



**GFWC – Charlotte**

# **CLUB COMMUNICATOR**

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## **BEV TRUMLEY HONORED AS A 50-YEAR MEMBER**

Bev served as president 1983-84. She participated in our gourmet groups and has often shared her sewing/knitting talents and submitted gold-ribbon winning items at conventions.

## **NEW MEMBERS INTRODUCED**

Cheryl Jackson, Membership Chair  
Mary Stafford  
Jessica Sommer  
Peg Cameron  
Suzanne Hayes  
(bios & contact information in  
separate email update)



## **CANDICE DUNNIGAN MI AUTHOR**

“Horse Tales From Mackinac”

Candice was the November speaker at our general meeting. She had lots of information to interest even non-equestrians!



## Board Talk – Margie Carter



- The Board met on October 27. Cheryl Jackson presented the two new members' applications & biographies and each was approved.
- Lap Robes for Hope's Landing - group will meet November 19 at 1 p.m. for a robe bee at the Library Michigan Room.
- Remember that December is the last month to donate items for SIREN/Eaton Shelter. You will receive a Bay Cliff wish list at the February meeting and we will collect items for them in March and April.
- The SIREN Holiday Tea was November 7 and a table was decorated on behalf of GFWC-Charlotte. Five of our members helped with the table which won "Best of Show." Whoo hoo! (See photo below.)
- The Girlstown Auction was November 6 at the Soaring Eagle Resort. Three members attended and enjoyed the dinner and auction.
- The "express table" for those who must leave meetings early seemed to be a big success and made exiting a simpler matter.
- Barbara Fulton has a great, fun plan to keep us active and healthy this winter so be sure to pick up your booklet to keep track of how you participate till next March.
- We are now participating in the Great Mural Project and will accept your old watches through next month to send in with a dollar per watch for handling.
- The Book Sale has netted \$6 to date. Thanks to all.
- Don't forget to fill out your volunteer hour forms and if you were a chairperson, fill out that form too. They can be handed in at the Christmas Tea or mailed or dropped off to me by December 15 so I can write the ANNUAL REPORT. Thanks for all you have already done to make our Club a great one. Have a nice Thanksgiving.



**"BEST OF SHOW"**

# "EARS" REPORT . . .

## GFWC NEWS . . .

### **One Present, Two Gifts**

There's something for everyone on your holiday list at [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com). And, for every purchase you make at [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com), you can give two gifts with one purchase! Amazon will automatically donate up to 15 percent of your total purchase to GFWC. The referral funds we receive will help build stronger volunteer programs. For more information, visit [www.GFWC.org/GFWCMembers](http://www.GFWC.org/GFWCMembers) and click "Affinity Programs & Benefits."

### **2010 GFWC Ornament Now Available**

The 2010 GFWC Commemorative Ornament is now available for purchase through the **GFWC Marketplace**. The ornament features a beautiful watercolor of our historic Washington, D.C.-based Headquarters, framed in gold—a perfect gift for any speaker or clubwoman, or for your own collection!

There are also a limited number of commemorative ornaments from previous years available. Don't miss out. Order today. Visit [www.GFWC.org/GFWCMarketplace](http://www.GFWC.org/GFWCMarketplace) or call 202-347-3168.

### **GFWC Legacy Celebration Survey Deadline is October 31**

GFWC is planning a Family Legacy Celebration in May 2011 over Mother's Day weekend (May 6-8, 2011), at our historic Headquarters in Washington, D.C. The Celebration will honor families that have made GFWC part of a multi-generational tradition, and may include tours of our nation's capital as well as other special events.

### **Pledge to Avoid Distracted Driving**

GFWC recently initiated an ongoing campaign to curb distracted driving, one of the leading causes of traffic crashes. Distracted driving comes in a variety of forms, including texting, talking on a cell phone, eating, grooming, or talking with passengers while driving. According to a University of Utah study, driving while using a cell phone (either hand-held or hands-free) delays a driver's reaction as much as having a blood alcohol concentration of .08 percent.

Join GFWC in promoting distracted driver awareness by encouraging fellow club and community members to promise to take two seconds to turn off their phones before driving by signing the **Two-Second Turnoff Pledge**. Download the pledge card at [www.GFWC.org](http://www.GFWC.org).



## **AMERICAN MURAL PROJECT**

Join with GFWC members from across the country in being a part of an exciting GFWC Partnership art project. A 120' long, 48' high, 6' deep mural to be displayed at Winsted, CN is a tribute to working Americans. Bring watches of all types to be incorporated into a panel in the mural symbolizing the hours GFWC volunteers give to their communities. (Also, please include a \$1 donation/watch to cover costs of adhesives and mailing.) A collection basket will be available at the December meeting.



