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CAROL McCLOUD, AUTHOR, SPOKE AT OUR NOVEMBER MEETING ON, "HAVE YOU FILLED A BUCKET TODAY?"

She told of the positive effects of being a "bucket filler" – giving complements to others, calling people by name, connecting with others, etc. When doing so, one gets their own bucket filled. Avoid being a "bucket dipper," i.e., having a negative attitude, being mean to others, not being respectful to others, etc. She said that once and a while one needs to put a lid on their bucket to keep the dippers out! She has written books for children and has been an educator for many years. For more information or to sign up for her weekly newsletter, go to her website: www.bucketfillers101.com Carol is from Brighton, MI.

Brynda Filkins shares this:

After the meeting on Friday, Carol took her two books to Amanda Pearsal and donated them to the library. Those who didn't purchase a book will now be able to take them out of the library. Carol will be sending GFWC-Charlotte a check for a bit over \$100, as her way of giving back a portion of the book sales. Her newsletters are brief and inspiring. She will mention our club and the Filkins family Thanksgiving tradition in the November 23, 2008 edition.

Innisbrook Fundraiser

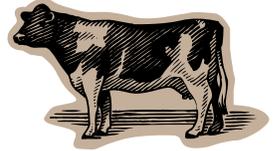
Dear Fellow Club Members:

Thank you for your support of the Innisbrook Fundraiser. The profit this year of approximately \$313.00 will help to support our many programs.

Lee Falik

GIFT SUGGESTION:

GFWC-Charlotte supports the efforts of **Heifer International**, which is a non-profit organization that provides livestock to families in third world countries. Do you have a family member or friend on your Christmas shopping list who is difficult to shop for? Would a donation in their name be a welcome solution? **We will be collecting donations at the December Tea and special gift cards have been ordered.** All donations are tax deductible. Cynthia Siarny, Chair



BOARD TALK - MARY REMENAK



Thank you, dear members, to all you who have generously given your support to our Club during the previous few months, a challenging time for our Club. I take note and will remember each one of you who gave me extra support.

December 5, 2008 brings us one of my favorite meetings of the year, our Annual Christmas Tea. In keeping with tradition, we honor our Past Presidents and new members. Our outstanding Chorus will bring holiday cheer with their performance. And, the cookies are always so yummy!

In the spirit of the giving season, we will again ask for donations for the **SIREN/Eaton Shelter**. Nola graciously accepts them until December 15 at the Ski Loft. You may also bring donations to the Tea. Last year, your generous donations to Heifer International enabled us to purchase a cow, a pig, and a flock of chickens! In full recognition of the financial uncertainty in our country, I think of our sisters and brothers around the world, whose burdens will be eased by our giving.

Club and community recognitions are given at this time of year. We will present the Woman of Achievement at our Tea. If you have nominations for Ms. Federation, the Athena and Community Excellence awards, please contact me.

Year-end reports are due by December 15. If you have been a Committee, Department, Project, or Program Chairperson from January 2008 to December 2008, please complete and return to me ASAP.

Holidays are special for family, friends, and spirit filled moments and FOOD! My holiday gift to you.....

CELERY

By Emerson Ochs Miller
I am angry with celery.
I hate it so much!
Whenever, I try it...
It turns into mush!



Tea and Tomes Book Discussion Group

welcomes you to join us this month in an unusual and exciting meeting. On November 25, in the Spartan Room of the Charlotte Community Library, from 1:00-2:30, we will be discussing several books on Polygamy. This topic has been in the news and in television programs recently and we will be taking a look at the history, practices, and pain of polygamy. We will not be reading the same book, but will be reading from a prepared book list on this topic. If you would like the book list, email brynda@usa.net, and then pick a

book from the list that interests you. Many of the books on the list are autobiographical and give an inside view and perspective of the practice--and devastation to women and children. Tea and refreshments will be served.

PEEK: There is no Tea and Tomes meeting in December, but we will be Alexander McCall Smith's book, *The No.1 Ladies Detective Agency* in More information and multiple copies of the book to come in December.



of the **SNEAK** reading January.

If you are still looking for a book for Nov. 25, here is another source:

If anyone in the book club would like to borrow any of my "Mormon" books to read, let me know. I have one dating to the late 1800's written by a former lady who was a plural wife. Most of them are about King Jesse James Strang of Beaver Island, a self-proclaimed Mormon king. Just as long as they are returned to me, I would lend them out.

Mary Jean Baker

The December 8 movie at the Charlotte Library will be "Christmas in Connecticut" with Barbara Stanwyck. The movie will be shown at 7 p.m.



Mini-Trips Update – Jo Vanderstelt (543-3133)

Chicago Holiday Shopping Day Whether it's window shopping or the real deal mark your calendars for Friday, December 12. This bus trip will be leaving at 8 am for the Michigan Mile and returning at 9:30 pm. The bus will have space for our finds of the day; lunch will be on your own. Cost is \$55 per person. This trip is being sponsored in conjunction with Charlotte Community Education department - 541-5740.

