



GFWC – Charlotte CLUB COMMUNICATOR

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Steve Stanton - March Speaker - Mini-Antiques Road Show



A couple of clever centerpieces!



MYLead representative, Ariana Beutler, told of her experience at the MYLead Conference



NEW MEMBER:

Mary Remenak, Membership Chair, introduced our new member, **Marianne Struckmeyer**, whom she sponsored. .

See bio below.

Guests:

Tammy Boatman with Jean Rohrs
(right)
Nancy Hoskins with Patty Greene
(left)



Membership Memos

Remembrances . . .

Carol Little in the death of her brother.

Birthdays Anniversaries

Late March

- 19 Susie Sevitts
- 28 Sara Biskie
- 28 Joan Hasselback
- 29 Carolyn Maier
- 31 Joni Risner

18 Sue & Gary Pruden

April

- 01 Jeana Rohrs
- 06 Sherry Myers
- 09 Kathleen Rathbun
- 11 Joyce Sparks
- 15 Sharon Kennedy
- 18 Amy Krizek
- 18 Mary Heightchew
- 22 Peggy Nichols

05 Sara & Fred Biskie

10 Jan Day & Bill Wright

30 Patty & Richard Greene

Welcome new member Marianne Struckmeyer

Personal contact information available on www.imembersdb.com



Marianne is a retired teacher from Delton Kellogg schools. She is a graduate of WMU with a master's in early childhood. She is a wife of 47 years, mother of three grown children and grandmother of five. She lives in Delton and active in her church, board of Delton ACT (amateur community theatre), serves in the area of publicity and advertising and site coordinator of the food bank at St. Ambrose. Is a docent at the Kellogg Manor House and occasionally a docent at the Kellogg bird sanctuary. She loves babysitting her granddaughters, quilting, reading and gardening. Marianne donates her earnings from the produce from her large garden to Crop Walk. She looks

forward to joining, "the lovely ladies of Charlotte in the fun that they have and the good work that they do."

Mini Trips



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



Board Talk – Dianna Rabey



The 121th GFWC-Michigan State Convention will be held April 22-24, 2016, at the H Hotel in Midland. 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.

We hope to see many of our snowbirds and all of you at our next general meeting at the Eaton Area Senior Center April 1, social time 11:30, program 12:00. Our program will be "Gardening with Raised Beds and Containers". Our Annual Business meeting with installation of officers will follow

Thanks to those of you who have donated sheets (solid color twin) for **Bay Cliff Health Camp**. They have also asked for bath towels, washcloths, anti-bacterial liquid soap and arts and crafts supplies. If you have some to share, please bring them to the April meeting. Just a reminder if you are traveling please save as many personal care items that you pick up at hotels to donate to **SIREN/ Eaton County Shelter** and bring them to the next meeting.

We will be leaving Alabama on Sunday and I am looking forward to getting home and seeing you in person not just on my iPad. **THERE REALLY IS NO PLACE LIKE HOME!**



KALEIDOSCOPE – Friday, September 9, 2016 – contact Linda Foster if you think you might be interested in going to this day-long program. ed@fosterdvm.com or 517-543-3041



Tea and Tomes: : Would you like to join us as we discuss the Pulitzer Prize winning novel, *All the Light We Cannot See*? We will meet on Tuesday, March 22, 2016 at 12:45 in the Spartan Room of the Charlotte Community Library. This work of historical fiction was ten years in the writing and envelops characters who are both brave and heartbreaking. With richly detailed language, Doerr weaves together the stories of a blind French girl and a German orphan in Hitler's occupied territory. Their lives and families are torn apart by the war, yet the story is of people who, against the odds, find good in one another. Spellbinding!



Sneak Peek: *A Fatal Grace*, by Louise Penny, April 26, 2016.

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 1st Program

**Annual Meeting and Installation
Gardening with Raised Beds & Containers
Dorothy Perri, AMG, Speaker**

The General Federation of Women's Clubs-Charlotte will hold its monthly meeting on Friday, April 1, 2016 at the **Eaton Area Senior Center**, 804 S. Cochran. The deadline for luncheon reservations is **12:00 noon, Saturday, March 26, 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. If you have any questions, please contact Fran Fuller at 517-645-2573.



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

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517-449-6274

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



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 **2016-2017** school year, (August 2016-May 2017), please complete this form and return by **March 30, 2016** to Carol Rossio, 2233 S. Cochran Rd., Charlotte, along with a check made out to **GFWC-Charlotte**. **The cost is \$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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