



GFWC – Charlotte

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CHRISTMAS KIDDIES' PROGRAM FEATURED



Past President, Lee Falik shared the history of her involvement with the dolls given away in this program, and Dr. Fred Darin and Marty Latchaw explained how the program started and has evolved. They showed a Power Point program demonstrating the year-long work that goes into making this program a success. The program now makes over 200 stops and serves over 500 kids on Christmas Eve, thanks to the Charlotte Fire Department which includes six Santas. (Also pictured is GFWC-Charlotte VP, Dianna Rabey.)



Past President, Donna W. Johnson, gave the Historical Highlight on Community Improvement Projects (and others) through the years. Ah, such memories!



Brynda Filkins, Chair, gets into the spirit of, *The Paris Wife*, at book club with her beret. Tyler Pray gave us insight into Ernest Hemmingway's life after Paris. (How nice to have some male input!) Thanks to Lori Pray for the props.



TEA AND TOMES: Jamie Ford has captured for us a conflicted time in American history (the Japanese internment camps) in his novel, *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet*. The conflict is also between a father and a son caught between two cultures. Please join us on Tuesday, November 27, at 12:45 as we discuss this *New York Times* bestseller.

We meet in the Spartan Room of the Charlotte Community Library for tea, refreshments, and discussion.

Sneak Peek: Tea and Tomes does not meet in December, but on January 22, we will be discussing our classic book of this year, *Jane Eyre*, by Charlotte Bronte. Join us! A movie night may be in the works; we'll keep you posted.



The **GFWC Disaster Relief—Library Replenishment Fund** was established to assist in restocking the collections of public and public school libraries that have been affected by natural and manmade disasters. Through this fund, grants will be provided to GFWC clubs to help them replenish affected libraries in their communities. For more information, contact Programs@GFWC.org or 1-800-443-GFWC (4392). If you would like to assist, make a donation online at www.GFWC.org/Marketplace, over the phone with a credit card, or by mailing a check to GFWC Headquarters, Attn: GFWC Disaster Relief—Library Replenishment Fund, 1734 N Street NW, Washington, DC 20036.



Announcing the Spain's Classics and Portugal Tour

GFWC and preferred travel provider Collette Vacations are excited to announce a new tour opportunity for GFWC members and their family and friends to the beautiful and vibrant countries of Spain and Portugal, **May 22-June 4, 2013**. Interested in learning more? Go beyond the brochure and join a Collette Vacations travel expert for an informative and complimentary webinar on **Tuesday, November 20, at 8:00 p.m. EST**. Register today at www.GoToMeeting.com/495428250.

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One of the goals our **Charlotte Chamber** Membership Committee has for 2012-13 is to grow our Ambassador Club. Ambassadors are responsible for participating in the welcoming of new businesses to the community with Ribbon Cuttings, contact and conversations with current and potential chamber members and helping to plan and facilitate our special events which includes our Business After Hours (member to member), Annual Awards Dinner and other events.

Please contact the Chamber for an application or call one of our current Ambassadors: Jeana Rohrs 517-652-3333, Stephanie Pinch 541-2000, Garrett Bensinger 517-420-8511 or Tim Reed 543-2278.

Come join the fun!



GFWC Photo Fridays on Facebook

Whether you're a pro, an amateur, or you just lucked into taking a great pic with your phone, we invite you to take part in GFWC Photo Fridays on Facebook. We think our page looks much better with photos, and we'd like you to help populate it! Simply email PR@GFWC.org with your pics, along with your name, club, and a brief description of your shot for a chance to be featured at the end of the week. Whether it's a beautiful sunset, a club activity, or just about anything in between, let's see your talent!

