



# GFWC – Charlotte CLUB COMMUNICATOR

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**Would have been the 73rd TEA HONORING CHARLOTTE  
HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATING SENIORS – MAY, 2020**

## SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED



### **\$1,000 – ASHLEY FRIAR – Valedictorian**

Ashley is the daughter of Mike and Kelly Friar. She will be attending Grand Valley State University in the fall. Ashley plans to study Clinical Psychology in hopes of becoming a child psychiatrist. She is a member of NHS, MYLEAD, Junior Rotarian, and the Touching Souls Foundation. Ashley plays Basketball and Soccer and has achieved several All Conference Awards. Ashley says, "I choose to listen, set my opinions and learn--so I can be independent and make educated decisions throughout my life."

### **\$500 – drawing scholarship – Vanessa Holliday**



### **\$500 – drawing scholarship – Gage Towns**

### **\$500 – GFWC MI Nursing Scholarship – Carli Miyasato**

Carli is currently enrolled in the AAS Nursing, RN Option Program at Lansing Community College and expects to graduate in May 2021. She is BLS certified through the American Heart Association and did clinical rotations at Eaton County Health and Rehabilitation Services and Eaton Rapids Medical Center. She is a 1996 graduate from Charlotte High School and comes highly recommended by her LCC instructors. She has a 4.0 GPA.





# SIREN/Eaton Shelter Holiday Tea

Good day to all! I hope this message finds everyone weathering the pandemic and that all of you are still in good health and spirits.

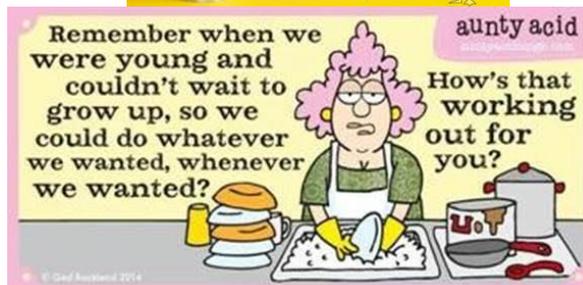
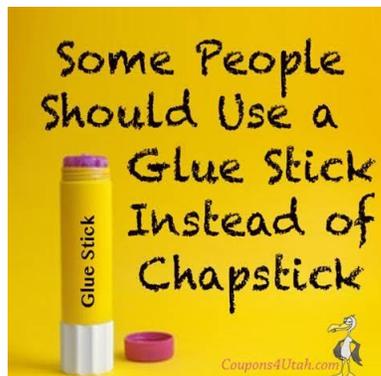
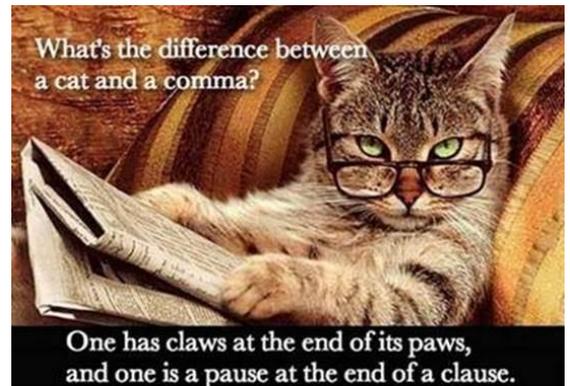
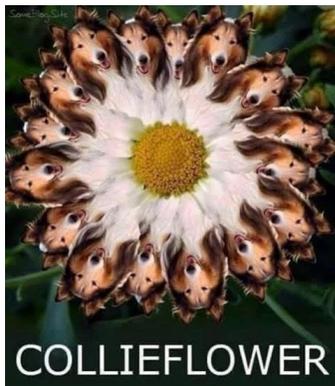
The GFWC board, met on Wednesday, April 22, via the internet. The SIREN/Eaton Shelter Holiday Tea was up for discussion. A motion was passed that there **would not be a SIREN tea for 2020**, but we would plan for one in November of 2021.

If they come up with a vaccination sooner, we can always reconsider. We will keep everyone updated.

Until we meet again,

Linda Lord, Chairperson  
SIREN/Eaton Shelter Holiday Tea

## JUST FOR FUN...



# Membership Memos

## Remembrances . . .

Lisa Starr – appendectomy

**Fran’s husband, Matt Rush retires – Kim Capps, Sparrow Eaton CFOL, Acting Administrator**

**Diane Ruswick moving to Gaylord. Kay Wyszynski moving to Grand Ledge.**

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## Mini Trips



NONE planned for the duration of the COVID-19 quarantine. Any ideas for future trips let us know –Hope Dixon, [hopedixon@rocketmail.com](mailto:hopedixon@rocketmail.com) , 517-490-7451; Lisa Starr, [starlis@wowway.com](mailto:starlis@wowway.com) 517-282-6088.

