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Guest Night, October 19th

at the Starlight Theatre, Lansing, MI





Chris is with her veteran, Mr. Gasser, a Korean War Veteran. The Honor Flight was on Saturday, October 17, 2018. They spent a wonderful day in Washington, D. C. touring the memorials of all wars, the 9/11 memorial and watched the changing of the guard at the tomb of the unknown soldier. They also paid their respect at Arlington National Cemetary.

Chris Reist – Honor Flight

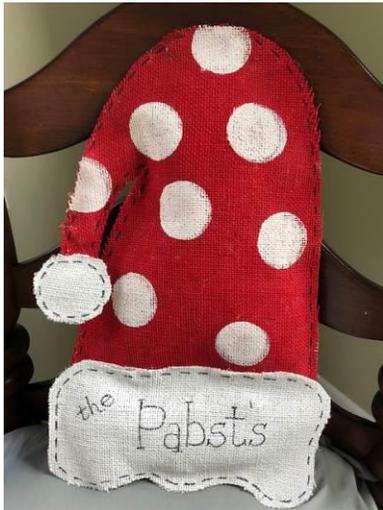
DIANNA RABEY GUIDES US THROUGH SCARF MAKING 10-16-18



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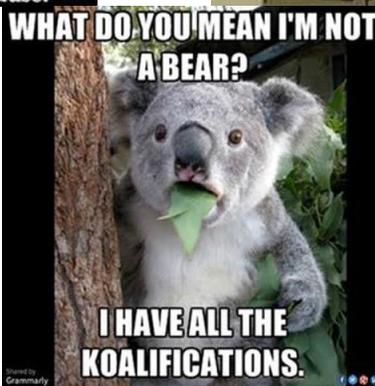
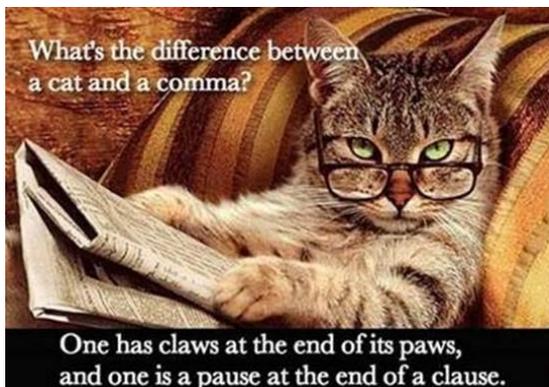
Do you know of someone in our club who could use a hand – ride to appointments, meal brought in, receive a card, visitor, listener, shopper, etc.? Contact Lorraine

From News & Notes: The [GFWC Legislative Action Center](#) is a powerful tool for GFWC's public issues and advocacy efforts. Track bills, contact your local representative, and take action on issues germane to GFWC Resolutions. [Click here](#) to visit the Legislative Action Center and enroll to receive updates.



November 29th Burlap Craft Session

6-8 p.m. Old Courthouse
\$10/person. Call me at 517/652-1564 or email me at sherrypabst@yahoo.com if you are interested. Bring a glue gun and a hair dryer if you have them.



SIREN HOLIDAY TEA IN PARTNERSHIP WITH GFWC-CHARLOTTE November 11th



Linda Lord chaired the event with a lot of help from Club members! Preliminary figures show a profit of about \$4931 each for SIREN and for GFWC-Charlotte. This is up from last year! [More photos on Facebook and our website.]



Lori Pray, Emcee



Entertainment - 1st Congregational Church Bell Choir





*Sigma
Beta
Helpers*

*Kitchen
Crew*



*Planning
Meetings*



*Linda Lord, Chairman
Sherry Pabst, Registration
Kitchen, Carol Rossio/Pam
Rinckey, & lots of sub chairs
Elisabeth Siler, Silent Auction*



Board Talk – Fran Fuller



In October, our guest night activity took us to the dinner theatre production of *Calendar Girls*. It was definitely an enjoyable evening. A few people suggested, I think they were joking, that GFWC - Charlotte consider a similar calendar as a fundraiser. I don't see that in our future.

