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125th Celebration a big success!



1887-1912



1912-1937



1937-1962



1962-1987



1987-2013



Cake by Lori Pray



SWD President, Kim Lauck; GFWC MI President, Marty Groleau; GFWC MI 2nd VP, Donna Brown; GFWC MI 1st VP, Fran Leonard; GFWC – Charlotte President, Sylvia Colles

A group of approximately 15 women are singing in a choir. They are arranged in two rows, with some standing and some slightly behind. Most are holding black songbooks. In the center of the group, a man with his back to the camera is wearing a patterned shirt. The women are dressed in a variety of casual to semi-formal attire, including blouses, sweaters, and dresses. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.





**GFWC MI ANNUAL CONVENTION
APRIL 19-21, 2013
HILTON, GRAND RAPIDS, MI**

GFWC – CHARLOTTE NAMED SWD CLUB OF THE YEAR AND GFWC MI CATEGORY IV CLUB OF THE YEAR!

**MARGIE CARTER HONORED AS
“MS. FEDERATION” AT GFWC MI
CONVENTION**

Margie Carter was named as this year’s “Ms. Federation” from GFWC – Charlotte and recently recognized at the GFWC MI Annual Convention held in Grand Rapids, MI. GFWC State President Marty Groleau (left) and the international General Federation of Women’s Club 1st VP Sheila Shea are pictured with Margie.

Though she has only been a member since 2005, she has served on the Board for a good number of years. She was one of the most dedicated presidents (2010-12) that we have had. She has kept in touch with projects at the state and national level and found a way to support almost every one. She faithfully attends District and State meetings, leadership meetings, and represented GAM at the International meeting. She has received the Club’s Woman of Achievement Award in 2009-10.



Locally, she has almost single-handedly done a tree on behalf of GFWC – Charlotte for the SIREN/Eaton event – and taken first place for two out of the last three years. She follows through with projects such as the Pin Wheel promotion, making lap robes, participates in club crafts, GAM, etc. This year she is on the board, is a member of the Finance Committee, Helping Hands, Home Tour Committee and the Bay Cliff Representative. At the District level, Margie attended the board meetings while she was serving as club president and now continues as the Southwestern District International Outreach Chair.

At the banquet on April 20th, she was given a pin, rose and certificate for this honor. GFWC – Charlotte is very proud of her!

Convention Attendees: Margie Carter, Dianna Rabey, Linda Foster, Sylvia Colles



Linda Foster gives Jennie Award Speech at Convention

The group was involved in exercising – re President Marty’s theme . . .



Education Foundation Skit Cheerleaders

**Connie Miller and
Eilene Christensen**
were remembered at the Memorial Service





Awards

SWD Club of the Year

GFWC MI Category IV Club of the Year

Best of the Best – Home Life

First – Category IV (100+ members) – Home Life, Leadership, Membership

Second – Category IV – Arts, Conservation, International Outreach, Public Issues

Third – Category IV – Communications and Public Relations

***GFWC Signature Project – Domestic Violence Prevention & Awareness
1st**

***International Outreach Partnership (Operation Smile) 2nd ; (Heifer) – 1st**

***Education Partnership (ESO) 1st**

***Honor Score Sheet – purple award**

Arts, Crafts, Photography and Writing:

Lace – 1st – Fran Fuller

Knitting – Afghans – 1st - Dyna Lehman

Needlepoint Framed, Matted Pictures – 1st - Sylvia Colles

Quilting – Machine – runner – 2nd – Dyna Lehman

Quilting – machine – 1st – Mary Remenak

Surprises – shadow box – 2nd – Dyna Lehman

Photography:

Living Things - color – 3rd – Carol Rossio

Living Things – color – 1st – Fran Fuller

Still Life – color – 1st - Fran Fuller

GFWC Volunteers in Action – 1st – Mary Remenak

Year in Pictures (calendar) – 3rd – Mary Remenak

Living Things – black/white – 1st – Mary Remenak

Memory Book – Gold (1st place) – Carol Rossio and Lorraine Green

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;

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There will be no issues during the summer. See you in September!

HOME TOUR OCTOBER 6

The 2013 Home Tour will occur Sunday, October 6. This year, as a teaser for you, the tour will include the John and Aggie Lewis home and the Ryan and Christy Davis home. There are more so watch your mail in August for your tickets to sell and the names of the rest. The committee is still looking for docents for each home so if you would like to be included, call Jackie Carr or Karen Elsesser. Your duties would include greeting the public, answering questions about the home, and pointing out interesting features of the room. This is our main fundraiser which funds many of our community projects.

