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NEW MEMBERS INTRODUCED



Back (left-right): Peggy Nichols, Fran Rush, Dana Pray, Lorraine Green, Carol Rossio, Jan Day
Front: Kim Freiburger, Jessica Edel, Katie Dornbos

(Bios and contact information will be emailed to members in a separate document.)

Speaker: Janice O'Donnell

From Eaton Rapids. She is an advocate for Prescription Drug Abuse Awareness. Janice gave a heart-felt talk on the loss of her daughter, Holly, due to prescription drug overdose. She said, "Choose to be responsible for your pain control. Your life may depend on it."



Heifer International



This is the time of the year when your mailbox is filled with sales flyers, gift catalogs, and requests for donations from many worthy causes. Deal with all that mail however you choose, but here's a cause I hope you will consider because it keeps on giving even after your financial support has been expended.

Heifer International is an excellent investment of your contribution because it provides gifts of livestock and training in animal care and environmentally sound agricultural practices that reap rewards for years to come. Our organization could decide to provide, chickens, ducks, sheep, goats, water buffalo, llamas, bees, or trees seedlings. Here are some examples. If a partner family is given a cow, they will have milk to drink and sell. The cow manure will be used to fertilize their fields and increase the productivity of the land. There will be a calf to pass on to another family in need and further expand the effects of our investment. Ducks provide project partners protein in their diets from the duck eggs, money in their pockets from selling eggs and ducks, and better crops in the fields as ducks remove weeds and bugs and add fertilizer. For \$25, we could provide a share of a water buffalo that can lead a hungry family out of poverty and give them a chance for a future free from hunger. A farmer can plant four times more rice with a water buffalo than by hand. The gift keeps on giving!

This is a charity (501(c)(3)) that GFWC-Charlotte has supported in the past and that we hope to continue supporting now and in the future. Please look for the display and the box for contributions at the December Tea. If you want to write a check, make it payable to Heifer International so that it will be tax deductible. Combining your contribution with that of other members means that we can make a significant impact of the life of someone else who needs our help. Merry Christmas to all – and to all a hope for a better future.



Take items to the Ski Loft by the second week in December.



"It is a good plan to have a book with you in all places and at all times." Oliver Wendell Holmes

The GFWC women of **Tea and Tomes** have *The Prize Winner of Defiance, Ohio; How My Mother Raised 10 Kids on 25 Words or Less*, by Terry Ryan on our reading list for November. We will be discussing this book which introduces Evelyn Ryan, an enterprising woman who kept poverty at bay and her 10 children fed and clothed with wit, poetry, and perfect prose during the contest era of the 1950's and '60's. This is the true story of a woman who composed her words at the ironing board and kept her family afloat by writing jingles and contest entries. Read how Evelyn Ryan won every appliance her family ever owned, as well as cars, television sets, bicycles, watches, and even trips to New York, Dallas, and Switzerland. Our discussion will be led by "our own" Elizabeth Siler, from Defiance, Ohio, who will add a very personal touch to the story. Please plan to join us on Tuesday, November 24, at 1:00pm at the Charlotte Community Library. Refreshments and tea will be served, or you may bring your own beverage. We hope to see you then!

Sneak Peek: There will be no Tea and Tomes meeting in December. We will be reading *Year of Wonders* by Geraldine Brooks for our January 26, 2010 meeting.



Sandy Maatsch gave a tribute to former member, **Neva Mikesell**, who passed away recently.

Sandy was commended for sponsoring three new members this year!

Pictured: Sandy Maatsch, Cheryl Jackson, Mary Remenak, Janice O'Donnell, Margie Carter



**CHS STUDENTS PERFORM SONGS FROM
UPCOMING *SOUTH PACIFIC* PERFORMANCE**





BOARD TALK – MARY REMENAK

Dear Members,



Thanksgiving is only a couple of weeks away and once again, we are reminded of all we are grateful for. My gratitude is very personal this year. I am grateful for my family, my community and friends; in a special way, my club friends. Thank you for your kindness and support.