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If you know of anyone who could use some help,



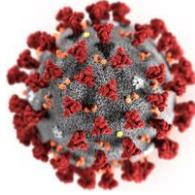
Contact Lorraine Green, Chair, 543-5048, [rainraingreen@gmail.com](mailto:rainraingreen@gmail.com)

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Please continue to save the things our GFWC club recycles: printer ink cartridges, (no laser cartridges), metal tabs from cans, old cell phones and box tops for education.

You can still find some packages with the box top that can be cut out and saved. If you have a smartphone you can download the box top app. Follow the directions for taking a picture of your sales receipt to receive credit for your purchase. Think positive and bring what you’ve collected to our September meeting.  
Sara Biskie



**GFWC-Charlotte May Programs  
have been cancelled due to the  
COVID-19 VIRUS.**

**Also cancelled are the GFWC MI Advisory  
Meeting & Bay Cliff Visitation Day**



**Education Foundation Scholarships** are available to members of at least one year. For more information, contact: Nancy Gensel [nc.gensel@gmail.com](mailto:nc.gensel@gmail.com) 517-980-1202 or Linda Foster, 543-3041, [ed@fosterdvm.com](mailto:ed@fosterdvm.com)



. Remember to get your articles in by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month for *The Club Communicator* to:

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**The next issue will be published in September, 2020.**

**Let me know any changes in your contact information!**



## Board Talk – Julie Dartt



It seems so strange that we are wrapping up the year without having done so many of the activities that usually fill our calendar in the spring. At least we can look forward to the planting of the urns downtown later in the month. Warmer weather is ahead although I had to wear my winter coat to take the dog out on this very chilly morning!

I'm hoping that in this edition of *The Communicator*, we will have a listing of the awards that would have been announced at the State Convention in April, and the winners of the scholarships we would have presented at the Graduating Senior Tea. Those two events are such a high point of the spring and I look forward to celebrating in 2021.

Thank You all for being such a wonderful group of women! I am so appreciative of the time and energy that you put into our projects and activities. You are the heart of this community and I am so thankful to have had the opportunity to get to know you. While I still have a few things to wrap up, I'm looking forward to working on some new and different projects next year. I thank you all for the privilege of serving as your president over the past two years. It really has gone by so quickly. I feel very confident in passing the gavel to Chris, in a bag, that I drop off on her porch.

A special Thank You to all who have served on committees, especially those who served as chairs and wrote reports. Your work is very much appreciated.

As we move forward in these uncertain times, I wish you health, peace, and joy. You make the world a better place, just by being in it.

All the best,  
Julie



President-elect, Chris Reist



Today has been one of those cold, very wet and rainy, curl up on the sofa with a good book and hot chocolate kind of day. However, your 2020-21 team has been working on pulling together our upcoming year – suggestions for monthly meetings, getting committees in place, making phone calls, getting to know each other, etc. Please say, “Yes,” when you are asked to help. We pray that we will be able to start on September 18<sup>th</sup>. So many events have had to be cancelled, postponed, modified, etc. The “normal” we have known for so long, doesn’t exist. But, ladies, we are awesome women. We are a force moving forward. I thank you for the opportunity to serve as your president. In the upcoming months, we will work together to get to know each other and work together to serve our community, district, state and nation as GFWC women.

GFWC MI President Ruth Ann Northan’s State Projects: Handwarmers for the Homeless; Humane Society; Arts in Schools; Environment; and Sleep in Heavenly Peace.  
Her two-year theme is: “The World Sings, Let the Music Move You!”

THE AUTHOR IS NOT KNOWN.  
IT WAS FOUND IN THE BILLFOLD OF COACH PAUL BEAR BRYANT,  
ALABAMA, AFTER HE DIED IN 1982

#### The Magic Bank Account

Imagine that you had won the Following \*PRIZE\* in a contest: Each morning your bank would deposit \$86,400 in your private account for your use. However, this prize has Rules: The set of Rules:

1. Everything that you didn't spend during each day would be taken away from you.
2. You may not simply transfer money into some other account.
3. You may only spend it.
4. Each morning upon awakening, The bank opens your account with another \$86,400 for that Day.
5. The bank can end the game without warning; at any time, it can say, Game Over!" It can close the account. And you will not receive a new one. What would you personally Do?

You would buy anything and Everything you wanted right? Not only for yourself, but for all the people you love and care for. Even for people you don't know, because you couldn't possibly spend it all on yourself, right? You would try to spend every penny, and use it all, because you knew it would be replenished in the morning, right?

