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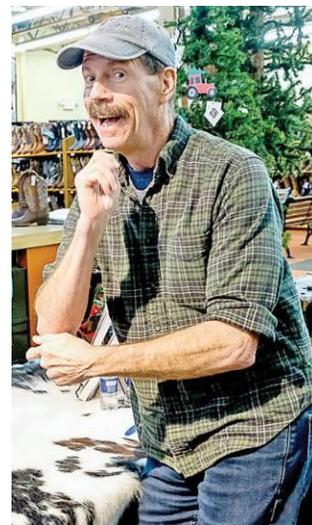
October, 2019



Speaker: Tom Daldin "Under the Radar MI"

**Wonderful edible
centerpieces!**

Sherry Pabst is so clever.



Chorus Sings



Mary June Garn, Pianist; Donna Leahy, Julie Dartt, Patty Retzer, Mary Heightchew, Lori Pray, Jo Vanderstelt, Judy Whitkopf, Carol Rossio, Val Reisen, Pam Rinckey, Pat Campion, Amy Krizek, Joan Hasselback, Peg Nichols, Patty Green, Director; Sandy Maatsch, Linda Foster, Jeannette Sommer





Judy Whitkopf (543=6154), Peggy Nichols (543-6934) and Judy MacInness (517-231-0388) are chairing the candy/nut sales for Terri Lynn Products. Orders are due by the November 1st for delivery by the December 1st meeting. Contact one of them for more information or to get a catalog. They say, to SELL, SELL, SELL. Ask your relatives, neighbors and coworkers!



TEA AND TOMES:

Tea and Tomes will be meeting on Tuesday, October 29th (5th Tuesday) in the Spartan Room at the Charlotte Community Library. We will gather 12:45 -2:00 for refreshments and discussion of our second book of 2019-20, *If Beale Street Could Talk*, by James Baldwin. If you are interested in joining our lively group of readers, contact Elizabeth Siler at 517-231-4886 or by email at esiler@gmail.com. Normal meeting date is the 4th Tuesday of each month. During our meeting you will have the opportunity to sign up to lead a discussion, provide refreshments, help with room set up and/or clean up. This month, Hope Dixon will be leading the discussion and Sara Biskie and Linda Foster are setting up and providing refreshments. Together, sharing the leadership responsibilities, we will have a very successful year.

Sneak Peek: In November, we will be reading *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens..

Join us on **Tuesday, November 26th, 12:45-2:00** in the Spartan Room for our discussion.



Support our GFWC-Charlotte Recycling Project!



Collect the following items: metal beverage can tabs, used printer ink cartridges and unexpired Box Tops for Education. Bring the items to our monthly meetings and I will deliver them. The beverage tabs go to the Ronald McDonald House in Lansing. Ink cartridges are given to the library and the box tops are taken to Parkview school.

Please Note: On newer containers, the Box Tops for Education are not clipped, you will need to scan your receipt within 14 days of purchasing an item. Here is what you need to do:

1. On a smart phone download the Box Top App. On a computer go to BTFE.com
2. Register and select the Charlotte school you want your box tops to be sent to
3. Scan your sales receipt within 14 days of purchase
4. In November report your total to Sara Biskie to include in the annual report

Woman of Achievement Nominations due by November 1st!

Contact Jeannie Tomasek for more information.

**EATON AREA FURNITURE & CLOTHING CENTER NEEDS
SHEETS, TOWELS AND BLANKETS!**

SIREN WISH LIST

- Handheld can openers
- Alarm clocks
- Sheets (any size)
- Pillows (new only)
- Blankets
- Towels
- Batteries
- Kleenex
- Cleaners
- Shampoo & conditioner
- Triple antibiotic cream
- Cold Medicine (all kinds)
- Laundry & cleaning supplies
- Paper towel/toilet paper
- Baby diapers (all sizes) & wipes
- Baby formula & food
- Gas & phone cards (any amount)
- Laundry vouchers
- Clothing
- Hats, gloves, mittens & scarves
- Flashlights
- School supplies/backpacks

Any & all non-perishable food items.

**SIREN/EATON SHELTER –
DONATIONS
APPRECIATED**

**Basket for
Guiding Harbor
Auction – made
by Amy Smith**



*October is
Breast
Cancer
Awareness
Month*



From the internet:

How would you write, “I changed a light bulb,” on your resume?

Single-handedly managed the successful upgrade and deployment of new environmental illumination system with zero cost overruns and zero safety incidents.

WELCOME # NEW MEMBERS:

(Contact information will be sent in an update.)

