



GFWC – Charlotte

CLUB COMMUNICATOR

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**October Speaker: Carmen Kucinich
Victim Specialist with FBI and original member
of the Michigan Human Trafficking Task Force**



New members introduced:



**Fran Fuller, sponsor/ Diana Bosworth; Sylvia Colles, sponsor/ Sunny
Becker; Julie Dartt/April Brooks, sponsor**





**Five Club Members attend the Southwestern District Convention
In Three Rivers, MI, Saturday, September 28, 2013**

Dianna Rabey, Margie Carter, Marilyn Monroe Hart, Linda Foster, Sylvia Colles



Linda Foster was installed as SWD Secretary and Marilyn Monroe Hart as Guiding Harbor Representative for 2014-16



Sylvia accepts GFWC national photography award for Mary Remenak. Presented by GFWC President, Marty Groleau



Carolyn Maier put together our club basket to be auctioned at the Guiding Harbor Nov. 2nd auction.

GFWC MI Officers at SWD Convention:



Connie Hopkins, Treasurer; Fran Leonard, 1st VP (not pictured); Marty Groleau, President; Donna Brown, 2nd VP

The Home Tour committee is looking for storage space for miscellaneous items used biannually for the tour. We would need a climate controlled space approximately 4 x 6. Please let Karen Elsesser know if you have a space that could be used. (517-857-2727)



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. So, grab a good read for a good cause!



Tea and Tomes: Our GFWC book discussion group meets this month on Friday, October 25, at 7:00 pm to discuss *Annie's Ghosts, A Journey into a Family Secret*, by Steve Luxenberg. *Annie's Ghosts* is part memoir, part detective story, and part history. Luxenberg (a *Washington Post* journalist and Detroit native) pieces together the story of his mother's motivations, his aunt's unknown life, and the times in which they lived. It is a story about family secrets, personal journeys, genealogy, mental disability and illness, poverty, and immigration. It has been selected as the Great Michigan Read of the Michigan Humanities Council. Tea and Tomes will meet with other community book clubs this month to participate in the Great Michigan Read. Join us in the Spartan Room of the Charlotte Community Library. Copies of the book are available at the library.

Sneak Peek for November: *The Boy in the Suitcase*, by Lene Kaaberbol and Agnete Friis



Board Talk – Sylvia Colles



Husband/Guest Night: We have such an exciting meeting to look forward to in November. This meeting is not just an opportunity for husbands to be invited to join us. It's an opportunity to invite a friend to share in the fun. We'll all enjoy tasting wines with the help of an expert. Don't forget to make your reservation.

Talking: I've just returned from a week at John C. Campbell Folk School in North Carolina. One of the greatest pleasures about the folk school was that you had no television, no radio, and internet in only one building unless you had a fancy phone with satellite capabilities. Everyone talked to everyone, person to person. No texting, no twittering, no Facebook. It was wonderful. That's one of the things that I like about our club; the time we have for conversations with other members. Make sure you talk with our newest members.

Annual Report: Here's another reminder about reporting your hours and donations to any of our community partners or GFWC partners. If you make a donation to Eaton Clothing and Furniture, please report the monetary value. If you volunteer for Mobile Meals, report your hours. Remember that volunteering at the HGB Gift basket is not reported because it is not one of our projects. The half-hour presentation on human trafficking is reportable. If you walk at Al!VE, you should be entering your time or distance in the notebook. Margie will total all the statistics in her report. The hours reporting form and an explanation about what to report is on our website in the members only section. See you on November 1.

Membership Memos

Remembrances . . .