P. S. The Charlotte Cemetery is also offering a tour on that day.

Remembrances . . .

Carolyn Maier - surgery

Cheryl Jackson's husband, Moe – shoulder surgery

Jeannette Sommer's daughter, Mary – gall bladder surgery

Barb Thiel – new granddaughter, Emilia Quinn, 6# 6 oz., born 4/24 to Jim & Lisa

Marilyn Monroe Hart – bronchial pneumonia

Marian Johnson – hip surgery; fall

Sherry Pabst – death of grandson –fundraiser May 18th (refer to email w/flyer)

Gloria Wilson – hand surgery

Donna Mae Johnson – back problems

Membership Memos

Sharon Kubica – no longer a land line. Use her cell: 517-231-3204.

(Jerry's 517-667-1264).

Stormi Stuler – no longer a land line. Use her cell: 517-282-1472.

(Barry's 517-449-8245)

The Operation Smile project is ending. We have 33 beautiful bags returned at this time and there is still time to finish any bags you have started. Please return completed bags to me by the end of May. If you need them picked up, just give me a call. 517-645-2573. Thank you for your continued support of this program. Have a great summer! Fran Fuller

Twenty-three of us went to Kaleidoscope. Patty Retzer and Connie Fast won door prizes. The speakers were especially good this year, and we enjoyed the breakout sessions.



Sheri Jones, MC
WLNS TV 6

KALEIDOSCOPE 2013 – MSU



Liz Murray, “From Homeless to Harvard”
Keynote Speaker



Elliot Engel
– kick- off speaker



Donations to City Rescue Mission





Tea and Tomes: Our book discussion group will finish this year's reading list with the southern novel, *Saving CeeCee Honeycutt* by Beth Hoffman. It is the coming-of-age story of 12 year old CeeCee's tragic life and the powerful women who step in to save her. Books are her temporary escape from a harsh reality until her great-aunt Tootie sweeps CeeCee off to Savannah. There, a group of strong, independent women offer the young girl love, laughter, and a new chance at life. Please join us at the Charlotte Community Library on Tuesday, May 28, at 12:45. Tea and refreshments will be served.



Sneak Peek: Tea and Tomes will resume in September. Happy summer reading!



Board Talk – Sylvia colles



Feel free to sing along to the music of Nat King Cole's song "It's almost like being in love."

What a year this has been;
What a rare mood I'm in;
Why it really has always been fun.

Indeed, it has been a wonderful year topped off with our amazing 125th celebration. So much talent on display that night. My thanks to every single one of you for making this year such a success and, incidentally, helping me to stay sane at the same time. We now have to turn our thoughts to the next club year. Over the summer months, I'll be asking many of you to help in a variety of ways. Dianna and her committee will be asking you to help at one of our meetings. Please remember that this is a commitment you make when you join GFWC-Charlotte.

Dianna and her committee are working on next year's programs, and you will be receiving an email with a link to the survey where you voice your opinions on the suggestions from the Brainstorming Meeting. We want to provide you with programs that interest, educate, and entertain – sometimes all at the same time. Be sure to respond.

Have a wonderful summer. We'll have another wonderful year in 2013-14.

Sylvia



Spring Planting – Saturday, May 25 - 9:00 a.m.



Cooking Class at Lori Pray's in April – featured appetizers for us to make for the 125th Celebration:



BRAINSTORMING MEETING – LOTS OF IDEAS!



Watch for Survey Monkey to help the program committee choose next year's programs. Please say YES when Sylvia and Dianna ask you to help serve on a committee.



SUMMER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

JUNE

BIRTHDAYS

02 CONNIE BAZAIRE
05 LORRAINE GREEN

08 MARILYN MONROE HART
SUTHERLAND
09 ALICE HAYES
12 VIRGINIA LOWE
14 SUE FARLIN
15 PAM RINCKEY
17 ELLEN FULLER
19 KAREN ELSESSER
19 SUE BERGER
19 JANE KARLZEN
27 SONNIE CODY
30 OKJA KIM

ANNIVERSARIES

04 SHIRLEY & AL HIRT
07 MONA & ED ELLARD
08 CHARLENE & BILL

18 CHRIS & FRANK FLEISCHMANN
18 LOLA & JIM WILSON

19 LINDA & ED FOSTER

19 BARB & JOHN THIEL
23 CHERYL & MOE JACKSON
23 SHERRY & BOB PABST
24 CONNIE & KEITH BAZAIRE
26 LORRAINE & DAVID GREEN
28 BOBBIE & FRANK KANE
28 JOY & RICHARD ST. JOHN