Congratulations on a fabulous SIREN Tea! The tables at St. Mary's (all 32 of them!) looked amazing - the bell choir sounded heavenly - there were many interesting items to bid on during the silent auction - the lunch was delicious - the super raffle was super successful - there were many happy people visiting with friends. It was a lovely day! Many thanks to Linda Lord for graciously chairing this major event.

New member orientation was held on November 14. New and more experienced members alike were welcomed to a lovely Cherry Blossom themed room for lunch and learning a bit about who we are and what we do. Thank you to Sherry Myers and the membership committee.

There have been arts and crafts projects, mini trips, book discussions, chorus rehearsals, beautification project prep work, reading with children, lots of work behind the scenes on our website, Facebook page, committee work and so much more. Together, we accomplish so much.

This Thanksgiving, I give thanks for being a part of such a wonderful group of women.

Wishing you all the best the holiday season has to offer.

Julie



December is the time to remember our GFWC Partnership with Heifer International. Since 1944, Heifer International has been providing livestock and training to bring hope and reduce hunger to families in impoverished communities around the world. Would you please consider making a donation to Heifer this season? Any financial contribution you can make goes a long ways towards improving the living situation for many people. Checks can be made payable to GFWC – Charlotte with Heifer International on the memo line. Honor Cards will be available to those desiring them for donations of \$10 or more. Please see Julie Dartt for cards or if you would like more information regarding Heifer International. Julie will be collecting donations at the Christmas Tea on Friday, December 7th. A raffle for a jar of delicious honey will be held during the tea. \$1 buys one chance to win. All proceeds go to Heifer International.





TEA AND TOMES:

Our October discussion of 1984 by George Orwell was vibrant to say the least. We all had examples of how “Big Brother” is following us. Information pops up in our social media feeds from our internet searches and sometimes from our conversations. We also see how our shopping habits and store preferences are highlighted in our mail, internet searches and everyday life.

Our November book will be *Ginny Moon*. Ginny is 14. Ginny is a product of the foster care system and is autistic. Ginny is in her forever home and knows that she should not have contact with her birth mother, but she wants her baby doll back. This begins the journey we take with Ginny, her forever family and the people who are part of her world. Join us on November 20, 12:45 – 2:00 in the Spartan Room at the Charlotte Community Library to discuss *Ginny Moon* by Benjamin Ludwig.

Sneak Peek : In January, we will have our next gathering to discuss *The Atomic City Girls* by: Janet Beard. The small town of Oak Ridge, Tennessee became one of the most important locations in the United States, maybe the world, during WWII. This work of fiction follows a group of women who had a role in the development of the atomic bomb. We will gather on January 29 at 12:45 – 2:00 at the Charlotte Community Library. If you will be out of town, you can send questions, comments or thoughts about our books by contacting Elizabeth Siler by phone/text at 517-231-4886 or by email at epsiler@gmail.com .



We would also like to invite all of our club members to **bring books** that they are finished reading to the December Christmas Tea. All books will be sold for \$1.00, with proceeds going toward our annual donation to Charlotte Community Library. A reminder that any books not sold should be taken home or donated to the library for their used book sales.



\$500 Nursing and \$500 Arts Scholarship Available through GFWC-Charlotte

Any student in the community, male or female, young or mature, current student or re-entering student is eligible to apply for a \$500 scholarship to pursue a career either in the field of arts or a nursing degree. These scholarships are provided by the General Federation of Women’s Clubs Michigan. These are in addition to the scholarships that GFWC-Charlotte awards to graduating seniors at Charlotte High School. Each year, GFWC-Charlotte donates \$50 to this GFWC Michigan scholarship program. GFWC-Charlotte has been successful in the past in having endorsed several winning applications and would be pleased to again submit qualified local applicants to continue that tradition. If you know someone planning a career in arts or nursing, encourage them to apply.