"Women on the Move" walking club is up and running at AL!VE or any exercise, anywhere is recordable. If you are at AL!VE, be sure to sign up for the LINK card. If you are wearing it when you enter the building, it will automatically sign you in and put your name up on the screen to count your laps. There are also poker chips (16 = a mile) that you can carry and throw in the bowl after each lap to count for yourself. If you exercise elsewhere, you can email Barbara Fulton once a month and she will enter it in the book. The book is located in the small area to the right when you enter AL!VE on the shelf. *HAPPY EXERCISING. This will fulfill our commitment to the new state President's initiative of healthy women. Enter it also on your hour sheet.*

Margie Carter

Mini Trips



Old Town Lansing Dickens Village

Saturday, December 1st no cost

carpool @ 11:30 am

This holiday season Old Town will transform its streets into a festive Victorian scene for the fifth annual Old Town Dickens Village. On December 1, from noon until 5 p.m., free family friendly activities will be taking place throughout Old Town.

See <http://www.iloveoldtown.org/events/old-town-dickens-village-1> for more information.

Titanic: The Artifact Exhibition – Grand Rapids Public Museum

Thursday, February 21 cost is \$17 and lunch

carpool @ 9:00 am

More than 150 legendary artifacts conserved from the Ship's debris field are showcased offering a poignant look at this iconic Ship and its passengers. The Exhibition has been designed with a focus on the legendary RMS *Titanic's* compelling human stories as best told through authentic artifacts and extensive room re-creations.

We will also have lunch while in Grand Rapids.

See <http://www.grmuseum.org/http%3A/%252Fgrmuseum.org/titanic> for more information.

Hope's Landing & Sensations tour

TBA Spring no cost

local

We are arranging a weekday afternoon tour of these two senior living communities right here in Charlotte. This is an opportunity not only to see these facilities but also meet staff & learn more about options for family members in our community. If you are interested please contact Jo. We will schedule this tour with the availability of those members interested in going in mind.

All trips will carpool from All!ve · 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

Kaleidoscope – Friday, April 26, 2013 – speakers TBA – day long program for women at MSU Kellogg Center. This sells out fast, so be sure to let me know how you can be reached this winter if you go away. Registration will probably be in February.

Membership Memos ...



Welcome new member, **Wendee Morse** – more about her in a separate email! Sponsored by Sandy Maatsch.

Membership Memos continued ...

BOOKLET CHANGES:

Norma Curtis – new email – normacurtis55@gmail.com
Jan Kelley & Dorothy Leeser resigned; & Donna Mae Johnson moved to associate
Joan Hasselback – accidentally left out of green booklet – 4747 N. Clinton Trail,
541-2791, dlfuels@att.net (Sorry, Joan, cut & pasting cut you off.)
Char Sutherland – new email – csutherland@wowway.com

Remembrances . . .

Carol Monroe – gall bladder surgery
Patty Greene's husband, Dick – hip surgery
Bev Trumley – stroke
Barb Thiel – surgery

Welcome to new member – **Chris Olson**
A separate email will introduce you to her and her family. She has already joined our chorus! (Sponsored by Patty Greene.)



Birthdays and Anniversaries

November – last half of month

19 Nathalie Weseman
26 April Brooks
28 Brynda Filkins

24 Katie & Jeff Dornbos
28 Jo & Ray Gager

December

08 LeAnn Green



21 Stormi Stuler

22 Chris Fleischmann
22 Irene Young
28 Patty Retzer
29 Jan Harms
30 Mary Stafford

06 Okja & Hak Kim
11 Sherry & Fred Myers
11 Darlene & Doug
Freeman
15 Dyna & Jerry Lehman
16 Karen & Jim Elsesser
19 Patty & Gerald Retzer
19 Sharon & Jerry Kubica

21 Peg & Mark Cameron

January – first half of month

01 Carol Monroe
04 Fran Rush

01 Marilyn & Bruce Hart
04 Jessica & Gerald
Sommer

07 Shirley Rann
08 Bobbie Kane
11 Jessica Sommer
15 Elizabeth Siler
15 Beth Wildern
17 Sharon Adams

14 Elsie & Jim Wiltse



Board Talk – Sylvia Colles



Our November program had many of us blinking back tears when we saw the pictures of children with Santa Clause that were part of the program on Christmas Kiddies presented by Fred Darin and Marty Latchaw. In case you would like to volunteer, we'll let you know when you can help wrap the presents that Santa distributes. Our own Lee Falik has been involved in this project for many years with the dolls she helps dress. This is another opportunity for you to be involved. Each doll needs clothes. If you would like to help with the dolls for next year, Lee will provide you with easy patterns and material. Dust off your sewing machine, and give Lee a call.