## New for the New Year

**Reservations:** We now have a back-up plan. If you are unable to bring your meeting reservation to either HGB Gift Shop or Christensen's Furniture, you can email [sylviacollesmg@gmail.com](mailto:sylviacollesmg@gmail.com) to make your reservation. You will receive a reply to your message confirming your reservation. The deadline will be the same – noon, Saturday of the week prior to the meeting. Please have the exact change or a check ready when you arrive at the meeting. Because a meal will have been ordered, you must cancel your reservation by the same deadline to avoid being charged for the meeting. Also, you may make and pay for reservations for the next meeting at a current meeting.

**Announcements at Meetings:** Is there something happening in one of the other activities or organizations you are involved in that you would like to share with everyone? We will be happy to announce it for you. Write two or three sentences and give it to Sylvia. She will make the announcement for you at the end of the meeting. We'll try this for a few months and then check with you to see what you think about this way of networking.

## UNIQUE CENTERPIECES AT OUR MEETING. MADE BY

Carol Idalski & Sherry Pabst

Thanks for sharing your talents!



**TEA AND TOMES:** Our GFWC book discussion group will be meeting on Tuesday, November 23 at 12:45 in the Spartan Room of the Charlotte Community Library. This month's discussion will center on the nonfiction book, ***The Zookeeper's Wife* by Diane Ackerman.** When Germany invaded Poland, Stuka

bombers devastated Warsaw--and the city's zoo along with it. Zookeepers Jan and Antonina Zabinski, begin smuggling Jews into empty cages. Ammunition was buried in the elephant enclosure and explosives were stashed in the animal hospital. Antonina keeps her household (including human and animal inhabitants) afloat. She refused to give in to the penetrating fear of discovery. Ackerman manages to write, with sensitivity, about acts of war and acts of grace. Please join us for our discussion!



**Sneak Peak for January 25: *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett**



At its November meeting, the **Photo Interest Group** enjoyed a presentation by Val Hoffman, former district Ritz Camera manager. It was a terrific opportunity for us to learn how to use our cameras effectively, build our confidence and take more artful photos.

Eleven members submitted photos to our Monthly Photo Sharing and eight were voted as Pick of the Month!

Our next meeting is Dec.9 at the Charlotte Community Library at 12:30. If you own a camera, you are invited to join us...expertise is not required! Contact Mary Remenak (541-0383) for more information.



## KIND News Update

Dear GFWC-Charlotte members,

I'd like to share a few comments received from some of the teachers receiving KIND News this year:

- Thank you so much for providing KIND News to our classroom. My students love it!*
- Great periodical!*
- It is a great publication!*
- Thanks for this great resource.*
- We enjoy reading the material and appreciate the opportunity to receive it.*
- Greatly appreciated as it works well with our instruction on non-fiction reading & magazines.*

Isn't it great to hear such positive comments from these educators, most of whom are receiving KIND News for the first time this year? Reinforcing kindness in children with their peers, animals, and the environment is the focus of this wonderful publication. GFWC-Charlotte and its members currently sponsor 25 classrooms, reaching over 650 students. I'd like to thank and acknowledge these sponsors: Doug & Nola Buck, Margie Carter, Marlene Darin, Jan Day, Lee Falik, Sue Farlin, Fran Fuller, Barbara Fulton, Lorraine Green, Carol Idalski, Roberta Kane, Mary Kroodsma, Sharon Kubica, Marilyn Monroe-Hart, Ruth "Mike" Pawli, Shirley Rann (2 classrooms), Mary Remenak, Carol Rossio, Nathalie Weseman, Gloria Wilson and Lola Wilson. In addition to the individual sponsorships, our club sponsored four classrooms this year.

It's never too early to consider sponsorship for the 2011-2012 school year and I have a list of teachers not receiving KIND News currently that would like to. Official enrollment will begin in March but please feel free to contact me any time with questions or to sign-on.

Thank you.  
Carol Rossio  
KIND News Coordinator  
[cjrossio@hotmail.com](mailto:cjrossio@hotmail.com)

# Homeless Awareness Week November 14-20 for SIREN/Eaton Shelter

Need: paper products, disposable diapers, personal need items, cleaning supplies, feminine hygiene products, coffee, baby food formula, wipes, microwave meals, canned pasta and stew, chunky soup, tuna, canned fruit, pens, copy paper and binders.



**Take items to the December meeting or contact Margie Carter.**



**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 December GFWC-Charlotte meeting.**

# CRAFT CLASS



Margie Carter, Sandy Maatsch, Carol Idalski and Stormi Stuler attended. We had a great time and made several bud vases each. The next class will be a beaded bracelet in April.

Remember to get your articles in by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month for *The Club Communicator* to:  
Linda Foster, 316 Beech St., Charlotte, MI 48813; 543-3041;  
[ed@fosterdvm.com](mailto:ed@fosterdvm.com)

## Mini Trips Update – Jo Vanderstelt



Forty-four members and guests went to Southern Exposure for dinner and hints on decorating for the holidays. Pictured is the cook who shared recipes and goodies to taste.

