations to the state competition.

There is also **photography and writing contests** that have their own set of rules, so if you would like to enter photography or writing let me know and I will send you the instructions specific to these categories.

The Southwestern District (this is our district) will be hosting the convention and we have been asked to be in charge of door prizes. Each club in the state is asked to donate two door prizes and they will be given away at the convention. Those of us attending the convention will be able to handle this.

Last month I talked to you about coming out of your comfort zone and challenging yourself and I would like you to start thinking how you can do this. It doesn't have to be something big, just try a small step in a direction you would like to grow. Next month we have elections and we are all set as far as our board is concerned but the following month we have our brainstorming meeting and I can't wait to hear your ideas on what you would like to do. We will need to have members step up to volunteer to be co-chairs for meetings and committee chairs. I know it is scary sometimes to try things you have never done before but what better opportunity will you have but to try with this group of caring women that show great KINDNESS and encouragement to those that are willing to continue to grow.

We hope to see many of our snowbirds and all of you at our next meeting at the First Lutheran Church on M-50 for our April meeting and a presentation by Jacob (Jake) Campbell, Manager of MOVE at ALIVE, on Exercising for Life.

Thanks to those of you who have donated sheets for Bay Cliff Health Camp. They have also asked for children's clothing sizes 4-12, bath towels, washcloths, anti-bacterial liquid soap, brooms & dust pans, cleaning supplies **AND ARTS & CRAFTS SUPPLIES.** We thought it would be fun to gather some of these supplies for arts and crafts. If you have some to share, bring them to the April meeting.

Membership Memos

Remembrances . . .

Fran Fuller is a grandma –Hazel Eleanor Fuller, 2-18-15, 7.7#, 20.5”, dark hair & born on her great grandpa and aunt’s birthdays!

Elsie Wiltsie – death of her husband on March 6th. (Service on March 21 at Community of Christ Church.)

Birthdays



Anniversaries

Late March

19 Susie Sevitts
28 Sara Biskie
28 Joan Hasselback
29 Carolyn Maier

18 Sue & Gary Pruden

April

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

05 Sara & Fred Biskie

30 Patty & Richard Greene

Welcome new member Mary Heightchew



Personal contact information available on
www.imembersdb.com

Mary Heightchew decided to join GFWC of Charlotte because she wants to get to know her community better, see if she can be helpful, and make some new friends. She is now happily not working but for 15 years she worked as a Graphic Designer/Art Director. For 5 of those years she owned a graphic design company which she ran with two partners who remain very close friends today. Mary has 2 grown children Sarah, 29 and Bruce, 25 and a wonderful husband of 30 years, Brian. She attends First Lutheran Church where she is a member of the quilting group. Mary also sings soprano in the church choir under Patty Greene’s direction. Though she loves to sing she is afraid her singing voice is not very strong! Her passion is knitting, especially socks, and she loves to teach and help people with knitting



If you know of a club member who could use some help, contact:

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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

Information about measles vaccinations has been in the news recently. Here's something related from years ago.

Excerpt from Minutes of January 1, 1939

The regular meeting of the Charlotte Woman's Club was held at the Carnes Tavern.

. . . . Mrs. D. J. Wight, Ch. Of the Kellogg service committee explained to the club members and invited them to attend the 12 wk course "Care of the Sick in the Home" sponsored by the Kellogg Foundation Nurses. Mrs. Wight also gave a summary of the pre-school census: There were 236 calls in homes where pre-school children were found – 315 pre-school children, 41 new families since last census. 218 medical cards & 122 dental cards were given. 174 children not vaccinated for smallpox and 140 not immunized for diphtheria. 85% of the milk now used in the county is pasteurized.

Familiar family names keep appearing in the old minutes I've been working on. Here's more from the same date:

Mrs. Wilcox then turned the meeting to Chairman Mrs. Leo Watson who presented the following: Saxophone Trio composed of Francis Higby, Philip Sherman, and Robert Fulton accompanied by Jerry Fulton gave the following numbers, Dreams of Love and Whispering Hope. Helen M. Wilson, Sec'y

It is a lot of fun to discover our rich history. Work on the club's archives is ongoing and will take a long time to complete. Let me know if you are interested in helping. Sylvia Colles.