I've been making lists and checking them twice. You know the lyrics that follow. Please be someone that I'll find has been nice or is planning to be nice. Your hours report and the report for any project you chaired will help me fulfill the responsibility I have as your president for reporting our club's activities. **Every member should report the hours** that they have given to the club and any of its activities. In case you haven't already found the hours form, it is available on the web along with instructions and a "white paper" that will help you determine what is reportable. [Click here: http://www.gfwc-charlotte.com/Downloads/index.html](http://www.gfwc-charlotte.com/Downloads/index.html) Those of you who have been in charge of a project should have received the form for your report, but we've also put the project report form on our web in case you need another copy. [Project report form link click on the above link](#). It will be a big help to have your report(s) by December 1. As a last resort, bring them to the Holiday Tea on December 7.

News Flash: There is some good news about your hours report. In the past, you have sent the entire hours log sheet to your President. We're changing that this year. Since the report to the State only asks for total hours in each category, that's all that I need from you - your total hours in each category. It's fine if you have already sent me your entire sheet log. If you haven't reported yet, you can just send in the total hours in each category (January 1 - December 31, 2012) if that is easier. I think this change will make thing simpler for you

Holiday Tea: The committee is finalizing plans for the Holiday Tea. I'm looking forward to hearing the choir perform. That's always a highlight for me. We'll be honoring our Past Presidents and celebrating our new members. We will also be recognizing our Ms. Federation. Reservations are not required, and there is no cost. Come join the celebration of the season.

All of us in GFWC-Charlotte are involved in so many civic activities. I am constantly amazed at the network we weave throughout our community. Not many of us are good at saying "no." With the holidays upon us, life gets even more hectic. I hope that you are able to give yourself the gift of some moments free from the myriad of responsibilities you have accepted to just relax and let the meaning of this season refresh you. As we celebrate this season of rebirth and renewed hope, I wish you peace and joy.

Minutes of GFWC – Charlotte meetings are available on the www.imembersdb.com site under "files," and on the secure portion of our website.



Fun to have former member, Mary Kroodsmma in town. She came as Brynda Filkin's guest.

Socializing at the November meeting. (Note the art work on the walls done by Stormi Stuler. Also, the voting theme of the decorations.)



Our Annual Holiday Tea is on
Friday, December 7, 2012

Social Time 12:30 p.m. - Program 1:00 p.m.
First Congregational Church, UCC
106 S. Bostwick Street, Charlotte

Come help us celebrate and honor past presidents and new members.
The chorus will be singing.

Since we are not serving lunch, you do not need to make reservations. We'll be serving tea, punch and lots of delicious cookies. See you there. Sylvia





CARD CRAFTING AT THE LIBRARY November 7, 2012

Sharon Kubica shared her knowledge, equipment, and craft items to help GFWC-Charlotte women create 4 different cards suitable to send or give as special gifts. Those in attendance were: Connie Fast, Sue Farlin, Carol Idalski, Carolyn Maier, Mary Remenak, and Margie Carter. Fancy scissors for edging, corner enhancers, punches, straight line paper cutters and an embossing machine for lettering were among the items available for use. Ribbons, textured paper, brads, foil stars, backgrounds, and words were also available. The cards got better each try and Sharon was also close by to help with ideas or techniques that made our outcomes more professional. Fun was had by all. Sharon says that maybe in March we can have another class and involve more people. Keep it in mind.