### **KALEIDOSCOPE**

Friday, April 29 – save the date. Contact Linda Foster 517-543-3041, [ed@fosterdvm.com](mailto:ed@fosterdvm.com) to get on the list. Be sure she knows how to contact you in January & February.



## 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

17 Kim Byrens  
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  
06 Cheri Smith  
07 Shirley Rann  
08 Bobbie Kane  
11 Jessica Sommer  
15 Nancy Oliver  
15 Elizabeth Siler  
15 Beth Wildern  
17 Sharon Adams

01 Marilyn & Bruce Hart  
04 Jessica & Gerald Sommer  
05 Kim & Chris Freiburger  
14 Elsie & Jim Wiltse

## REMEMBRANCES . . .

**Nola Buck** – hand surgery

**Vivian Flower** – hip surgery – now in Medical Care Facility for a month

**Marian Johnson** - cataract surgery

**Carol Rosio** – knee surgery

**Doris Ballard (former member & past president)** – death of her husband, Bob.

Former GFWC member, Mary Kroodsma, and her husband, Ray, have recently relocated to be closer to family. Her new address is Mary Kroodsma, 334 Silver Fox Dr., Milan, MI 48160



*Carolyn Maier receives a Girlstown certificate from President Margie. Carolyn prepares our basket for the auction each year.*



*Bruce & Marilyn Monroe-Hart, Ed & Linda Foster, and Margie Carter attended the Girlstown Auction.*

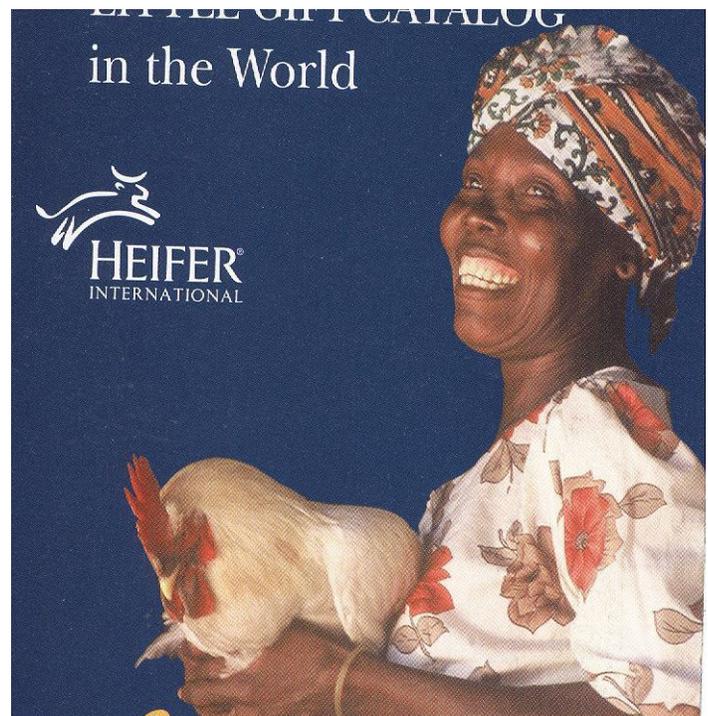
The Education Foundation Scholarship Application is available in writeable format on the [www.gfwc-charlotte.com](http://www.gfwc-charlotte.com) website. Contact Linda Foster for more information



Josh Holliday stars as Joseph in the Charlotte High School play. He sang a few numbers at our recent meeting as a preview to the performance. [The play was OUTSTANDING!!!!]

## Heifer International

Please consider supporting Heifer International. This is one of our projects that keeps on giving, as monetary contributions provide gifts of livestock and training which reap rewards well into the future. It is a 501(c)(3) organization, so your contribution is tax deductible. Make checks payable to Heifer International. Dyna Lehman will collect donations at the December meeting.





17 members planted greens in the downtown urns last Saturday! Dyna Lehman, Joyce Sparks, Stormi Stuler, Lori Pray, Margie Carter, Nola Buck, Ana Basterra-Sundquist, Sharon Adams, Judy Whitkopf, Sally Jewell, Linda Foster, Sandy Maatsch, Fran Rush, Kim Capps, Nancy Holtz, Beth Fry and Connie Miller.



Gary Holtz and Doug Buck haul the greens. Many passers by called out how nice the urns looked and thanked us for our volunteer efforts to beautify Charlotte!



You are Invited  
Join us for the  
Celebration!

**Holiday Tea - Friday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**Social Time 12:30 p.m.**  
**Meeting 1:00 p.m.**  
**Peace Lutheran Church**  
**830 N. Cochran**



**No reservations are required for  
this event where we honor our  
fellow members and  
celebrate the season with music  
from our talented choir.**



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