



GFWC – Charlotte

CLUB COMMUNICATOR

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Jo Gager becomes Honorary Member for 50+ continuous years of membership. She was president in 1973-74, and has sponsored many new members through the years.



Stupid computer
keeps saying
"you got mail"



NEW MEMBERS & THEIR SPONSORS INTRODUCED

Chris Reist – sponsor, Linda Foster
Jane Fortino – sponsor, Fran Fuller
Nancy Gensel – sponsor, Pam Jarvi



Board Talk – Fran Fuller



As I write my first “Board Talk” we haven’t met for our first club meeting of the year, our “Information Fair”, but I know I’ll enjoy it. We have several new volunteer opportunities available this year and I hope you were able to sign up for one of them and many of the other activities presented. If you missed any, look in your Yearbook to see who is in charge and give that person a call.

So many great things have happened this summer and many of you have stepped up and accepted the call to help. Club members overwhelmingly voted “YES” to partner with SIREN to host the annual SIREN Holiday Tea on November 13. One of the largest income producers for the tea is the Silent Auction. Donations are already coming in. If you have items of value that you would like to donate to the Silent Auction bring them to the September and October meetings or drop them off at SIREN and let them know it is for the tea.

What could be more important than our health? Each meeting Barbara Fulton will be providing us with a health tip, a quote and a link, which I will provide here, to read more about the health tip.

Our October meeting is just 3 weeks away on October 7, where we will hear about Rising Tide - Making Charlotte Great. October is also GFWC Advocates for Children Week, October 23-29. In support of this week, Jeana and I thought it would be fun to collect the makings for a birthday cake! We’re asking you to bring in any one of the following; a cake mix, frosting, candles, sprinkles, foil cake pan, etc. We’ll create “Birthday Cake Boxes” and take them to SIREN to be given to families who have a birthday to celebrate. Kids love birthday cakes!

Finally, I want to thank those members who stepped outside of their comfort zone and accepted the call to serve on a committee or chair a program. Our club could not exist without all of us pulling together. Thank you!!



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 9/30/16! (543-3041 OR ed@fosterdvm.com)

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





TEA AND TOMES: Do you like to read and discuss books with others?

If so, we invite you to join our book discussion group, Tea and Tomes. We meet the fourth Tuesday of each month, September through May, at the Charlotte Community Library's Spartan Room from 12:45-2:30 PM. Our first meeting will be on September 27, discussing the book *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman. Meet Ove: he's a curmudgeon. He's the angry old man next door with staunch principles, strict routines and a short fuse. But behind the cranky exterior there is a story and a sadness and the realization that one life has a profound impact on countless others. It's a charming book; please join us. Contact person: Brynda Filkins, 541-3698, or brynda@usa.net



Sneak Peek: October 25, 2016, *All Over But the Shoutin'*, by Rick Bragg

The Used Book Sales this year are being coordinated by Lee Falik and Sandy Maatsch.



ESO EPSILON SIGMA OMICRON Epsilon ten sautou hoden “Enlighten your own pathway”

ESO is an honorary educational society open to all GFWC members. The purpose of ESO is to promote a commitment to lifelong learning and self-improvement through reading. It is intended to offer a path to self-enrichment and personal growth for all members, not just those who participate in a book discussion club.

GOALS:

- To encourage clubwomen's pursuit of higher education
- To create an additional means to unite women in volunteerism
- To develop a support network for women returning to school
- To improve current and develop new study skills
- To stimulate systematic home reading and study with minimum supervision
- To encourage the establishment of home libraries and greater use of public libraries
- To encourage the formation of reading/study/discussion groups

RESPONSIBILITIES:

ESO members are encouraged to participate in club programs such as

- Reading
- Participating in reading/study/discussion groups
- Working to achieve higher ESO levels
- Continuing to pursue self-improvement through personal study

Reading is, of course, the main responsibility of an ESO member. Our book discussion group, Tea and Tomes, is a separate entity; one does not need to be in the book group to pledge ESO. Members may read from an ESO published reading list (available at GFWC.org/ESO) or they may choose alternate titles. A report form must be maintained by each member and forwarded to the local chairperson, who, in turn, will forward report totals to the state ESO chairperson. Reporting is done in late-December of each year. State ESO chairs will issue certificates and awards based on report forms received. A pledge form must be completed to enroll as an ESO member (download available at www.gfwc-charlotte.com). Brynda Filkins is the local chairperson; call her with questions at 541-3698. Every GFWC member is encouraged to pledge.



