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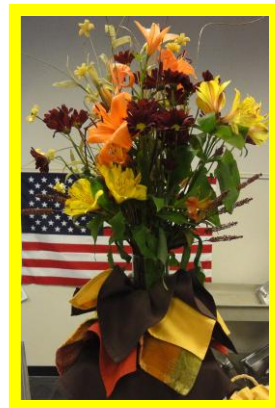
October, 2012



Speaker, Rita Wilhelm

“Getting Organized”

She said perfectionism and procrastination are related. Break tasks into 30-minute segments. “CHAOS” = can’t have anyone over syndrome.



Carol Monroe gives a tribute to member Eilene Christensen who passed away 9-3-2012



Jeannette Sommer told of the development of GFWC – Charlotte committees and departments, as well as interest groups. Arts, education, conservation, public issues, international outreach, and home life are the major categories. We have had several interest groups throughout the years including chorus, cooking, and book club.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness & Prevention Month



Domestic violence can happen to anyone, and that's why GFWC has fought to eliminate this problem for more than half a century. As part of our Signature Project, the **Success for Survivors Scholarship** program aims to change the lives of intimate partner abuse survivors as they take the next step in reshaping their future through higher education. In honor of October's Domestic Violence Awareness Month, make a difference by making a tax-deductible donation to the [GFWC Signature Project Fund](#). For more information, call 1-800-443-GFWC (4392).



**Prevent Child Abuse
America**

Partner Spotlight: Prevent Child Abuse America

Prevent Child Abuse America is the leading national, not-for-profit organization whose sole mission is "to prevent the abuse and neglect of our nation's children." Since 1972, Prevent Child Abuse America has led the way in building awareness, providing education, and inspiring hope to everyone involved in the effort to prevent the abuse and neglect of our nation's children. Contact Barb Shaffer at 312-663-3520 or

BShaffer@PreventChildAbuse.org for more information. In addition to PCAA's [Pinwheels for Prevention campaign](#), click [here](#) to learn more about how to prevent child abuse and neglect.



OCTOBER IS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH
Remember to get your mammogram!

GFWC Advocates for Children Week



GFWC has declared the fourth week in October as **GFWC Advocates for Children Week**. All clubs are invited to participate by planning events related to children. GFWC has a strong history of advocating for children and supporting projects to empower their lives. This October, plan a new project or revisit one that was successful in the past. Be creative and help continue GFWC's legacy of improving the lives of children around the world. Visit www.GFWC.org for project ideas and resources.



ABC Club of Grand Ledge – 125th Celebration September 18, 2012



Jeannette Sommer, GFWC – Charlotte 125th Chair
Kim Lauck, SWD President
Donna Brown, GFWC MI 2nd VP
Merle Taylor, President, ABC Club
Fran Leonard, GFWC MI 1st VP
Linda Foster, SWD Secretary – Charlotte 125th
Committee

The ABC Club celebrated with a tea. State, district, and GFWC – Charlotte representatives helped them celebrate. CONGRATULATIONS!



GFWC – Charlotte Participates in Crop Walk Dedicated to Connie Miller
Some husbands and dogs completed the team. Mary Remenak is still collecting donations through October 21st





Board Talk – Sylvia Colles



Another great meeting. I am determined to get better organized.

CIP: I recently had the opportunity to see all the boxes that contain our club's archives. It's a treasure trove! Our Community Improvement Project will help us preserve the archives and, at the same time, make them available to all of us. It's important to protect all the original documents, but it's also important that anyone who is interested in our rich history has the opportunity to explore it. We'll make that possible by scanning and indexing the documents. As I mentioned before, we will also be doing taped interviews with current and previous members whose memories we want to capture. This will be a two-year project and will require a lot of volunteer hours. If you are interested, but haven't signed up yet, let me know. We'd love to have your help. Our first meeting will be on October 19th at 10 a.m., at my home, 750 Linden St.

Reporting: There were samples of the hours report forms on the tables at our October meeting. I want again to stress how important reporting is. Looking at the archives and learning how involved GFWC has been involved in issues relating to women really reminded me about how important it is to show our strength. We do that by reporting our volunteer hours and efforts. When GFWC speaks, our voice is only as loud as our documented strength. The forms and guidelines are available on the website and attached to this email. The form is in two versions. The PDF form can be printed and used to write in your hours. The Excel form can also be printed, or, if you prefer, the form can be downloaded, and you can make the entries on your computer. The form will automatically total your hours for you. We'll be adding our volunteer hours to those of all other GFWC members throughout the nation. Fill out the form and return it to me by the December 1 deadline.

I'm looking out my window at the changing leaves. Fall is my favorite time of year next to spring. It was a bummer of a summer. Winter will be cold if nothing else, and that I don't look forward to. But through all the coming seasons, we'll have great meetings and good fellowship. Now I'm off to North Carolina to take a weeklong class on hammered dulcimer playing at John Campbell Folk School while Gary teaches a class on cheese making. If you need to, you can always reach me by email. I'll be checking it every evening. I'll start getting organized right after I get home!