Applications are available at the Charlotte High School guidance office, Hayes Green Beach Hospital administration office on the second floor, and at the Charlotte Community Library. To fill out an application online, click on this link:

The online applications are in a “fillable” format and will need to be saved to your computer, then printed.

http://www.gfwc-charlotte.com/Downloads/Arts_and_Nursing_Scholarship_Application_2018_fillable.pdf

Completed applications should be mailed to GFWC-Charlotte; PO Box 464; Charlotte, MI 48813 BY January 15th. The current GFWC-Charlotte president will add her signature to completed applications when they are received, provide a letter of affirmation and forward them to the state chairman by February 1st.



Preparation for Urn Planting ...tree trimming at St. Mary's, November 3rd



Sherry & Bob Pabst, Fran & Dave Fuller, Linda Foster, Judy MacInness, Sandy Maatsch, Pam Jarvi

Urn planting November 16, 2018



Sandy Maatsch, Sharon Kennedy, Sherry Pabst, Judy MacInness, Fran Fuller, Linda Foster, Dyna Lehman, Betty Crandall, Kim Bruce, Val Reisen, Pam Jarvi, Judy Whitkopf

On a cold, snowy morning...



Membership Memos



Remembrances . . .

Donna Mae Johnson - death of great grandbaby, Beckett
Pam Jarvi's husband, Vern, - hernia surgery
Donna W. Johnson – health issues; husband, Dick – hand surgery
Amy Smith – shoulder injury
Lori Pray – death of her grandfather, Sterling Treadwell

Birthdays

Late November

19 Carol Little
19 Nathalie Weseman
19 Val Reisen
28 Brynda Filkins

December

01 Chris Reist
02 Jane Fortino
02 Nancy Gensel

08 LeAnn Green

16 Judy MacInness
20 Diane Ruswick

28 Patty Retzer

06 Okja & Hak Kim
11 Sherry & Fred Myers

15 Dyna & Jerry Lehman
16 Karen & Jim Elsesser

19 Sharon & Jerry Kubica
21 Peg & Mark Cameron

Early January

01 Carol Monroe
03 Diana Bosworth
04 Fran Rush

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

04 Jessica & Gerald Sommer
04 Marianne & Steve Struckmeyer

20 Martha & Mike Limauro
30 Barb & John VanderMolen

Booklet Corrections:

You get the booklet when you pay your dues. Proofread and let me know changes!

Delte Mary June Garn's land line 543-0559. Use her cell 517-230-9474.

Add: Grand Ledge, MI 48837 to Jeanne Tomasek's address.

Correct Pauline Borgman's email in new member update:

grandmaborgman@sbcglobal.net (It is correct in the booklet.)

Welcome New Member, Michelle Taylor

Details will be emailed in a separate document.



GFWC-Charlotte December Tea

Honoring Past Presidents and New Members

The General Federation of Women's Clubs-Charlotte will hold its Annual Christmas Tea on Friday, **December 7**, 2018 at the First Congregational Church, 106 S. Bostwick Ave. We will be honoring our Past Presidents, new members and others. Our chorus will be singing.