EPSILON SIGMA OMICRON (ESO)

This had been a wonderful year for our GFWC MI Epsilon Sigma Omicron chapter. We were recognized as the Category 3 ESO National Winners. Our eleven clubs, who reported their reading activities, read 4,834 books. But they did much more than just read for their personal enjoyment, they shared their love of reading with their club members and members of their communities in many creative ways. Just think what an impression we could make if all the clubs who have reading groups became ESO groups and reported their numbers and activities.

Below is an excerpt from the GFWC Michigan Newsletter regarding awards given to GFWC Michigan clubs at the GFWC International Convention held in Baltimore in June.....

***GFWC-Charlotte's ESO group was named the winner of the ESO Creativity Award for Category 3 for their inspiring progress and innovative programs. As a group, they read almost one third of the books read in the state and their "Book Club Boxes" that are shared with other clubs through the library was only one example of their creative outlook on sharing their love of reading.**



OUR MONTHLY BOOK SALE IS A BARGAIN!!



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 of used books.** The money collected is used by the members of Tea and Tomes for book related projects. This past year, money from the used books and donations from generous Tea and Tomes members, 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!

GFWC MI ADVISORY BOARD MEETING JULY, 2016



President Donna installs Ruth Ann Northon as GFWC MI 2nd VP. GFWC MI 1st VP Sue Johnson and Secretary Linda Foster observe.

GFWC MI President, Donna Brown presides.



Linda Foster, Marilyn Monroe-Hart, Fran Fuller, Jeana Rohrs and Julie Dartt attended from our club.



MY LEAD SEMINAR AT MSU



Julie Dartt, Linda Foster and Carol Rossio worked the MyLead registration at MSU in the spring. Pictured is Claire Kaiser, (sponsored by GFWC-Charlotte), and John Hoesli, two of the four CHS students who attended



Membership Memos

Remembrances . . .

Joyce Sparks – death of her husband Ken, May, 2016

Jeanne Carpenter – former long-time member and Past President, died 7-2-16.

Carolyn Maier – breast cancer surgery in August

Jo Gager – dealing with cancer

Birthdays



Anniversaries

Late September

17 Bev Trumley
19 Betty Crandall
25 Nancy Holtz
27 Dianna Rabey

18 Shelby & Scott Butler
18 Eva & Eric Crandall
18 Donna & Michael Leahy

27 Sue & Paul Berger

28 Beth Fry
29 Brenda Young

30 Fran & Dave Fuller

Early October

01 Judy Whitkopf
02 Marianne Struckmeyer
05 Sandy Maatsch
13 Lori Pray
14 Joy St. John
15 Marlene Darin

02 Sharon & Larry Adams
05 Donna W. & Richard Johnson

15 Donna S. & Leonard Johnson

NEW MEMBERS:



Hope Dixon



Jane Fortino



Nancy Gensel



Chris Reist

Bios and contact information will be sent in a separate email.

Resignations: April Brooks, Margie Carter & Heidi McNaughton – all moved out of town

Move from Active to Associate: Sharon Kubica and Sonnie Cody

Move to Inactive: Joyce Sparks and Kathleen Rathbun



**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, sent a card, visitor, listener, shopper, etc.? Contact Lorraine .

EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Scholarships

AVAILABLE

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 club members to pursue the on-going adventure of learning. 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 . Contact Brynda Filkins, Brynda@usa.net or 541-3698 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.

BRYNDA FILKINS (541-3698; Brynda@usa.net) or LINDA FOSTER (543-3041; ed@fosterdvm.com)

LIFE BEFORE THE COMPUTER

- * Memory was something that you lost with age
- * An application was for employment
- * A program was a TV show
- * A cursor used profanity
- * A keyboard was a piano
- * A web was a spider's home
- * A virus was the flu
- * A CD was a bank account
- * A hard drive was a long trip on the road
- * A mouse pad was where a mouse lived
- * And if you had a 3 1/2 inch floppy
....you just hoped nobody found out



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

www.imembersdb.com

(user name = your email; password = your first initial and last name)
Contact Linda for help in registering for meetings online. (543-3041)

<http://m.imembersdb.com> = mobile app

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

Booklet Corrections:

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

If you don't get reminded of meetings, contact Sherry Myers 517-749-6762,
Sherry-myers@hotmail.com (Most communications will be in the form of
email.)

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

Mini Trips Update



Trips carpool from Al!ve – 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

➤ **SEPTEMBER 22, Thursday** **ARTPRIZE in Grand Rapids**

Leave Al!VE @ 8:30 a.m.