"Driving Miss Daisy" Play hors d'oeuvres 6:00, Performance 7:00, desserts at Intermission; raffle. \$22. ABWA fundraiser for scholarships. Send checks payable to: ABWA to Karen Elsesser, 7231 Monroe Rd., Springport, MI 49284 by December 15 for tickets.

Detroit – Detroit Art Institute & Pewabic Pottery This day of art will start with a visit to the DIA for the Art of Norman Rockwell exhibit, lunch, and a trip to Pewabic Pottery. This bus trip is on Saturday, March 28 and costs \$62 which includes a \$10 lunch voucher and is being offered by Nancy Conn at The Hen House, 543-6454. The bus will leave the Hen House at 8 am and return at 5 pm.

Chicago American Girls Store Save the date – March 20, 2009. This will be a bus day trip to Chicago complete with our own private tea party. Maybe you have a granddaughter or niece who would enjoy this opportunity. This is scheduled for a non school day. More details to come....

Kaleidoscope – save Friday, April 17, 2009. Details to come. Contact Linda Foster 543-3041, ed@fosterdvm.com.

REMEMBRANCES . . .



Sue Farlin – knee replacement

Dottie Black – former member turns 90 on November 22, 2008. Those wishing to send a card may send it to Dottie at: 7080 Burkenhead Place, Lambertville, MI 48144-9529

Nathalie Weseman's husband, Sid, - surgery

Jo Gager's husband, Ray – shoulder surgery

Jenny Lamb's husband, Jim - shoulder surgery

MEMBERSHIP MEMOS

Mary Beth Wiechert – new email: mbjpp713@att.net

Christi Dutcher – move to Associate; new address: 5624 Laura Dr., Shelbyville, MI 49344

Candy Snyder – delete from membership list

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:



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B.D. 11/26 A.D. 9/24
Joseph (adult)**

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APRIL BROOKS (JOE)

April is a Michigan native and has lived here all but seven months of her life. Ypsilanti is her home town. After graduating from Ypsilanti High School, she earned a B.S. in Geology from Eastern Michigan University and did graduate work there in Physical Geography. April has been a resident of Charlotte since 1983.

Always loving the out-of-doors, nature, and travel led her to her choice of study and to Alaska. April shares, "I had always wanted to see Alaska, so to do so, I took a job packing crab in the Aleutian Islands. A few months later I was substitute teaching in the local school. My trip to Alaska lasted seven months." Another place she loves to visit is the Great Smokey Mountain National Park.

After returning to Michigan, April went to work as a geologist for the Michigan Department of Transportation. While there, she conducted geophysical surveys and environmental investigations for MDOT. During this time, she married her husband, Joe, moved to Charlotte and gave birth to their son, Joseph. When their son was a preschooler, April left MDOT to become a stay-at-home mom. After Joseph was in grade school, she became the librarian at St. Mary's School and volunteered/ worked there for 13 years. Currently, she is an Adjunct Instructor at Olivet College, primarily teaching an Introduction to Geology course. April says, "Volunteer work has always been a part of my life. Currently, I give talks about Geology to school groups, deliver Mobile Meals (approximately 13 years) and volunteer at my church."

April's hobbies are reading and sewing. Her husband and she are avid recyclers. Additionally, they do a lot of gardening and can/freeze much of their produce. Presently, she is the President of *Across the Square Quilters* and has been actively involved in this group for 11 years.



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10/08

SHELBY BUTLER (SCOTT)

Shelby Butler has been a resident of Charlotte for four years. She was born in Wisconsin and moved to Michigan when she was seven. Shelby grew up in Okemos and East Lansing and was excited to move to the country when her husband and she built their house. She has been married to her husband, Scott, for 9 years and they have two wonderful daughters, Adrianna, 5 and Cassandra, 2.

Shelby expresses, "I truly enjoy my career as a Financial Representative for Thrivent Financial for Lutherans." *FYI: Shelby was personally responsible for obtaining \$1,000.00, from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, a non-profit insurance & financial organization for Lutherans, for our Club's Community Improvement project at Dean Park.*

Shelby shares, "I am interested in joining GFWC – Charlotte to expand my involvement in the community, make new friends, and grow both my own knowledge as well as others while contributing to the advancement of the community and women."



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Morgan '03**

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10/08

NICOLE LUTES

Born and raised in Lawton Michigan, Nicole graduated from Western Michigan University in 1995 with a double major in Political Science and Organizational Communications. Upon graduation, she resided in Chicago for a short time. Nicole realized that big city life was not for her and moved back to her beloved Michigan. She has lived in Charlotte since 2001. Nicole has a five-year-old daughter, Morgan, who just started Kindergarten at Galewood Elementary.

Nicole shares her career path has led her to a medical supply sales position with Encompass Acute Care, where she serves as the Sales Representative for the state of Michigan. She serves as the Vice-President of the MAILM association, which is a group of associates in her field. Her number one passion, besides being a mother to Morgan, is golfing. Nicole's been a member of the Charlotte Country Club for 7 years. She also enjoys scrapbooking, cooking, sports, shopping and traveling.