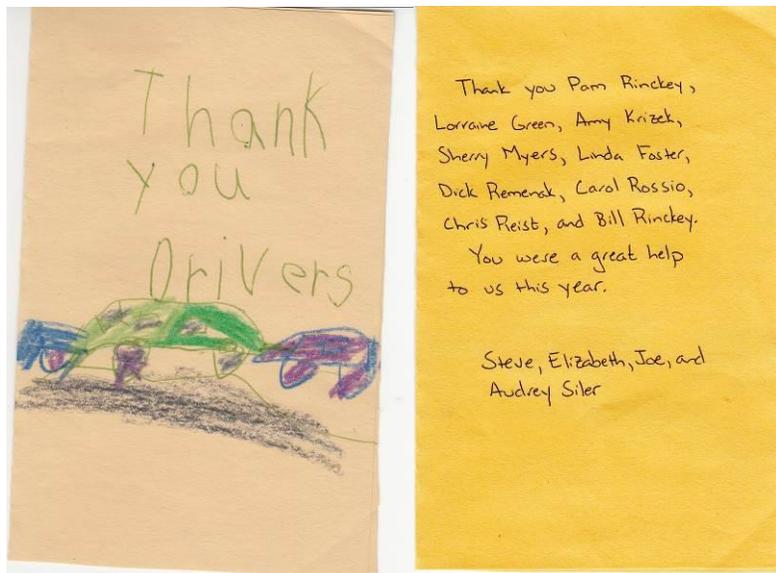
No reservations are needed for the tea and there is no cost.

(Lunch will **not** be served.)

Social time will begin at **12:30 p.m.** with the program starting at 1:00 p.m.

If you have any questions, please contact Chris Reist 543-7734

THANK YOU FROM THE SILERS – ARTWORK BY AUDREY



Mini Trips Update



Any ideas for future trips let us know –
Jo Vanderstelt 517-281-1301 www.jovanderstelt@yahoo.com or Sharon Kennedy
www.sharonkennedy65@gmail.com

Christmas in Owosso

Thursday, December 13th

Carpool from Alive TBD

We're going back to Owosso!! With so much to see and do, Christmas is a great time to visit again. Hope Dixon has a fun and full day planned for us.

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 basis. Non-members are always welcome to join us on our mini trips



Sharon Kennedy, Lisa Starr,
Pauline Borgman, Linda Foster
Visited the **Ford Museum** on
November 7, 2018.

The Rossios and Vanderstelts traveled to Olivet on Friday,
November 9th, to see the **Golden Age of Album Covers**.
Doug Sjoquist hosted the exhibit.



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

REMEMBER, NO ISSUE IN DECEMBER



GFWC Hastings 125th Celebration on November 1st

Nancy Norton, SWD 1st VP, Linda Foster, SWD Secretary, and Julie Dartt, GFWC-Charlotte President

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION COMMITTEE BUSY IN THE KITCHEN.



Lorraine Green, Cathy Rudnitsky, Mary Remenak. CHAIR IS SHERRY MYERS

**ORIENTATION MEETING FOR 8 NEW MEMBERS AND THEIR SPONSORS
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2018**



KIM BRUCE (LINDA FOSTER); AMY SMITH (JO VANDERSTELT - ABSENT); KAY WYSZYNSKI (FRAN FULLER); PAULINE BORGMAN (SANDY MAATSCH; CATHY RUDNITSKY (MONA ELLARD - ABSENT); LISA STARR (HOPE DIXON); MICHELLE TAYLOR (JANE FORTINO); VAL REISEN (SUE FARLIN)

There also were several ladies in attendance who are looking to possibly join GFWC-Charlotte.



“Sakura New Member”

Spring into Action and see your Membership Blossom!



March of Dimes: Volunteer for Baby Showers

The March of Dimes created Mission: Healthy Baby®, a baby shower program specifically for military families that provides free pregnancy and newborn health information and free baby items through our Military Baby Showers. GFWC members can get involved by knitting blankets and hats for the babies as well as volunteer to help host a shower in your community.

Beyond the Mission: Healthy Baby shower, the March of Dimes has an exclusive online military community dedicated to supporting the needs of military moms-to-be with health information and a support network. Join today at missionhealthybaby.org.

Seeking 2019 Croly Award Applications

Spread the word that the call for 2019 Croly Award is now open! Encourage all journalists who have advanced the rights of women to apply by April 30, 2019 using this [application form](#), and consider sharing on your or your club's Facebook page. A deserving journalist in your community could win!



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