BECKY DOLMAN



Former member, 2015-17, rejoined. Becky was born and raised in Charlotte and raised her family here. She and her husband, Arnold, were high school sweethearts, married young and had five children: Ashlee, Nathan, Josiah, Silas and Emma. Becky is the Eaton Township Treasurer and was recently appointed to the newly formed Eaton County Land Bank. She loves being a mom and grandma to three wonderful grandchildren who live close by. Becky enjoys crocheting and doing family things.

MANDY STEWART



Mandy worked in education for more than 20 years as a teacher, principal and currently the Superintendent of Charlotte Public Schools. She was Superintendent of the Petoskey schools for six year prior to coming here. Mandy earned her Ph.D. from Wayne State University and grew up in the greater Detroit area. She is married to Jason and has two children. She enjoys reading, family time and volunteering.

Recent new members, Becky Dolman and Sue Steinberg, were introduced by Sherry Meyers, Membership Chair and President, Julie Dartt, (Mandy Stewart had to get back to work.)



We had a full house!

In addition to several spouse guests, we had:

Lea Greenfield



Lisa Barna



Eileen Phaner



Jan Sjoquist



Ann McClintock



Not pictured: Melissa Filkins, Tammy Crandell, Marylyn Bernard, and Kathy Parkinson

Dianna Bartolacci



Lori Kroll



SIREN HOLIDAY TEA IN PARTNERSHIP WITH GFWC-CHARLOTTE November 10th

Preparations are under way for The 13th Annual SIREN "HOLIDAY TEA" in partnership with the General Federation of Women's Clubs - Charlotte. The "TEA" will be held on Sunday, November 10, 2019, at St. Marys Parish Hall. This marks the 4th year that GFWC-Charlotte has hosted this event. The "TEA" is a major fundraiser for our Club. This is how we help support our community and our Club. With your help, this will be another successful year. This can be done in a number of ways:

SPONSOR A TABLE - - cost is \$80.00 (or 2 or more members split a table)

DONATIONS - any new or slightly used item you have at home could help with the Silent Auction

HELP WITH FOOD - we are looking for more volunteers to help prepare the food

BUY A TICKET - you do not need to sponsor a whole table, as a single ticket price is \$10.00. We have a spot just waiting for you!

If you have any questions about the HOLIDAY TEA please contact me at 517-543-6297 Linda Lord

ELIZABETH SILER IS COLLECTING ITEMS FOR THE SILENT AUCTION.

SWD Convention

October 11, 2019 – Kalamazoo, MI

Delegates -

Chris Reist, Julie Dartt

Linda Foster, Marilyn Monroe Hart

“Canine Companions for Independence, Veterans’ Initiative” – luncheon program

Memorial Service – recognition of deceased members in 2019, including Joyce Sparks, Donna W. Johnson, Joy St. Johns, Kim Bruce

**GFWC MI Administrative Reports
Club Highlights**

Adoption of new Bylaws & Standing Rules, proposed 2019-20 budget, election of officers for 2020-22. Congratulations to Fran Fuller who will be the secretary.



Just for fun:

When I was a kid, my parents would always say, “Excuse my French” just after a swear word... I’ll never forget my first day at school when my teacher asked if any of us knew any French

Our wireless doorbells sitting on their chargers....





Board Talk – Julie Dartt



It was fantastic to see so many of you at our October meeting. The Chorus sounded wonderful and Tom Daldin of Under the Radar, was a very interesting speaker. I'm looking forward to visiting some of the places he mentioned. In **November**, we will have a **speaker from Western Michigan University to tell us about food forests**. We may even schedule a mini trip to follow up on what we will learn.

This past Friday, Marilyn Monroe Hart, Linda Foster, Chris Reist and I attended the **Southwestern District Annual Meeting** held at WMU. Linda has been serving as the SWD Secretary for 12 years and is resigning at the end of the term. **Fran Fuller has been elected as the new secretary**. Thank You for your many years of service Linda! And Thank You Fran for stepping up to a new position. Other business that was transacted was the SWD budget. Our district **dues have increased from \$0.50 per person to \$1.50**, effective immediately. The budget passed but not without opposition. The highlight of the meeting was hearing (and seeing) two puppy trainers (and three dogs) about their work for **Canine Companions** for Independence.

Please remember to complete your **Women of Achievement Nomination** forms and submit them to Jeanne Tomasek or bring to the November 1st meeting.

We will be painting **Kindness Rocks** at the Courthouse on Thursday, October 17th from 10 AM to noon. Join in the fun. **Bring any rocks, paint, and brushes if you have some**. No need to buy anything.