CHECK THESE OUT...

www.gfwc-charlotte.com

**(THIS SITE ALSO HAS DIRECT LINKS
TO THE GFWC MI AND GFWC WEBSITES.)**

Check out our Facebook page and "like" it:

www.facebook.com/GFWCCharlotteMI



NEW!!!

www.imembersdb.com

(user name = your email; password = your first initial and last name)
Contact Linda for help to register for the November meeting online.
(543-3041)



GFWC-Charlotte program on Christmas Kiddies / Dolls

The General Federation of Women's Club-Charlotte will hold its monthly meeting on Friday, November 2, at the Charlotte Community Library. Fred Darin and Marty Latchaw will present a program on Christmas Kiddies and Lee Falik will have a display and talk about the dolls she and her volunteers provide for the program.



The deadline for reservations is 12 noon, Saturday, October 27. Reservations can be made at Christensen's Furniture or HGB Hospital Gift Basket. Members may also email their reservations and pay at the door by going to www.imembersdb.com. Your user name is your e-mail and your password is your first initial and last name. Click on "Go to Register Me," then "register now." Check off questions on page, hit "register" and then "confirm." (Linda Foster can help you.) If you choose to email your reservation, you are asked to have the exact payment amount at the door. "No shows" are committed for payment unless their spot is resold.

Cost is \$10.00. Social Time is at 11:30 a.m., followed by a lunch/meeting at 12 noon. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Dianna Rabey at 517-543-3295 or drabey@eatonisd.org.



Tea and Tomes: Please join us as we take a trip to Paris this month in our book discussion club. We will be discussing *The Paris Wife*, by Paula McLain, the story of Ernest Hemingway and his first wife, Hadley Richardson. The Hemingways are ill-prepared for the hard-drinking and fast-living Jazz Age Paris. Hadley's roles as wife, friend, and muse become ever more challenging. This book is a heart-breaking portrayal of love and torn loyalty and captures a remarkable period of time in literary history. We meet in the Spartan Room at the Charlotte Community Library on October 23, from 12:45 to 2:30, and copies of the book are available. Come for tea, refreshments, and discussion.



Sneak Peek: November 27, *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet*

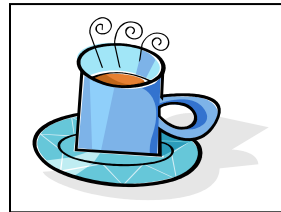


USED BOOKS FOR SALE! Are you looking for a reading bargain? Look for our Used Book table at every GFWC meeting. The prices of 50 cents and \$1 can't be beat! We welcome your purchases and your donations. The money collected is used by the members of Tea and Tomes for book-related projects. This past year, sales from the used books and donations from generous Tea and Tomes members, \$260 was given to the Charlotte Community Library for the purchase of sets of books. These "book box" sets are used by our members and by several other book clubs in the community. So, grab a good read for a good cause!

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Second orders delivered: General Meeting on December 7, 2012

Thank you for participating in the *Innisbrook* fundraiser to support GFWC-Charlotte.



We thank you all in advance for supporting this club fundraiser and hope you come ready to purchase at the November meeting. Profits from this fundraiser help support a number of the club's annual projects.

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

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

KALEIDOSCOPE Friday, April 26, 2013

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION MEETING



Thursday, November 15, 2012
12:00 P.M. – 1:30 P.M.
Charlotte Library, Spartan Room

New Members – “You are the Answer!”
Current Members – “You can share the Experience!”

All are welcome and encouraged to come.
Hosted by: 2012-2013 Membership Committee
Lunch Provided – no cost
RSVP no later than Monday, November 12 to Martha Limauro at

mmlimauro@yahoo.com

AS OF OCTOBER 16, “CABLESPEED” BECOMES “WOWWAY” FOR EMAILS!

HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHT

- November 5, 1954 – Past Presidents Tea
- From the minutes there was discussion of a donation to be made to Girlstown. The Girlstown Project had been under consideration by the club for the previous three years, and had been accepted by all State Federation Clubs as a worthwhile project for Women’s clubs in Michigan.
- Over the past few years, a substantial bank balance had been accrued, and not needed to meet current expenses. It was the recommendation of the Financial committee, that \$100 of the \$187.00 bank balance, be sent to the Girlstown Building fund, as the contribution of the Charlotte Woman’s club.

Membership Memos

Booklet Changes

Darlene Freeman – new address – 16913 Erins Way, Grand Ledge, MI 48837

Barb Thiel – new email thielb@wowway.com

Joy St. John – new email stjohnjl@yahoo.com

April Brooks – different email apbrks@gmail.com

VIVIAN FLOWER TO ASSOCIATE

NANCY OLIVER – RESIGNED & JOINED ABC CLUB IN GRAND LEDGE

NEW MEMBER – ELLEN FULLER

In 2010 my then fiancé accepted a job transfer from Nashville, TN to Lansing.

