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2017 MYLEAD VOLUNTEERS



**Linda Foster, Dee VanHorn, Karen Krumm, Sharon Adams, Julie Dartt
Fran Fuller, Julie Dartt, Ginny Baxter, Carol Rossio**

Julie is the state chair and the event is held at MSU in the spring.



Pictured with us is Lauren Anderson whom we sponsored from CHS.



JULIE TADGERSON, SPEAKER ON "THE HOUSE OF PROMISE" 10-6-17



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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

**Travel Basket for Guiding Harbor
auction. Put together by Carolyn Maier.**



SIREN HOLIDAY TEA IN PARTNERSHIP WITH GFWC-CHARLOTTE
November 12th



*Kick-off the Holiday Season with a Tea for
Family, Friends, and Colleagues*

To sponsor a table, bring your favorite décor to make a festive statement. We will provide white table linens, or feel free to bring your own. Tables will be judged with prizes awarded to the top winners.

WHERE: ST. MARY PARISH HALL, 807 ST. MARY'S BLVD., CHARLOTTE, MI

WHEN: SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

SET-UP: 11:30 A.M. – 1:30 A.M. FOR TABLES

DOORS OPEN FOR GUESTS: 11:30 A.M.

SILENT AUCTION AND TABLE PREVIEW: 11:30 A.M. – 2:30 P.M.

LUNCH: 2:00 P.M.

PROGRAM: 2:45 P.M.

COST: \$80 (FOR TABLE OF 8); \$10 PER INDIVIDUAL

**REGISTRATION: CONTACT SHERRY PABST (AFTER 6:00 P.M. AT
517-652-1564)**

ALL REGISTRATION FORMS DUE OCTOBER 30TH

**DONATION OF SILENT AUCTION ITEMS: CONTACT DIANNE RABEY AT
517-543-3295**

**(All profits to benefit SIREN/Eaton Shelter, Inc. and GFWC-Charlotte.)
Planning Committee at work.**





Board Talk – Fran Fuller



Fall is usually my favorite time of year, but today it is cold and rainy. Hopefully we'll have a day or two of Indian Summer before the snow flies.



Jeana and I delivered 18 birthday cake boxes to SIREN/Eaton Shelter after our meeting in support of GFWC Advocates for Children Week. The number was smaller than last year, but when I went into the pantry at SIREN there were no cake mixes on the shelf so the SIREN staff was happy to receive whatever we gave them. As always, thank you for your donations and support of this project.

Our **Husband/Guest Night** is coming up on November 3 at Maple Brook Golf Course. It will be a fun game night of Trivia. Even if you don't enjoy trivia, come and enjoy watching those who do. That's what I'm planning on doing!

Also, November 12 we will be hosting the **SIREN Holiday Tea**. Many hands make light work so if you haven't signed up, the kitchen could use a few more members to prep on Saturday and to help Sunday. If you're not able to help with either of these, monetary donations are still being accepted to offset the cost of the food. See Carol Rossio or Pam Rinckey.

Don't forget to submit your nominations for **Woman of Achievement** no later than November 1 to Jeanne Tomasek.

Just a reminder of the importance of registering for our meetings before the deadline. This is true even if you don't plan to eat lunch. We need to have a place for you to sit at a table. This month we had quite a few members attend who had not registered. This is difficult for committee members handling the check-in and also trying to set enough places for members for lunch. If you're experiencing difficulty registering or are not receiving the notification, please contact Linda Foster and she will be happy to help you.

This month's Women's Health Theme is **COMPASSION** and the inspiring woman is **Dr. Elizabeth Blackwell**. You can find more information about Dr. Blackwell and National Breast Cancer Awareness Month and National Domestic Violence Awareness Month in the newsletter along with a link to learn more.

See you at Husband/Guest Night if not before!



Judy Whitkopf (543-6154) and Peggy Nichols (543-6934) are chairing the candy/nut sales for Terri Lynn Products. Orders are due by the November 3rd meeting for delivery by the December 1st meeting. Contact one of them for more information or to get a catalog. (Or orders may be dropped off at their homes by Nov.

5th.) They say, to SELL, SELL, SELL. Ask your relatives, neighbors and coworkers!

