

GFWC – Charlotte

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BOARD TALK – NOLA BUCK



Welcome back to another year of GFWC-Charlotte. I hope you have all survived the extreme weather that we have had this year. I am looking forward to getting to know each and every one of you better. Thank you to all who stepped forward and accepted committee, department, board or co-chair positions. I truly believe that GFWC-Charlotte is dependent on each and every one of you to be successful.

The Southwestern District Convention will be held on **October 4th** in Kalamazoo. It is hosted by the GFWC Ladies Library Association. The cost for registration and lunch is \$15.00. We have been requested to bring baked goods and craft items to sell to benefit Girlstown. School supplies are also requested for Girlstown. Members are asked to bring gently used books that will be sold at the convention to benefit the Education Foundation. There will be educational breakout sessions as well as a “Make It & Take It” craft session at a minimal cost. I would like to see at least a carload of members attending the convention. It’s always fun to hear what other clubs are doing and to share “friendship time” with others. Let know if you would like to attend.

“**Grandma Janet Mary,**” author Janet Sinke, will be our speaker at the **October 5th General meeting.** The meeting will be held at the Spartan Room of the Charlotte City Library. The cost is \$10.00 with reservations due by September 30th. Reservations may be dropped off at the Linen Chest or Wildern’s Drug Store.

October 7th is our Celebrate Charlotte Home Tour. Mark your calendars and plan to attend, as well as encourage others to participate. The owners of the featured homes and the committee have been hard at work to make this a “must see” event. The Home Tour supports GFWC-Charlotte’s special projects as well as helps maintain our budgetary needs. It is important for **all of us** to take ownership of this fundraiser.

“**Holiday Decorating on a Shoestring**” is a class offered at Southern Exposure. Karen Elsesser has arranged a mini trip to this class with a stop at Turkeyville to eat. Check out the article in this newsletter. It is a popular class and you will need to sign up for it right away.

Our next **board meeting** will be September 27th at 11:45 a.m. at the Cochran Centre. Please let me know if you would like to add something to the agenda.

**DUES ARE DUE NOW. ACTIVE \$35, ASSOCIATE \$45. MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:
GFWC – CHARLOTTE, MAIL TO P. O. BOX 464, CHARLOTTE, MI 48813**



2007 *Innisbrook* Fundraiser

Distribution of catalogs: First meeting, September 21, 2007 or
After August 25, 2007 at The Linen Chest

First orders due: Opening luncheon, September 21, 2007
First orders delivered: October 5, 2007 (hopefully!)

Second orders due: October 5, 2007
Second orders delivered: November 2, 2007

Please note: Do not include sales tax.

When you turn in your order, please include cash or a check for the total amount of your purchase. Checks are to be made payable to: GFWC-Charlotte. Your check will be cashed when your order arrives.

If you did not receive a catalog by the opening luncheon, or, if you are unable to turn in your order at a GFWC meeting, you may pick up a catalog and/or drop off an order at The Linen Chest. (Thank you, Jeannette.)

Any questions? Please call Lee Falik at 543-6729. Thank you for participating in the Innisbrook fundraiser.



The brochures for **Uncle Al's Pecans** are here and ready to go for another successful year. These tasty chocolates, fruits and nuts are packaged in 1lb. bags. They are great for baking, snacking, and gift giving. The prices remain much like last year. You will receive the brochures at the Sept. meeting, and place your first order in Oct. with delivery in Nov. Order again in Nov. with delivery in Dec. Let's make this our best sales year ever. **SELL, SELL, SELL!!!!!!!**

Remember to save the **pink Yoplait Yogurt tops** to support the Susan B. Koman Breast Cancer Foundation. Turn them in with your beverage tabs and Campbell Soup Labels at our regular meetings.



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PRESENTS

The Celebrate Charlotte

Home Tour 2007

Sunday, October 7, 2007

10 a.m. to 5 p.m.



Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$12 the day of the tour. Club members are encouraged to do their part in this two-year fundraiser and purchase or sell the two tickets sent to them last month, as well as promoting attendance to the event. For additional tickets, contact Lola Wilson.

Tour Stops

1. **1845 Eaton County Courthouse**
S. Cochran Avenue (Bennett Park)
2. **Joe & Lori Pray**
316 W. Seminary Street
3. **AG & Linda Twitchell**
~~416~~ W. Lovett Street
221
4. **Freeman Loft – At Edward Jones Building**
Doug and Darlene Freeman
147 ½ S. Cochran Avenue
5. **Richard & Mary Remenak**
405 E. Lovett Street
6. **Kris & Jan Kelley**
137 Wedgewood Drive
7. **Larry & Sharon Adams**
1511 N. Clinton Trail (North M-50)

Tickets: \$12.00 • Advance Sale Price: \$10.00

For advance ticket sales send check payable to "GFWC-Charlotte" to: Lola Wilson
1482 W. Kalamo Hwy., Charlotte, MI 48813

May be purchased after August 5 at:
Charlotte Chamber of Commerce, Wildern's Drug Store
The Linen Chest, Custom Home Interiors
or at any tour stop on tour day

Sorry, tour stops not handicap accessible.