GFWC MI LEGISLATION DAY
“HUMAN TRAFFICKING INITIATIVE”

MONDAY, MAY 11, 2015

RADISSON HOTEL, LANSING, MI

REGISTRATION 9–9:30 A.M.

COST \$25 (INCLUDES LUNCH) – DUE BY MAY 5

DARLENE BERENT, CHAIRMAN

SCHEDULE

9:00 A.M. – Registration
9:30 a.m. – Program Starts: Human Trafficking
panel which includes Sen. Judy Emmons
Noon – Lunch
1:00 p.m. – Legislators address & discussions
3:00 – End of Program

JOIN US AND BECOME BETTER INFORMED ABOUT HUMAN TRAFFICKING. INVITE STATE REPRESENTATIVES AND SENATORS FROM YOUR COMMUNITY TO ATTEND. ENCOURAGE HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS, PREVENTION, AND CONSEQUENCES.

Contact Dianna Rabey for reservation information. 543-3295; diannarabey@gmail.com



JUST FOR FUN...



An older lady decided to give herself a big treat for her 70th birthday by staying overnight in a really nice hotel. When she checked out the next morning, the desk clerk handed her a bill for \$250.00. She demanded to know why the charge was so high. "I agree it's a nice hotel, but the rooms aren't worth \$250.00 for just an overnight stay! I didn't even have breakfast." The clerk told her that \$250.00 is the 'standard rate', and breakfast had been included had she wanted it. She insisted on speaking to the Manager.

The Manager appeared and, forewarned by the desk clerk, announced: "This hotel has an Olympic-sized pool and a huge conference centre which are available for use." "But I didn't use them," she said. "Well, they are here, and you could have," explained the Manager. He went on to explain that she could also have seen one of the in-hotel shows for which they were so famous. "We have the best entertainers from the world over performing here," the Manager said. "But I didn't go to any of those shows," she said. "Well, we have them, and you could have," the Manager replied. No matter what amenity the Manager mentioned, she replied, "But I didn't use it!" and the Manager countered with his standard response.

After several minutes discussion, and with the Manager still unmoved, she decided to pay, wrote a check and gave it to him. The Manager was surprised when he looked at the check. "But madam, this check is for \$50.00." "That's correct I charged you \$200.00 for sleeping with me," she replied. "But I didn't!" exclaimed the very surprised Manager. "Well, too bad, I was here, and you could have."

Don't mess with Senior Citizens



"Dogs Welcome"

A man wrote a letter to a small hotel in a Midwest town he planned to visit on his vacation. He wrote: I would very much like to bring my dog with me. He is well-groomed and very well behaved. Would you be willing to permit me to keep him in my room with me at night?"

An immediate reply came from the hotel owner, who wrote: SIR: "I've been operating this hotel for many years. In all that time, I've never had a dog steal towels, bedclothes, silverware or steal pictures off the walls or use them as a coloring book. I've never had to evict a dog in the middle of the night for being drunk and disorderly. And I've never had a dog run out on a hotel bill.

Yes, indeed, your dog is welcome at my hotel. And, if your dog will vouch for you, you're welcome to stay here, too."



Education Foundation Scholarships are available to club members of at least one year. Contact Linda Foster for more information. (543-3041)



KIND NEWS ORDER FORM



To adopt a classroom for the **2015-2016** school year, (August 2015-May 2016), please complete this form and return by **April 15, 2015** to Carol Rossio, 2233 S. Cochran Rd., Charlotte, along with a check made out to **GFWC-Charlotte** for **\$25.00 per classroom.**

Your Name: _____

Is there a specific teacher/classroom you'd like to sponsor? If so, please complete the information below:

Teacher Name: _____ Grade
Level _____

School: _____

School Address (if not in
Charlotte): _____

Questions? Contact Carol Rossio at 543-4172 or cjrossio@hotmail.com.



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