ARM KNITTING CRAFT SESSION

Thursday, November 16th, 6-7:30 p.m., old Court House
Joni Risner, Chair; bring a skein of yarn.



TEA AND TOMES:

October brings our reader together to discuss *The Curious Charms of Arthur Pepper* by Phaerda Patrick. Arthur has spent the last year mourning the loss of his beloved wife, and he had decided that it is time to go through her things. While cleaning out her closet, Arthur discovers a charm bracelet he does not recall being worn by his wife. Arthur takes us on adventures of self-discovery that are both exciting and humorous. Join us on October 31, 12:45 - 2:30 at the Charlotte Community Library in the Spartan Room for our discussion.

Sneak Peek: Our November reading selection will be *State of Wonder* by Ann Patchett. Dr. Marina Singh embarks on a journey into the Amazon to find her mentor. She comes face to face with her own past and the choices she has made in her life. As she learns about the work of her one time mentor, she must evaluate her own ethics and the research being done on villagers in a remote jungle village. We will meet on November 28 for our discussion.

If you have any questions about Tea and Tomes, please contact Elizabeth Siler by email at esiler@gmail.com or by phone at 517-541-3499 or 517-231-4886.



\$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, Relevant Academy (old Galewood School), and at the Charlotte Community Library. To fill out an application online, click on this link:

http://www.gfwc-charlotte.com/Downloads/Arts_Nursing_scholarship_application_2017.pdf The online applications are in a "fillable" format and will need to be saved to your computer, then printed. Completed applications should be mailed to GFWC-Charlotte; PO Box 464; Charlotte, MI 48813. The current GFWC-Charlotte president will add her signature to completed applications when they are received. The deadline for applying is January 15, 2018.



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Women's Health – **October 2017**

This month's Women's Health Theme is **COMPASSION**

Our **inspiring woman in health** this month is **Dr. Elizabeth Blackwell**.

Because...

Today, close to half of medical school graduates are women -- but the *first* woman to earn an M.D. after her name was Dr. Elizabeth Blackwell, who achieved the milestone by graduating from New York's Geneva Medical College on January 23, 1849. She supported medical education for women and helped many women's careers. She authored books and founded the New York Infirmary for Women and Children.



A short summary of Dr. Blackwell's pioneering life is at this page:

https://cfmedicine.nlm.nih.gov/physicians/biography_35.html

October is
Breast
Cancer
Awareness
Month

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Most women can survive breast cancer if it's found and treated early. A mammogram – the screening test for breast cancer – can help find breast cancer early when it's easier to treat. Our local hospital (HGB) was the first in the region to provide 3-D mammography, providing major improvements in detection.

October is also National Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Many individuals and organizations in our community are working to help provide better awareness and solutions to domestic violence, which is more common than we may think or wish to believe. GFWC has a signature project committee for domestic violence awareness and prevention, so this is a key issue for the club.



Women's health & well-being tips for this month:

- Show compassion for those in your circle of friends and family who are dealing with breast cancer.
- Be an advocate for prevention and early detection.
- Make sure you have 'checked the box' for your own screening for breast cancer.
- Improve your own awareness of community efforts to prevent domestic violence.
- Be a role model for respectful communication and relationships.

Links for Compassion:

- <https://www.theatlantic.com/health/archive/2015/07/mindfulness-meditation-empathy-compassion/398867/>
- <https://www.fastcompany.com/3037045/want-to-train-your-brain-to-feel-more-compassion-heres-how>



Membership Memos

Remembrances . . .

Hope Dixon – health issues.
Cindy Miller-Holley – health issues.
Marian Johnson – health issues
Sharon Adam’s son Jim – health issues
Jo Vanderstelt – cataract surgery

Birthdays

Late October

20 Donna W. Johnson
28 Shirley Hirt
29 Julie Dartt

30 Carol Rossio
30 Pam Jarvi

November

02 Martha Limauro
19 Nathalie Weseman
19 Carol Little
28 Brynda Filkins

Anniversaries

20 Mary & Brian Heightchew

29 Elizabeth & Steve Siler

31 Mary & Richard Remenak

15 Carolyn & Jeff Maier

Booklet Corrections:

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

Sandy Maatsch’s new address: 632 Emerald Dr. (she is under “Honorary)

Ginny Baxter’s new email: geegbaxter@gmail.com

Shelby Butler’s new address: 1056 Northway

GFWC-Charlotte November Program

Husband/Guest Night TRIVIA GAME NIGHT



The General Federation of Women’s Clubs-Charlotte will hold its Husband/Guest Night on Friday, **November 3, 2017** at the **Maple Brook** Golf Course at 681 Lansing St. We will be enjoying a night of friendly competition with our husbands and guest playing trivia provided by Tunes R Us.