The list of this year's club successes make me very thankful to each of you who have given your time, enthusiasm, and talents. Here are some of this year's accomplishments since September:

-Home Tour-profit \$5,267.71

-Membership drive-9 new members and 1 in process

-3 General meetings with terrific programs

-Beautification-downtown urns

-“Girls Just Want to Have Fun...Again!” and we did! Bay Cliff will receive over \$400.00 in donations

-Siren/Eaton Holiday Tea-2 tables sponsored

When you are counting your blessings this Thanksgiving, please consider supporting GFWC-Charlotte projects at our Holiday Tea. As has become our tradition, we will be collecting items on the Siren/Eaton wish list and accepting donations for “Heifer International.” “Operation Smile” kits will be available to be picked up.

I am amazed to think we are already preparing for our Christmas Tea! We will officially welcome new members, honor Past Presidents and share holiday cheer. I look forward to spending this special meeting with you.

Volunteer hours sheets are due no later than December 15. Committee and Project chairmen, 2009 reports are also due on the 15th.

For those of you who expressed an interest in our Photography Interest Group, circumstances kept me from launching this year's program. However, I have hope for 2010!

Mary



**For every pink Yoplait lid,
Yoplait® will donate 10 cents
to Susan G. Komen for the
Cure®, up to \$1.5 M.**

**Save 'em, rinse 'em and turn
them in at the November and
December GFWC-Charlotte
meetings.**



Mini Trips Update – Jo Vanderstelt

W. K. Kellogg Manor House – Christmas Tea

Reminder - On Wednesday, December 9 we will be carpooling from the Charlotte Country Club at noon to the W. K. Kellogg Manor House for a Christmas tea. Volunteer carpool drivers are needed. For more information about this event go to www.kbs.msu.edu/visit/manor-house/events/teas Call Jo at 517-281-1301 for any questions or to be put on the waiting list.

Boarshead Theater Tuesday, March 16, 2010

The Grand Ledge ABWA is again hosting an evening at the Boarshead Theater. This will include a fabulous hors d'oeuvre Reception at 6:00 pm, the dress rehearsal performance of "Wait Until Dark" at 7:00 pm, coffee and desserts at intermission and a gift basket raffle at the end of the evening. This has been a popular event in the past many of our members and always sells out so get your tickets early. Tickets are \$25 each and available from Lynda Frantz at Eaton Federal in Charlotte.

Chicago Bus Trip, March 19, 2010

Back by popular demand is a day trip to Chicago. This will be on Friday, March 19, 2010 and the cost is \$70. This trip is being planned in conjunction with Charlotte Community Education and ticket are available at their office.

Please let me know if you have any future trips you might be interested in.

KALEIDOSCOPE – Friday, April 16, at MSU, Kellogg Center. Contact Linda Foster for more information. I need your payment by March 1, so make arrangements with me now if you are gone for the winter. 543-3041, ed@fosterdvm.com

Michigan Women's Historical Center & Hall of Fame (213 W. Main St., Lansing, MI 48933) is featuring, "Resourceful Women: 30 Who Preserved Michigan's Water, Woods & Wildlife," history exhibit through Friday, February 19.

MEMBERSHIP MEMOS

Sally Jewell – new email: jewellsara@att.net

Mona Ellard – new email: ellard@msu.edu Move to “active”
(Congratulations on retirement!)

Delete from your directories: Sandy Husted and Mary Taylor

Add nine new members to your directories from the Membership Update.

REMEMBRANCES . . .

Cheryl (& Moe) Jackson's daughter Christina Jackson engaged to Jake Campbell,
Spring wedding planned

Susie Moore, death of father-in-law

Carol Idalski, back problems

Dyna Lehman's husband – hand surgery

Nancy Holtz' **granddaughter**, *Syrina Lounsberry, great job in South Pacific!*

Birthdays and Anniversaries

November – last half of month

26 April Brooks
28 Brynda Filkins

24 Katie & Jeff Dornbos
28 Jo & Ray Gager

December

06 Mary Kroodsma

08 LeAnn Green
08 Mary Jean Baker

17 Kim Byrens
21 Stormi Stuler

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



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

January – first half of month

01 Carol Monroe
04 Fran Rush
06 Cheri Smith
07 Shirley Rann
08 Bobbie Kane
15 Nancy Oliver
15 Elizabeth Siler
15 Beth Wildern
17 Sharon Adams

01 Marilyn & Bruce Hart
05 Kim & Chris Freiburger
14 Elsie & Jim Wiltse

FOR FUN:

I thought about the 30 year business I ran with 1800 employees, all without a Blackberry that played music, took videos, pictures and communicated with Facebook and Twitter.