I was living and working in central PA, my son attending Penn State University. My son FINALLY GRADUATED & GOT A GREAT JOB (woo hoo!), so I sold my house, left my job with Highmark BC BS dental as their Trainer of dental customer service representatives and moved to Charlotte & married my husband Glenn Patraw.

My husband & I were raised in the very northern portion of New York state, right across the Canadian border, close to Vermont, so Eaton County feels much like home. We purchased a lovely home on at the end of a dirt road outside of Charlotte, as well as a duplex in Pottersville. We love it here! The people are extraordinarily kind & friendly.

Thank you for giving me an opportunity to join GWFC. I am looking forward to meeting people in the community and becoming an active member.



Remembrances . . .

Irene Young – death of her husband, Everett.

Barbara Fulton - father in hospital

Birthdays

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20 Donna W. Johnson
22 Connie Fast
23 Diane Joppie
28 Shirley Hirt
30 Carol Rossio
30 Pam Jarvi

Late October

Early November

02 Martha Limauro
19 Nathalie Weseman

Anniversaries

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29 Elizabeth & Steve Siler
31 Mary & Richard Remenak

01 Jan & Kris Kelley
15 Carolyn & Jeff Maier

Arts and Crafts - Card Crafting

Members interested in creating greeting cards for any occasion are invited to attend a **Card Crafting** event hosted by member Sharon Kubica.

On Wednesday, November 7, from 1:30 - 2:30 (maybe 3:00) plan to meet in the Community Library - Spartan Room for a fun afternoon.

Samples will be on display, and all materials will be provided but bringing a pair of scissors will be helpful. Those present will be able to make four (4) cards for \$5. Creative talent is not required but advanced sign-up is, with final sign-up at the November 2 General Meeting. Contact Sharon Kubica at smkubica@sbcglobal.net or 517-231-3204 with questions or to sign-up.

SWD CONVENTION

9-28-12



April Brooks, Linda Foster, Marilyn Monroe Hart, Dianna Rabey, Mary Remenak, Margie Carter and Sylvia Colles represented our club. It was held in Vermontville.



Mary won a door prize donated and made by Dianna Rabey – a beautiful scarf. (Margie Carter also won a prize, but missed out on the scarf.) Donna Brown, GFWC MI 2nd VP, also won one of Dianna's scarves. These were a big hit! Thanks, Dianna.

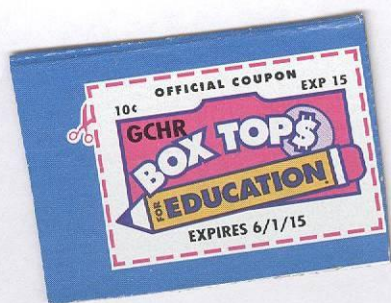
Celebrate National Recycling Day--November 15, 2012

National Recycling Day was established in 1997 to promote and encourage recycling in families, classrooms and neighborhoods around the country. It is one day to educate and motivate people about the importance of recycling to our economy and for our environmental well-being. It is recognized annually on November 15, to celebrate the benefits of recycling while providing an educational platform that helps raise awareness about the value of reducing, reusing and recycling-every day-all throughout the year. It is a great opportunity to teach others including children the importance of recycling and how small steps can make a difference.

KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL BELIVES that each of us holds an obligation to preserve and protect our environment. Through our everyday choices and actions, we collectively have a huge impact on our world.

Lets work together to make recycling bigger and better in the coming year.

Our small steps can make a difference.. Remember your Campbell labels, ink cartridges, Box tops for education, pop can tabs, old cell phones and from now until the end of December the "Pink" Yoplait lids.





Thanks once again to Carolyn Maier for a clever idea for our basket contribution to the upcoming Guiding Harbor (formerly Girlstown) Auction. The theme of the auction is a derby. She came up with, "A Great Finish to your Meal," and the basket contained mini dessert glasses. Contact Carolyn if you are interested in going to the Auction on November 17.

**BOOK CLUB TRAVELS TO WHARTON CENTER
TO HEAR AUTHOR ABRAHAM VERGHESE
OCTOBER 8, 2012**



**Dessert & discussion
followed at the
Traverse City Pie
Company.**



**Outstanding talk! Brynda's
question was the first one he
answered!**

Brynda Filkins, Linda Foster, Lorraine Green, Pat Greene, Carol Rosio, Sharon Adams, Kathy Tomlanovich, Connie Fast, Beth Fry, Mary Remenak, Dianna Rabey, Peg Cameron

Candlelight Vigil
"An evening of
hopefulness, healing,
celebration and
action"

Thursday, Oct. 25

6:30 p.m.

Courthouse Square

100 W. Lawrence



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