The deadline for dinner reservations is **12:00 noon, Saturday, October 28, 2017.**

Please register on-line by that day. If you need assistance please call Linda Foster and she will help you. The dinner cost is **\$23.00**. We ask that you have the exact payment amount at the door. ‘No Shows’ are committed for payment unless their spot is resold. Social time begins at **5:30 p.m.** with dinner and program following at 6:30 p.m.

If you have any questions, please contact Pam Jarvi at 517-282-1599 or Sherry Pabst at 517-652-1564.



ONLY 4 OUTSTANDING – ARE YOU ONE OF THEM?

DUES ARE DUE NOW. ACTIVE \$40, ASSOCIATE \$50. MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: GFWC – CHARLOTTE, MAIL TO P. O. BOX 464, CHARLOTTE, MI 48813

Mini Trips Update



Mt. Pleasant

Note change in time

Monday, October 30

cost = \$20 & your own lunch & spending money, & money for drivers gas & parking. Carpool from Alive at 8:30am

A Day of Culture, Art and Casino (optional) in Mt. Pleasant
Begin the day with a visit and narrated tour of the Zibiwing Center of Anishinabe Culture and Lifeways, recreating the lifestory of the Chippewa Indians in our area. This will be followed by a presentation by Dr Suzanne Cross, retired MSU Associate Professor of Social Work and Elder of the Saginaw Band of the Chippewa Indians, entitled, "Healing through Culture and Art Shawl Collection." Dr. Cross will talk about the creation of her shawl collection during her recovery from a heart attack. She is also a cancer survivor. Then, we will head downtown, eat lunch at Max & Emily's Bakery Café, a casual diner on Broadway Street, and after lunch, visit Art Reach of Mid-Michigan, a small gallery and gift shop just two doors away. For those of you who want to head to Soaring Eagle Casino (optional), this would be the time.

Christmas at the Russian Room

Wednesday, December 6, 3p.m.

cost = \$10 – no carpool

More exploration of culture right here in our own community!
Storyteller & curator Inna Phelps will hosts us at the Eaton County Courthouse Square Museum Russian Room. Inna, who is from Russia, will share Russian Christmas traditions, music and tea, and share her extensive collection of Russian artifacts. Come enjoy a fun respite in your holiday season.

Any ideas for future trips let us know –

Jo Vanderstelt 517-281-1301 www.jovanderstelt@yahoo.com or Sharon Kennedy
www.sharonkennedy65@gmail.com

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

Kaleidoscope – save the date – Friday, September 7, 2018 – day-long program for women at MSU. Cost is about \$100, includes breakfast, lunch, kick-off speaker, key-note speaker and two breakout sessions. Sign up sheet at meetings. Sign up if you have interest in being contacted closer to the time with more specifics.



SIREN TEA PLANNING MEETING 9-20-17

As we planned for the Tea and sampled the food we will be serving, we also worked on our new fundraiser to help fund the Southwestern District Annual Meeting in 2018 which we are hosting. We put together 300 boxes and inserted coupons for Hungry Howie's Pizza. As you can tell from the smiles, we had a lot of fun!



Dyna Lehman, Dianna Rabey



Linda Lord, Chair; Ginny Baxter



Fran Fuller, Sherry Pabst



Sharon Kennedy, Carol Rossio



Linda Foster, Pam Rinckey



Barb VanderMolen, hostess

SWD Convention



10-14-17



Linda Foster, Marilyn Monroe-Hart, Jeana Rohrs, Julie Dartt, Fran Fuller attended. Linda was installed as SWD Secretary for 2018-20.



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