I signed up under duress for Twitter and Facebook, so my seven kids, their spouses, 13 grandkids and 2 great grand kids could communicate with me in the modern way. I figured I could handle something as simple as Twitter with only 140 characters of space.

That was before one of my grandkids hooked me up for Tweeter, Tweetree, Twhirl, Twitterfon, Tweetie and Twittererific Tweetdeck, Twitpix and something that sends every message to my cell phone and every other program within the texting world.

My phone was beeping every three minutes with the details of everything except the bowel movements of the entire next generation. I am not ready to live like this. I keep my cell phone in the garage in my golf bag.

The kids bought me a GPS for my last birthday because they say I get lost every now and then going over to the grocery store or library. I keep that in a box under my tool bench with the Blue tooth [it's red] phone I am supposed to use when I drive. I wore it once and was standing in line at Barnes and Noble talking to my wife as everyone in the nearest 50 yards was glaring at me. Seems I have to take my hearing aid out to use it and I got a little loud.

I mean the GPS looked pretty smart on my dash board, but the lady inside was the most annoying, rudest person I had run into in a long time. Every 10 minutes, she would sarcastically say, "Re-calc-ul-ating" You would think that she could be nicer. It was like she could barely tolerate me. She would let go with a deep sigh and then tell me to make a U-turn at the next light. Then when I would make a right turn instead, it was not good.

When I get really lost now, I call my wife and tell her the name of the cross streets and while she is starting to develop the same tone as Gypsy, the GSP lady, at least she loves me.

To be perfectly frank, I am still trying to learn how to use the cordless phones in our house. We have had them for 4 years, but I still haven't figured out how I can lose three phones all at once and have run around digging under chair cushions and checking bathrooms and the dirty laundry baskets when the phone rings.

The world is just getting too complex for me. They even mess me up every time I go to the grocery store. You would think they could settle on something themselves but this sudden "Paper or Plastic?" every time I check out just knocks me for a loop.

I bought some of those cloth reusable bags to avoid looking confused but I never remember to take them in with me.

Now I toss it back to them. When they ask me, "Paper or Plastic?" I just say, "**Doesn't matter to me. I am bi-sacksual..**" Then it's their turn to stare at me with a blank look.
HAVE A GREAT DAY!!!

Girls Like to Have Fun



**Over \$400 raised for
Bay Cliff!**

(Art work on walls belongs to students of Stormi Stuller.)



Message for all Skull Cap Knitters--

Please bring any finished skull caps to our December meeting. Judy Whitkopf will be delivering them to her contact person in Florida when she goes there for the winter. After that, you can bring them to any meeting or give them to Sara Biskie and we will mail them to Judy. If you still want to get involved in this worthwhile cause, Sara has the patterns and will be happy to help you if you have any questions. Since this is a club project,

REMEMBER TO ESTIMATE THE HOURS IT TAKES YOU TO KNIT A CAP. WE WILL BE TURNING IN OUR HOURS.



Membership Committee

You are invited to the New Member Orientation on November 19, 2009 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. to be held in the Spartan Room at Charlotte Public Library. RSVP to Cheryl Jackson at 517-542-1050 ext. 1683 or cherjack@hughes.net.

You may be asking yourself, “Why should I attend the New Member Orientation Meeting? I’ve been around here awhile!”

Here are a few reasons for you to consider attending:

1. maybe you didn’t have an orientation
2. maybe you missed yours
3. maybe yours was a *long* time ago
4. maybe you want to get to know and support our newest members who have joined and renew your commitment to our club.

What ever your reason, WE WANT YOU!

Please RSVP by November 16, 2009 as directed above.

Your 2009 -2010 Membership Committee,
Cheryl Jackson, Sherry Myers, Susie Moore, Elizabeth Siler, and Stormi Stuler

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.

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

THERE IS NO ISSUE IN DECEMBER!



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*Happy Holidays!!! See you
at the tea December 4th!*