We've got LOTS going on over the next month. We are all very busy. Please take care of yourselves. Stay warm, stay healthy (get a flu shot), stay positive, attempt to get enough sleep!

Working together, we will have another successful SIREN Tea. And everything else will FALL into place.

Julie





**Committee
Chair**



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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 .



GFWC MI ARTS AND NURSING SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE



Male or female, young or mature, current or re-entering students in the community are eligible to apply for a \$500 scholarship to pursue a career in the field of Nursing or in the Arts. These scholarships are provided by the General Federation of Women's Clubs Michigan and are in addition to the scholarships that GFWC-Charlotte awards each year to graduating seniors at Charlotte High School. GFWC-Charlotte has been successful in having endorsed several winning applications in the past, and would be pleased to again submit qualified local applicants to continue that tradition.

GFWC-Charlotte encourages any student planning a career in the Arts or Nursing to apply. Applications are available at the Charlotte High School guidance office, Hayes Green Beach Hospital administrative office on second floor, and at the Charlotte Community Library. They may also be found in a fillable format on the GFWC-Charlotte website under downloads at: www.gfwc-charlotte.com Spread the word and encourage applying. Questions? Contact Nancy Gensel, ncgensel@gmail.com

Completed applications should be preferably emailed to the sponsoring club president by **JANUARY 15, 2020**. Please email to: Julie Dartt@gmail.com (or mail to: Julie Dartt, P. O. Box 464. Charlotte, MI 48813).

The club president will approve completed applications and forward to Linda Foster, Chairman, GFWC MI Arts/Nursing Scholarships by **FEBRUARY 1, 2020**.

EDUCATION FOUNDATION



AVAILABLE

Want to learn something new? Pursue a new skill or career goal?

GFWC MICHIGAN Education Foundation: A Scholarship Program for GFWC Michigan clubwomen. Each year, our Southwestern District is allotted monies for scholarships. These scholarships are available for active club members of at least one year to pursue the on-going adventure of learning. As continuing education is the key to knowledge, these scholarships can be used for developing or enhancing a career skill; for attending seminars, workshops or conferences; for discovering talents or areas of interest; or for updating academic course work. Application is easily done by email and forms and requirements are available on the Club website, www.gfwc-charlotte.com on the *downloads* tab. There is a helpful Education Foundation Fact Sheet under the *Education Foundation tab* on our homepage. Contact Nancy Gensel, nc.gensel@gmail.com or 517-980-1202 with questions or for more information.

The purpose of this Foundation is to help GFWC MI club women with continuing education. It does not mean one must be working toward a degree. Our scholarships are meant to support our club members in learning more about what is of interest to them and utilizing this knowledge for the benefit of club and community. The ability to pay is not a consideration. Several of our members have taken advantage of this opportunity in the past.

LINDA FOSTER (543-3041; ed@fosterdvm.com), GFWC MI Education Foundation Scholarship Committee Chair

Membership Memos

Remembrances . . .

Sue Steinberg – death of infant grandson, Jesse.
Sue Farlin – back surgery
Sharon Adams – death of son, Jim.
Fran Fuller's husband, Dave – serious health issues
Sherry Myers – 2 knee surgeries

Birthdays

Late October

29 Julie Dartt

30 Carol Rossio

30 Pam Jarvi

November

19 Val Reisen

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!

Resignations: Sharon Kennedy, Lola Wilson, Peg Cameron

Move from Active to Associate: Carolyn Maier

Move from Active to Inactive: Charlene Sutherland

Move from Associate to Inactive: Kathleen Rathbun, Sally Jewell

Move from Active to Honorary – Donna Mae Johnson

New Members: Sue Steinberg, Jessica Doman, Mandy Stewart, Becky Dolman

Booklet changes, additions and corrections: Nancy Gensel's address is 5388

Line cut off in program listing. Add to 5/20/20: Chorus; Zach Coustan, MSU FRIB, 378 State St., Tea/punch/cookies

Cindy Miller: new cell: 517-588-1626

**DUES ARE DUE NOW. ACTIVE \$40, ASSOCIATE \$50. MAKE
CHECKS PAYABLE TO: GFWC – CHARLOTTE,
MAIL TO P. O. BOX 464, CHARLOTTE, MI 48813
Only 4 not paid. Are you one of them?**

GFWC-Charlotte November Programs

Friday, November 1, 2019 Monthly Meeting

"Food Forest" – Krystal York, Central Michigan University

A food forest is an agricultural system that is designed to mimic a forest by incorporating fruit and nut trees, shrubs, vines, herbs, perennial vegetables, flowers, and ground covers. It is a sustainable and low-maintenance system of food production that provides an abundant yield for human consumption while also creating a habitat to support wildlife biodiversity.