Marian Johnson – hernia surgery
Judy Whitkopf - COPD
Sharon Kubica – Herniated Disk surgery on Nov. 7



Birthdays

Anniversaries

Late October

19 Wendee Morse '44

20 Donna W. Johnson
22 Connie Fast '42
24 JULIE DARTT '61
28 Shirley Hirt
29 Julie Dartt '61
30 Carol Rossio '48
30 Pam Jarvi '52

22 Chris & Tim Olson '1994

29 Elizabeth & Steve Siler
31 Mary & Richard Remenak

Early November

02 Martha Limauro '65
09 Regina Sober
19 Nathalie Weseman '21

15 Carolyn & Jeff Maier

HUSBAND/GUEST NIGHT A WONDERFUL WINE TASTING EVENT

We are very excited to offer a wonderful wine tasting experience on Friday, November 1, 2013 at the Charlotte Country Club. Social time and cash bar begins at 5:30 with wine tasting and testing at 6:00 p.m. and dinner at 7:00 p.m. \$25.00/person

Patrick Sustrich the President of the Greater Lansing Tasters Guild will be guiding us through 4 kinds of wines and testing our knowledge and taste buds.

Come enjoy the camaraderie with other members and their guests. The deadline for reservations is 12 noon, October 26. Reservations may be made at HGB Hospital Gift Basket or by emailing their reservations and paying at the door by going to www.imembersdb.com. If you can't remember your user name and your password, contact Linda Foster.) Click on "Go to Register Me," then "register now." Check off questions on page, hit "register" and then "confirm." (Linda Foster can help you, especially with registering your guests.) 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.

2013 HOME TOUR HOSTS



Wally Bullard & Alisa Dyer
302 Warren Avenue



Ryan & Chrissy Davis
617 W. Seminary



John & Barbara VanderMolen
1550 Tina Lane



Dennis Craft
2249 Candlewood Lane



John & Aggie Lewis
4388 W. Kinsel Highway



Joe & Lori Pray
hosted
the dinner.

Dana & Tyler Pray
hosted appetizers.



KALEIDOSCOPE – Friday, April 25, 2014 – details TBA. Contact Linda Foster 543-3041 or ed@fosterdvm.com to get on the list to be contacted when more information is available.

WANTED---YOU TO HELP WITH THE SMILE PROJECT!

Volunteer to **sew** smile bags or dolls. Directions will be available at the December meeting or they can be e-mailed to you. You can either get your own supplies or pick up a kit.

For **dolls**: **donate** a yard of white, tan or light brown muslin fabric (no dark brown or black fabrics) or donate polyester fiberfill stuffing.

For **bags**: **donate** a yard of sturdy, brightly colored fabric (no religious symbols, war or violence themes) or cotton cording or sturdy ribbon for ties.

For video reports of the work done by the Smile project go here:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=8t9GJ-QDAAc#t=17

I will not be at the Nov. meeting but will have kits and directions available at the December meeting. If you need things before that call or e-mail me AND if you have donations I will be happy to pick them up.

Sara Biskie

(517) 543-0815 or sbiskie@sbcglobal.net

Mini Trips



Deck You Homes With Quilts

*Sunday, December 8 cost = \$8 in advance
carpool from Alive at 12:30 pm*

This afternoon trip to Hastings will feature homes decorated for the holidays and a quilt show at Foundation Hall. There will also be a quilt turning at one of the homes. This event is sponsored jointly by the Hastings Women's Club and Barry County Garden Club. If you are interested in going please email Jo at www.jovanderstelt@yahoo.com .

Trips carpool from Alive – park near the pavilion. All trips can accommodate only a limited number of participants, spaces will be filled on a first-come, first-serve basis. Non-members are always welcome to join us on our mini trips

Any ideas for future trips let me know - Jo Vanderstelt, Mini Trips Chairperson, 517-281-1301 or www.jovanderstelt@yahoo.com

Charlotte Public School Education Foundation Art Appreciation and Sales Event – November 23, 2013

In the fall of 2010, the Charlotte Public Schools Education Foundation received a major donation of art from Park West Gallery. The donation required the foundation to use this art with both students in the schools and the community at large to encourage art appreciation and further art education. Over the last three years, pieces have been on display at ALIVE, City Hall, and CPS Buildings with occasional displays at Evelyn Bay and the Courthouse Square Museum.