ACTUALLY, This GAME is REAL ...Shocked ??? YES! Each of us is already a winner Of this \*PRIZE\*. We just can't seem to see it. The PRIZE is \*TIME\*

1. Each morning we awaken to Receive 86,400 seconds As a gift of Life.
2. And when we go to sleep at Night, any remaining time is Not credited to us.
3. What we haven't used up that Day is forever lost.
4. Yesterday is forever Gone.
5. Each morning the account is Refilled, but the bank can dissolve your account at any time WITHOUT WARNING...

SO, what will YOU do with your 86,400 seconds?

Those seconds are worth so much More than the same amount in dollars. Think about it and remember to Enjoy every second of your life, because time races by so much quicker than You think.

So take care of yourself, be Happy, love deeply and enjoy life!

Here's wishing you a wonderful And beautiful day. Start spending....

**"DON'T COMPLAIN ABOUT GROWING OLD...!" SOME PEOPLE DON'T GET THE PRIVILEGE!**



## GFWC-CHARLOTTE AWARDS

GFWC-Charlotte is in Category IV (over 100 members)

**Southwestern District Club of the Year**

**SWD won GFWC MI McCaslin-VanBlaricom Award**

#### GFWC Special Projects:

- Domestic Violence & Awareness - 1<sup>st</sup>
- Jr. Special Project: Advocates for Children – 3<sup>rd</sup>

#### Community Service Projects (CSP):

- Arts – 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Conservation – 1<sup>st</sup>
- Education ESO – 1<sup>st</sup>
- Home Life – 1<sup>st</sup>

#### Advancements:

- Communications & Public Relations – 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Fundraising – 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Leadership – 1<sup>st</sup>
- Legislation & Public Policy - 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Membership – 1<sup>st</sup>
- WHRC – 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Newsletter – 1<sup>st</sup>



**Arts & Nursing Scholarship** – Carli Miyasato submitted by our Club  
**Honor Score Sheet** - Gold



**Tea and Tomes** – Where there is will, there is a way... Brenda led us virtually in an interesting discussion on the book, *Educated*, by Tara Westover. We don't look too happy, do we? We really did have fun!



**Subject: Clever Malapropisms! THINK THIS MEANS GOOD ONES**

A SIGN IN A SHOE REPAIR STORE IN VANCOUVER READS:  
 We will heel you... We will save your sole... We will even dye for you.

A SIGN ON A BLINDS AND CURTAIN TRUCK:  
 "Blind man driving."

Sign over a Gynecologist's Office:  
 "Dr. Jones, at your cervix."

In a Podiatrist's office:  
 "Time wounds all heels."

On a Septic Tank Truck :  
 Yesterday's Mobile Meals

At an Optometrist's Office :  
 "If you don't see what you're looking for,  
 You've come to the right place."

On a Plumber's truck :  
 "We repair what your husband fixed."

On another Plumber's truck :  
 "Don't sleep with a drip. Call your plumber."

At a Tire Shop in Milwaukee :  
 "Invite us to your next blowout."

On an Electrician's truck :  
 "Let us remove your shorts."

In a Non-smoking Area:  
 "If we see smoke, we will assume you are on fire and will take appropriate action."

On a Maternity Room door :  
 "Push. Push. Push."

At a Car Dealership :  
 "The best way to get back on your feet - miss a car payment."

Outside a Muffler Shop:  
 "No appointment necessary. We hear you coming."

In a Veterinarian's waiting room :  
 "Be back in 5 minutes. Sit! Stay!"

At the Electric Company:  
 "We would be delighted if you send in your payment on time. However, if you don't, YOU will be de-lighted."

In a Restaurant window:  
 "Don't stand there and be hungry; come on in and get fed up."

In the front yard of a Funeral Home :  
 "Drive carefully. We'll wait."

At a Propane Filling Station:  
 "Thank Heaven for little grills."

In a Chicago Radiator Shop:  
 "Best place in town to take a leak."

And the best one for last...  
 Sign on the back of another Septic Tank Truck:  
 "Caution - This Truck is full of Political Promises"





## SUMMER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

### JUNE

#### BIRTHDAYS

02 CONNIE BAZAIRE  
05 LORRAINE GREEN  
08 MARILYN MONROE HART  
09 MARY JUNE GARN  
12 VIRGINIA LOWE  
14 SUE FARLIN  
15 PAM RINCKEY  
16 DONNA LEAHY  
19 SUE BERGER  
19 JANE KARLZEN  
19 KAREN ELSESSER  
30 OKJA KIM