*For more information check our website:
"www.gfwc-charlotte.com"*

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; egfoster@cablespeed.com or to:
Gloria Wilson, 410 East 3rd St., Charlotte, MI 48813; 543-7618 or 541-5752 (wk)
wilsong@charlottenet.org

Please inform us of information—happy, sad, and concern so that we can include it in *The Communicator*. **IF YOU DO NOT WANT INFORMATION INCLUDED, CONTACT LINDA FOSTER BY 9/30/07!**

REMEMBRANCES

Bobbie Kane – health issues and the loss of a grandchild.
Gloria Wilson – hand surgery.

September

Birthdays

17 Bev Trumley

25 Nancy Holtz

Anniversaries

18 Eva & Eric Crandall

25 Gloria & Bob Wilson

27 Sue & Paul Berger

28 Laurie & John Newland

29 Carol & Lee Monroe

30 Fran & Dave Fuller

October

01 Judy Whitkopf

05 Sandy Maatsch

12 Sandy Husted

13 Lori Pray

14 Joy St. John

15 Marlene Darin

02 Sharon & Larry Adams

05 Donna W. & Richard Johnson

06 Cynthia & Bill Siarny

07 Diane & Ron Joppie

15 Donna S. & Leonard Johnson



Nola presents a check from GFWC-Charlotte to Cindy Larson, treasurer of ESRVA. Eaton Special Riding is a 4-H based Horseback riding and driving program for special needs people in the Eaton Intermediate School District.

Ladies--Get out those knitting needles, crochet hooks or sewing machines! Our Hats for Newborns project continues! Find out more about how to participate by stopping at the information table when you attend our first GFWC meeting. Also, if you've made some hats since our last meeting, you can drop them off there.



PROGRAM NOTES:

Thank you to all of you who attended our Brainstorming meeting last spring; your input was so helpful! All of our program selections came directly from your suggestions.

We found that your ideas fell into five categories: arts, community, education, GFWC, and health. From your 35 proposals, one topic from each category was chosen to give us a wide variety of programs. We were listening!!

Once again, in May 2008, we will come together to "brainstorm" again. Do you have ideas to share? We would love to hear about them!

Committee members: Kim Byrens, Sandy Maatsch, Mary Remenak, and Cynthia Siarny

EDUCATION FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

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. Call me for an application!

LINDA FOSTER(543-3041 or egfoster@cablespeed.com)



Fall will soon be here and I'm planning a **mini trip to . . .**

SOUTHERN EXPOSURE HERB FARM located near Battle Creek!

"Holiday Decorating on a Shoestring" is their most popular class this season.....The class will show you tons of great ways to decorate for the holidays using things you might already have and you will get some wonderful recipes and enjoy a holiday drink. Sounds fun doesn't it!! With over 150 decorating ideas, your home won't be the only thing that lights up the holidays!

Date: Tuesday, Nov. 13th

Dinner at Turkeyville 5:00 pm

Class at Southern Exposure 6:30 pm

We will carpool from Charlotte - join us for dinner, or just the class, your choice!!

You will need to call Southern Exposure ASAP (right now) to register and pay for the class. Please tell them you are with GFWC Charlotte Women's club group. Call 269-962-1255. Cost is \$35. **Classes fill up quickly so register right away.** (We can't wait for a sign up at the Sept meeting - it will be sold out.)

Please email or call me also to let me know you have registered with Southern Exposure for the class. I will put you on the list for our club of who is attending and let you know any other details!

Come join the fun and fellowship on this mini trip!

Karen Elsesser, Chair
Mini Trips - GFWC-Charlotte
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kjelsesser@springcom.com

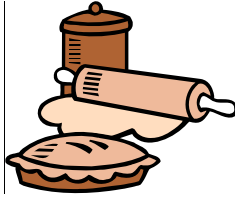


TEA AND TOMES Book Discussion Group will be meeting on Tuesday, September 25 for our first meeting of the 2007-08 year. Won't you please join us? If you enjoy reading and discussing books--both current and classic--we welcome you to be a part of our group. For September, we will have a "Member's Choice" format: each woman will bring a favorite book to summarize for the group. What have you read over the summer that you would like to share? We always welcome new participants! Here are the details: Tuesday, Sept. 25; 1:00-2:30 pm; Spartan Room at the Charlotte Community Library; bring your own book and beverage; tea bread will be provided.

Sneak Peek: our book selection for October will be The Secret Life of Bees by Sue Monk Kidd. Why not order the book on inter-library loan and begin reading now?