Nicole says, "I'm very excited about joining this organization to not only further my personal development, but to serve our community through various volunteer projects. I look forward to meeting many new friends and strengthening the bonds with my current *member* friends."



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 Anne (adult)

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KATHY TOMLANOVICH (JON)

Kathy and her husband, Jon, just celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary and have lived in Charlotte for the last 21 years. They have a daughter, Anne, who graduated from Charlotte HS in 1998 and is now a middle school counselor in Eugene, Oregon.

Both Kathy and Jon have served the educational community for 30-plus years. Kathy retired in June, 2007 as assistant superintendent of career services and technical education for the Ingham Intermediate School District.

Kathy now enjoys the freedom and flexibility of retirement and spends her days riding her horse, Dusty, and doing all of the household and wonderful community activities she now has the time to do. She also serves on the Board of Trustees of HGB hospital and continues to appreciate the active role that HGB plays in the Charlotte community.

Kathy thanks the GFWC-Charlotte members for the opportunity to be a part of such a wonderful community-minded and giving organization.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

November – last half of month

- 26 April Brooks
- 28 Brynda Filkins

- 28 Jo & Ray Gager

December

- 06 Mary Kroodsmma
- 06 Peg Michael
- 08 LeAnn Green
- 08 Mary Jean Baker
- 16 Neva Mikesell
- 17 Kim Byrens
- 21 Stormi Stuler

- 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



- * 27 Christi & Tom Dutcher

- 22 Chris Fleischmann
- 22 Irene Young
- 28 Patty Retzer
- 29 Jan Harms
- 30 Pam Ingalls

January – first half of month

- 01 Carol Monroe
- 06 Cheri Smith
- 07 Shirley Rann
- 08 Bobbie Kane
- 15 Nancy Oliver
- 15 Beth Wildern
- 17 Sharon Adams

- 01 Marilyn & Bruce Hart

- 14 Elsie & Jim Wiltse

SIREN/Eaton Shelter Wish List

Household items, personal need items, first aid/medicines, cleaning supplies, "Birthday Bag" items (cake mixes, gift wrap, paper plates, etc.), Miscellaneous (gas cards, phone cards, school supplies, mittens, etc.), paper products, baby items, non-perishable food items.

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;

egfoster@cablespeed.com or to:

Gloria Wilson, 410 East 3rd St., Charlotte, MI 48813; 543-7618 or
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There is no issue in December!

AWARDS

Each year we recognize members for their special talents.

***The Woman of Achievement Award** will be presented at the December Tea.*

Other awards are:

- 1) ***Ms. Federation Award.** This award is presented to a member who has an avid interest in promotion and support of Federation goals and programs. She should have sponsored a new member during her GFWC career. She should have attended any GFWC district, state, national or international conference.*
- 2) ***Athena Award** is presented at the Annual Chamber of Commerce Dinner to an individual for business or professional accomplishments, for community service and especially for mentoring others and providing a role model to encourage women to achieve their full leadership potential.*
- 3) ***The Community Excellence Award** is also presented at the Annual Chamber of Commerce Dinner to someone for their service to the community.*

If you would like to nominate someone for one of these awards, please contact Mary Remenak for the application.

EDUCATION FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE

If you would like some financial assistance (not based on income) to take a class, attend a seminar, improve your skills, contact Linda Foster, 543-3041.



Girls Just Want to Have Fun Night

17 members participated in the first annual Girls Just Want to Have Fun Night. Activities included a speaker from Bay Cliff, hand massage and waxing, bow making, yoga, Mary Kay cosmetics, assembling kits for Operation Smile, snacks and a sundae bar. Judging by the amount of chatter and laughter that could be heard, the night was a big success.



NEW STOCKMARKET TERMS:

CEO --Chief Embezzlement Officer.

CFO-- Corporate Fraud Officer.

BULL MARKET -- A random market movement causing an investor to mistake himself for a financial genius.

BEAR MARKET -- A 6 to 18 month period when the kids get no allowance, the wife gets no jewelry, and the husband gets no sex.

VALUE INVESTING -- The art of buying low and selling lower.

P/E RATIO -- The percentage of investors wetting their pants as the market keeps crashing.

BROKER -- What my broker has made me.

STANDARD & POOR -- Your life in a nutshell.

STOCK ANALYST -- Idiot who just downgraded your stock.

STOCK SPLIT -- When your ex-wife and her lawyer split your assets equally between themselves.

FINANCIAL PLANNER -- A guy whose phone has been disconnected.

MARKET CORRECTION -- The day after you buy stocks.

CASH FLOW-- The movement your money makes as it disappears down the toilet.

YAHOO -- What you yell after selling it to some poor sucker for \$240 per share.

WINDOWS 2000 -- What you jump out of when you're the sucker who bought

Yahoo @ \$240 per share

INSTITUTIONAL INVESTOR -- Past year investor who's now locked up in a nuthouse.

PROFIT -- an archaic word no longer in use.

(shared by Karen Elsesser)



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*Happy Holidays!!! See you at the
tea December 5th!*