03 JEANNETTE SOMMER

03 JESSICA EDEL

13 ELSIE WILTSE

16 JO GAGER
24 MARGIE CARTER
25 "MIKE" PAWLI
27 ANN GARVEY

JULY

01 BRYNDA & DAVID FILKINS
06 PAM & BILL RINCKEY

11 JOYCE & KEN SPARKS
12 BETH & JEFF WILDERN
14 LEEANN & CHARLIE GREEN

21 JESSICA & ERIK EDEL
22 BETH & FRED FRY
25 DANA & TYLER PRAY
27 ELLEN FULLER & GLENN PATRAW
30 KIM & STEVE CAPPS

AUGUST

01 NOLA BUCK
06 PATRICIA GREENE

11 VIVIAN FLOWER
13 SHARON KUBICA
16 MARY LEE FALIK
16 SUSIE MOORE

20 MARY REMENAK
21 MARY SLOAN
21 SHERRY PABST
22 IEVA INGLIS
22 DONNA M. JOHNSON
24 JO VANDERSTELT
26 BARB THIEL
28 JEAN BEARUP

01 ALICE & DAN HAYES
01 JACKIE & KEVIN CARR

06 JUDY & OWEN WHITKOPF
11 NOLA & DOUG BUCK
11 NANCY & GARY HOLTZ
17 STORMI & BARRY STULER
18 LORI & JOE E. PRAY

20 ANN & JIM GARVEY
22 MARLENE & FRED DARIN
22 CAROL & JOHN ROSSIO

24 SUSIE & LARRY SEVITTS
28 JOAN & KELLY HASSELBACK

EARLY SEPTEMBER

07 PEG CAMERON

17 BEV TRUMLEY

04 DIANNA & CHUCK RABEY
10 SYLVIA & GARY COLLES
14 LEE & DON FALIK
14 CAROL & RAY IDALSKI



\$1,000 SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED TO:

COURTNEY CARLSON and MCKENZIE EDGERTON



Courtney is the daughter of Randy and Tracy Carlson. She has been accepted into the Honor's Program at Central Michigan where she will study biology, zoology and veterinary medicine.

McKenzie is the daughter of Gordon and Cindy Edgerton. She plans on attending Michigan State University to pursue her goal in Elementary Education and Special Education.

Both girls have extensive resumes full of volunteer service.



VP Dianna Rabey introduced our speaker ,Steven Corey,
President of Olivet College

High School Principal Bill Barnes introduced the seniors,
who in turn, introduced their
guests





The chorus performed under the direction of Patty Greene, who filled in for ailing Director, Carolyn Maier. Nancy Hoskins is the pianist.

Members performing were: Marlene Darin, Chris Olson, Wendee Morse, Jane Karlzan, Lori Pray, Jo Vanderstelt, Pam Rinckey, Martha

Limauro, Carol Rossio, Jan Harms, Peggy Nichols, Joyce Sparks, Linda Foster, Jeannette Sommer and Sally Jewel

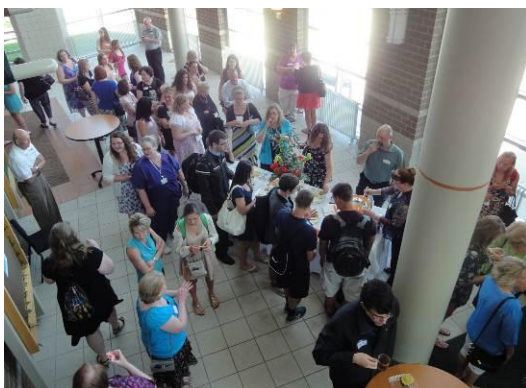


President, Sylvia Colles presided.

The refreshment committee provided lots of goodies.



More photos will soon be available on Facebook and the website.



CALLING ALL FUTURE MENTORS

Parkview and Washington elementary schools are in need of mentors for their students. At the present time, they work with the "Kids Hope U.S.A." program facilitated through the First Congregational Church, associate pastor Tom Jones being the contact person. This is a very worthwhile program that would mean meeting with your assigned student one-on-one to lend support, play games, or be a listening ear for one hour a week during the school year. Since we are at the end of this school year, they are looking to fill spots for the 2013-2014 year. If interested, Pastor Tom has urged that you contact him before this school year ends June 7th, so they can plan for training materials, etc. for August. If you need time to think this over, he said you can contact him over the summer also. He may be reached by e-mail at: pastortom@prodigy.net or by calling 1-517-231-3304.



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