GFWC-Charlotte Fundraiser A PIE SALE



Your GFWC Board of Directors and finance committee would like to try a new fundraiser. Club members would take advance orders for home-made pies for the holiday season. After the orders are gathered, club members would join forces to make the pies for distribution. A committee needs to be formed to proceed with this idea.

The great advantages of this fundraiser are three-fold. #1 Our potential profit margin is great, #2 Our members could join together for some fun and fellowship, while learning how to make wonderful pies, #3 We could fulfill a need for delicious traditional home- made pies to grace Thanksgiving and Christmas tables.

If you are interested in participating, look for the sign-up sheet at our opening meeting!

NOMINATIONS NEEDED FOR 2007-2008 WOMAN OF ACHIEVEMENT AWARD!

Please take advantage of the October general membership meeting to fill out a nomination form for the 2007-2008 Woman of Achievement Award. The deadline for nominations is October 18, 2007.

This is your opportunity to help recognize one of our club members for her contributions to our club and our community. Who would you like to see honored? Who do you think has made a difference in our club? All you have to do is fill out a simple nomination form available at the October club meeting and give it to Lola Wilson, committee chairman (1482 West Kalamo, Charlotte, MI) or any other committee member: Sue Berger, Eva Crandall, Marlene Darin or Nola Buck on or before October 18.

The award will be presented at the December 7 Christmas Tea.



We continue to administer the Mobile Meals, Inc. of Charlotte project. If you would be willing to be a driver, please give Linda foster a call (543-3041) or email her at egfoster@cablespeed.com



WELCOME NEW MEMBER . . .

2838 E. Clinton Trail
Charlotte, MI 48813
B.D. 4/14

517-543-3135

9/07

dianekudson@sbcglobal.net

Children: Mary, Christine, Stephanie, Carrie, and Alex (adults)

I was transplanted to Charlotte 30 years ago this last July. My home is on E. Clinton Trail near Eaton Green Estates. I was married to Paul Hudson for 40 years; he passed away December of 2002.

I am an avid Gardner and have belonged to the Eaton Rapids Home and Garden Club for 10 years. I am an occasional Cantor at the Saturday evening Mass at St.

DIANE HUDSON

Mary's in Charlotte. I enjoy singing and music in general. I also attend the First Congregational Church and sing in the Senior Choir, the Celebration Sisters, and belong to the Blanche Moyer Circle.

I have volunteered at the Eaton Area Senior Center in the office and on other projects and love the camaraderie there.

I also have seven grand children.

I worked in Charlotte retail for 23 years ending at Smith's Men's Wear in 2003. I am retired and enjoy my garden, reading, knitting, traveling to Vermont and Florida to see family and Ireland for my peace of mind

Membership Memos:

Add Diane Hudson's information to your yearbook.

Change Virginia Lowe's email to: vlowe@cablespeed.com

Change Jackie Carr's numbers to: fax 517-543-7533

w. phone 517-543-7120

email: kenjcarr@earthlink.net

Delete: Brenda Berchtold (She hasn't officially resigned yet, but has moved away.)

Delete: Gail Nunamaker

Delete: Lydia McCauley

General Federation of Women's Clubs- Charlotte

Five More Would Be Heaven in October '07

Fall Membership Drive

GFWC-Charlotte is celebrating 120 years as a service organization with multiple generations of women in our membership. We need YOU to participate! Please consider being a sponsor of a new member to continue our strong tradition.

WHEN - August 15 – November 2, 2007

HOW - Invite a potential new member, as your guest, to the October 5th monthly meeting/luncheon
Encourage your guest to schedule a block of time of:
11:30am social, Noon lunch, with meeting/speaker, approximately, through 2:00pm

WHAT TO DO -

Pick-up the hand-out: *"Helpful Tips for Sponsor of a New Member"*

Give your guest the newly revised: *Member Application Form*

and *Club Brochure* (Get copy of the Application Form in the September, *Club Communicator* or by contacting Cheryl @ (517) 543-8020)

Encourage her to submit, by October 15th deadline: a completed application form, fees of \$40.00 (for 5.00 application process & yearly 35.00 dues payment), and a brief bio (bio preferably e-mailed directly to cherjack@hughes.net)

CELEBRATE -

Introduce **New Members** during November 2nd Monthly meeting/luncheon
Attend *"New Member Welcome"*, details to be announced...

FURTHER INFORMATION -

Contact a member of the 2007-2008 Membership Committee: chair Cheryl Jackson, Sara Biskie, Marlene Darin, Laurie Newland & Sherry Myers

*Let's Celebrate 120 years
with a Successful Membership Drive!*

Any member desiring additional copies of the newly revised Member Application Form (one copy included with this newsletter) and/or our Club Brochure, feel free to contact Cheryl directly @ 543-8020 or cherjack@hughes.net Otherwise copies of these and additional materials will be available at general meetings throughout the club year.

CHECK OUT

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