#### ANNIVERSARIES

07 MONA & ED ELLARD  
11 CATHY & ANDY RUDNISKY  
14 JEANNE & PAUL TOMASEK  
14 AMY & ALLEN KRIZEK  
15 YVONNE & WAYNE RIDGE  
19 LINDA & ED FOSTER  
20 GINNY & MAX BAXTER  
21 NANCY & JAMES GENSEL  
23 CHERYL & MOE JACKSON  
23 SHERRY & BOB PABST  
24 VAL & CORIGAN REISEN  
24 CONNIE & KEITH BAZAIRE  
26 LORRAINE & DAVID GREEN  
28 BOBBIE & FRANK KANE

### JULY

01 YVONNE RIDGE  
03 JEANNETTE SOMMER  
08 JEANNE TOMASEK  
13 LIZA SAYRE  
25 LINDA YEAGER  
27 ANN GARVEY

01 BRYNDA & DAVID FILKINS  
03 SUE & JIM STEINBERG  
06 PAM & BILL RINCKEY  
09 AMY & ANDY SMITH  
09 MANDY & JASON STEWART  
11 HALEY & DARRELL VANDERSTELT  
12 BETH & JEFF WILDERN  
12 MICHELLE & JIM TAYLOR  
14 LEEANN & CHARLIE GREEN  
14 JANE & BRIEN FORTINO  
14 CONNIE & RICARD O'NEILL  
25 DANA & TYLER PRAY  
30 KIM & STEVE CAPPS

### AUGUST

01 PAULINE BORGMAN  
01 NOLA BUCK  
02 PENNY IRISH  
06 PATRICIA GREENE  
10 HOPE DIXON  
13 SHARON KUBICA  
16 MARY LEE FALIK  
16 SUSIE MOORE  
20 MARY REMENAK  
21 SHERRY PABST  
22 IEVA INGLIS  
22 DONNA M. JOHNSON  
24 JO VANDERSTELT  
25 PAT CAMPION  
28 JEAN BEARUP  
30 CONNIE O'NEILL

01 JEANA & NEAL ROHRS  
06 JUDY & OWEN WHITKOPF  
10 MARYLYN & RICHARD BERNARD  
11 NOLA & DOUG BUCK  
11 NANCY & GARY HOLTZ  
11 JULIE & JAMES DARTT  
12 LINDA & JEFF YEAGER  
14 SALLY & TERRY SEDLAR  
18 LORI & JOE E. PRAY  
20 Pat & Phil Champion  
20 ANN & JIM GARVEY  
22 MARLENE & FRED DARIN  
22 CAROL & JOHN ROSSIO  
24 SUSIE & LARRY SEVITTS  
28 JOAN & KELLY HASSELBACK

### EARLY SEPTEMBER

04 ANGEL FULKERSON  
15 SANDRA GUERNSEY

04 DIANNA & CHUCK RABEY  
10 SYLVIA & GARY COLLES



We had a good turnout in spite of Covid-19. Masks and social distancing (except for a quick photo) enabled us to take care of the urns in record time. Not sure Peggy Nichols should have placed her bucket where she did for the photo (Ha, Ha). Hope I'm identifying people correctly:

Mona Ellard, Pam Jarvi, Dyna Lehman, Linda Lord, Peg's granddaughter, Sue Ainslie, Fran Fuller, Dawn Sneckenberg, Sherry Pabst, Peggy Nichols, Judy McInness, Sylvia Colles, Sue Steinberg, Linda Foster



## CITY URN CLEANING ON 5-9-20

It was only about 40\*, but a clear, sunny day.

Little different look from our usual photos.



**Planting will take place at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> .**

On Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, we will be planting the urns at 9:00 am. I will have all the plants distributed at each of the urns. I will do a sample by Fay's. Please take a look at it to see how you need to arrange the plants. Please bring as many jugs of water as you can so we can get each one watered. At least a gallon for each urn. Also bring your gardening gloves and tools to plant. When we are done, we will clean at Dean Park and the Veterans Memorial and the area across from the old courthouse. The more people we have, the faster we'll get done. **Please email if you're able to help.** My email is: [sherrypabst@yahoo.com](mailto:sherrypabst@yahoo.com). Thanks for everyone's help!



**You did it! Carol Rossio has notified me that she got a terrific response to her plea for *Kind News* sponsors. She sends her thanks. If others still want to participate, here is the form, but Carol would have to know by the 20<sup>th</sup>.**

## **KIND NEWS ORDER FORM**

To adopt a classroom for the **2020-21** school year, please complete this form and return by **May 20, 2020** to Carol Rossio, 2233 S. Cochran Rd., Charlotte, along with a **\$25.00** check made out to **GFWC-Charlotte**.

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: \_\_\_\_\_ Address(if not in

Charlotte): \_\_\_\_\_

Questions? Contact Carol Rossio at 543-4172 or [cjrossio@hotmail.com](mailto:cjrossio@hotmail.com).



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