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

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ed@fosterdvm.com

REMEMBER, THERE IS NO DECEMBER ISSUE

The *Heart* Truth - click here for more information:

<http://www.imembersdb.com/Accounts/10327/Newsletter/0/MY%20Heart%20November%20GFWC-MI%20Newsletter.pdf>

GFWC - Charlotte Coffee, Coffee, Coffee



Winter is going to be here soon with cold winds and blowing snow. Fireplaces will be lit and warm places to sit will be searched out to enjoy a hot cup of coffee. Be sure to have a stock of coffee on hand for yourself and for visitors who are sure to stop by over the holidays.

Regular Nicaraguan-Organic, Ground or Whole Bean and Decaf, Ground or Whole Bean will be available for purchase at the Christmas Tea on December 7. Due to popular demand, we also have quantities of **Jamaicamecrazy, Ground or Whole Bean**. All coffee comes in 16 oz bags and compares at \$13 per bag with gourmet coffees like Starbucks and Bigby.

Coffee can also be purchased by contacting either Sharon Kubica (517-231-3204 or smkubica@sbcglobal.net) or Marlene Darin (543-5873 or darins@voyager.net) between meetings. We are willing to deliver!

Due to the great coffee sales at previous Christmas Teas, it would be helpful to contact us in advance to let us know what you wish to purchase so we can be sure to have enough on hand that day.



USED BOOKS FOR SALE: Don't miss out on the great bargains and terrific finds at the used book table. Come early to the Christmas Tea and browse the selection of books for sale. The prices can't be beat: \$1.00 for hardback books and 50 cents for paperbacks. Proceeds are used by Tea and Tomes for library-related projects. We welcome your donations and your purchases. Erasmus said, "When I get a little money, I buy books and if any is left, I buy food and clothes." Buy books!

The Education Foundation Scholarship Application is available in writeable format on the www.gfwc-charlotte.com website. Contact Linda Foster for more information

New Member Orientation 11-15-12



Membership Chair, Jessica Edel,
and Martha Limauro, Committee



Attendees introduced themselves, then Jessica and Sylvia Colles told about the club.



6 Community Service Programs (cont)

- Home Life
 - Helping Hands in the Community
 - Focus on Health
 - Focus on Financial issues
- International Outreach
 - Reaching Out Internationally
 - United Nations
- Public Issues
 - Citizenship

SIREN/Eaton Shelter Wish List - diapers, paper towel, toilet paper, gas cards, laundry vouchers, blankets, sheets – twin size, new pillows, Kleenex, handheld can openers, alarm clocks, towels, cleaning supplies, shampoo & conditioner, triple antibiotic cream, cold medicine, baby formula & food, clothing, flashlights, batteries, non-perishable food items.



Heifer International — GFWC partners with Heifer International. Donations are appreciated and will be collected at the December meeting.



I need 40 people who are willing to give “**A Warm Bed for a Child**” this Season. This is for St. Vincent's Children's Home (i.e. the "orphanage", as it used to be called). They have a great need at this time. A "bed" includes: 1 pillow, 1 twin sheet set, and 1 twin blanket. This is a chance to help kids right here in our community! Contact me (trystin6@gmail.com or 517-505-0245) if you are willing. I will give you drop off info for St. Vincent's or my home in Charlotte. Thank you! Trystin Vanderstelt

HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHT

One of the civic projects in 1922 was to furnish two rooms in the Lane Memorial Home – a rest home at the corner of Pleasant Street and Warren Ave.. To raise the necessary funds for this project, the club sold copies of, “*The Club Clarian*” - the official publication of the Charlotte Woman's Club. It was published and edited by club members. The first edition was published December 1, 1922. Sold at the club meetings and on the street the next afternoon by club ladies. *The Clarion* contained everything a paper should: a society column, a sports page, poetry, recipes, social announcements, a political column, and an editorial.

In 1924 it was decided to print *The Clarian* again since it had been so much fun. The profits were beyond expectation. The proceeds from this issue (\$100.00) were presented to the City Clerk to purchase books for the Charlotte Library.



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