On Saturday, November 23, some of the art pieces will go on sale through a live and silent auction held at ALIVE - SOAR. The event will begin with an art preview and silent auction at 6:30 pm then entertainment by "Empty Canvas" - A FUN AND ENERGETIC PERFORMANCE ART SHOW -starting at 7:30p.m. The live auction will follow and include the art piece created during the performance.

Tickets will go on sale soon. \$5 in advance and \$10 at the door. Tickets will include entrance to the event and entertainment, appetizers and refreshments. GFWC-Charlotte members serving on the CPS Education Foundation Board include Marlene Darin, Carolyn Maier and Sharon Kubica.



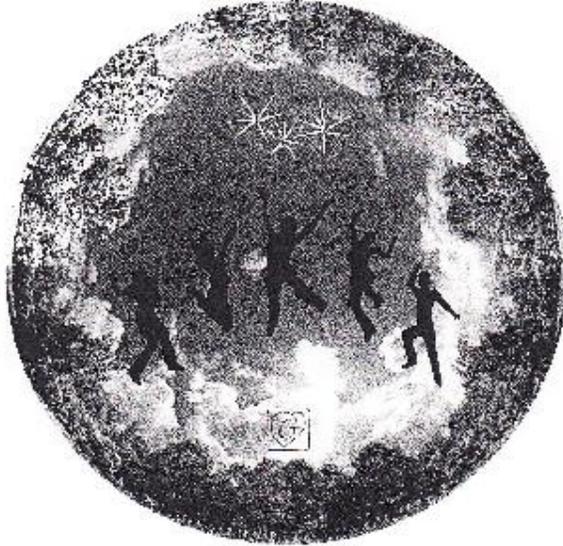
Bay Cliff Health Camp wish list: clothing, toys, arts & crafts

supplies, garden supplies, health supplies, housekeeping and kitchen supplies, linens for twin beds, towels & wash cloths (not white), maintenance items, musical instruments, supplies for nature activities, pool & waterfront, program, recreation activities. Monetary donations are always helpful, as well – either for the Suds and Duds building or for camper scholarships.

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

**28th ANNUAL AUCTION TO BENEFIT
GUIDING HARBOR/GIRLSTOWN**
In beautiful Owosso at the
Comstock Inn & Conference Center
**CELEBRATING GUIDING HARBOR
THROUGH THE SEASONS**



**SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 2nd 2013**

Silent & Basket Auction
5:00 pm
Dinner & Socializing
6:45 PM
Live Auction w/ Auctioneer
8:00 pm
Dinner & Live Auction Tickets
\$35.00 per person
until October 25, 2013
\$45.00 per person
after October 25, 2013

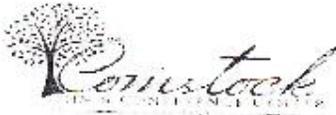
Plan to be there & bring a friend

Be an Auction Booster

Donations of goods or services must have a registration number by
October 1, 2013

You may also bring donation items or an item photo to any GFWC MI sponsored event
Auction meals and Donor commitment forms available at:

www.guidingharborgt.org



300 E. Main St, Owosso MI 48867
For Room Reservations Call: 989-725-0999
Use code GFWC when making reservations
\$84.00 per night (double occupancy)



OCTOBER IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION MONTH



FALL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Our Fall Membership Drive is going strong with 7 new members added to our club since September. Keep up the good work. Some of the misconceptions that have come to my attention about our club are; you must live in Charlotte to belong to GFWC-Charlotte or that to join you must be personally invited. True, every new member needs a sponsor, but that is the easy part. It is up to us to get the word out that unlike most of today's single-issue organizations, GFWC, through its six departments, has programs in the Arts, Conservation, Education, Home Life, International Affairs, and Public Affairs. This structure allows us to address the emerging needs of individual communities. Plus we are a lot of fun!

If you are aware of someone who may be interested in joining us, you can contact me at hobie7040@sbcglobal.net or 645-2573. More information can be found on our web site at www.gfwc-charlotte.com

Fran Fuller, Membership Chair



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