New Member Orientation

Wednesday, November 6, 2019, Charlotte Community Library, no charge

SIREN/Eaton Tea

Sunday, November 10, 2019, at St. Mary Church, starting at 12:30

SWD CIP PROJECT – KINDNESS ROCKS & YARN BOMB

SEPTEMBER 16, 2019



Mini-Trips Update



Co-Chairs: Hope Dixon – 517-490-7451; hopedixon@rocketmail.com ; Lisa Starr – 517-282-6088; starlis@wowway.com Trips carpool from Alive – park near the road by 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.

Eastern Market/Motown Tour, Detroit

Saturday, October 19 (prepay by 9/2) Carpool from Alive at 9:00 a.m.; return by 5:30 p.m.

Cost: \$16 (seniors 62+ \$10); checks payable to Mary Hope Dixon.; + gas money
Continued:

EASTERN MARKET AND LUNCH (EAT AT A VENUE OF YOUR CHOICE AS YOU SHOP)
The Eastern Market area is named for the 19th-century market operating here, with vendors selling everything from tacos to colorful produce every Saturday. Hip cafes and places serving classic Coney Island hot dogs dot the district whose warehouses are being revitalized with murals. We will arrive around 10:30-11:00 allowing you 2 hours and more to shop and eat.

MOTOWN MUSEUM (TOUR AT 2:00 MEET AT CARS AT THE MARKET AT 1:30)
"Hitsville U.S.A." is the nickname given to Motown's first headquarters. A former photographers' studio located at 2648 West Grand Boulevard in Detroit, Michigan, near the New Center area, it was purchased by Motown founder Berry Gordy in 1959. See the recording Studio "A" where music was made. Learn who recorded here and when. Hear the music and discover Motown.

Jim Crow Museum, Ferris University, Big Rapids (note, date change)

Thursday, November 7 Carpool from Alive at 9:00 a.m. & return by 4:30 p.m.

LUNCH AT NAWAL'S MEDITERRANEAN CAFE 11:15
Nawal's Mediterranean Eatery, Gourmet Cupcakes & Desserts in Big Rapids in-town kitchen specializing in classic Mediterranean appetizers, salads, hearty soups, entrees, homemade baked goods, and gourmet catering. Prices for lunch specials are approximately \$10.00.

THE TOUR (STARTS AT 1:00 AT FERRIS UNIVERSITY)
The Jim Crow Museum of Racist Memorabilia (JCMRM) on the campus of Ferris State University (FSU) houses the nation's largest collection of artifacts documenting Jim Crow and racist caricatures of African Americans. The purpose of the collection has always been to document a facet of American history, to shed light on the cruelty of racism, and to "use objects of intolerance to teach tolerance and promote social justice." Learn how the terminology of "Jim Crow" began. See how it is continuing today in society. There is no charge for the museum, but donations are greatly accepted.

Bronner's and Lunch at Zehnder's, Frankenmuth

Thursday, December 5 Carpool from Alive at 9:00 a.m & return by 4:00 p.m.

FRANKENMUTH - AMBLE AROUND - We arrive around 10:30-11:00 and park. Visit the shops and tour the village before meeting for lunch at Zehnder's.

LUNCH-ZEHNDERS NOON (RESRVATIONS REQUIRED) CONTINUED
Enjoy the great chicken lunch meals served family style. Choose your best part of the chicken that you savor. Price ranges between \$13.00 to \$16.00. Then we get to walk it off.

BRONNER'S (ASSEMBLE AT THE CARS AROUND 1:15)
Travel to the fabulous and largest Christmas Store in America. A little tidbit for you, John Wayne ordered a Santa Suit from them in 1972. Bronner's says the average stay there is between 90 minutes to 1 ½ hours. Depending on the group and driver, leave time from there around 2:30-3:00 for the drive home.

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

Mason **MOS Concert #1** – Friday, October 25, 7:30-9:00 p.m. @ Martin Luther High School, 2001 E. Grand River Avenue, Lansing, MI 48912; Edward Elgar –“Bavarian Dances”; Felix Mendelssohn – “Midsummer Night’s Dream”; Carol Maria Von Weber – “Oberon Overture.” More information – contact Donna Leahy.



RECYCLING

We **DO** accept cell phones. We take them to SIREN where they are given to their clients.

We **NO LONGER TAKE** Campbell Soup Labels. They have discontinued that program.

Thanks to everyone who brought recycling to our October meeting. If you have any questions contact Sara Biskie or Sue Pruden.



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