Walking Tour of Artprize Venues; over 1500 works on display. Artprize is a global art exhibition and competition & is the most-attended public art event on the planet (no kidding!).

www.artprize.org

Cost: Your lunch and contribution for gas & parking.

➤ **OCTOBER 19, Wednesday** **Amish Day**

Leave AL!VE @ 8:15 a.m.

Spend the day in our own back yard discovering Eaton County's Amish community. Among our visits we will be an Amish home, a working farm, an in session school, and shops. Mid-day we will enjoy an Amish chicken dinner with all the fix'ins. Plan your dress and footwear for this full day in the country. Cost: \$20

➤ **DECEMBER 7, Wednesday** **High Tea at The Whitney - Detroit**

Leave AL!VE @ 11:00 a.m.

Travel to another time and place for the Holidays – all inside one day! We'll start our visit with a tour of the renowned Whitney Mansion, decorated for the season and enjoy a traditional High Tea.

<http://www.thewhitney.com/about><http://www.thewhitney.com/events/High-Tea>

Cost: \$39 (\$10 for tour & \$29 for tea) plus gas & parking

Any ideas for future trips let us know –

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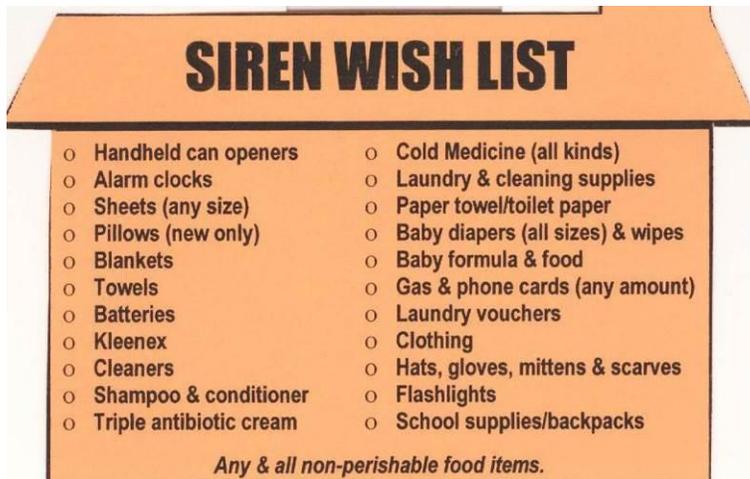
Mini-trip to Midland, MI Café Zinc & Alden B. Dow House – Jo Vanderstelt, Ellen Fuller, Mary Remenak, Jan Day, Marianne Struckmeyer, Sandra Guernsey, Carol Lyn Little, Patty Retzer (5-20-16)



URN PLANTING 5-21-16



SIREN/EATON SHELTER – DONATIONS APPRECIATED.



GFWC-Charlotte October Program

Rising Tide Making Charlotte Great

The General Federation of Women's Clubs-Charlotte will hold its monthly meeting on Friday, October 7, 2016 at the Eaton Area Senior Center, 804 S. Cochran. Yvonne Ridge will be speaking at this meeting about the programs that are currently in the works for making Charlotte an even better place to live and work.

The deadline for luncheon reservations is **12:00 noon, Saturday, October 1, 2016.** Please register on-line by that day. If you need assistance please call Linda Foster and she will help you. The luncheon cost is \$10.00. 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 11:30 a.m. with lunch and meeting following at 12:00 noon.

If you have any questions, please contact Fran Fuller at 517-645-2573.

10th Annual SIREN Holiday Tea

In Partnership with GFWC-Charlotte



*Kick-off the Holiday Season with a Beautiful Holiday Tea
and Invite your Family, Friends, and Colleagues!*

*To sponsor a table, bring your favorite décor to make a festive table statement.
White table linens will be provided, or feel free to bring your own.
Tables will be judged and prizes awarded to the six winning tables.*

- WHEN:** Sunday, November 13, 2016
- WHERE:** St. Mary Parish Hall
807 St. Mary's Blvd., Charlotte, MI
- SET-UP:** 12:00 noon -1:30 p.m. Decorate the tables
- DOORS OPEN:** 1:30 p.m. View the lovely tables
Bid on Silent Auction items
- PROGRAM:** 2:30 p.m. The Holiday Tea begins
- COST:** \$80 to Sponsor a Table
This fee includes admission for eight guests.
- ADMISSION:** \$10 for walk-in guests who are not at a sponsored table

This year's menu includes light hors d'oeuvres and luscious desserts.

To receive a table registration form, please contact Sherry Pabst at:
2752 E. Clinton Trail, Charlotte, MI 48813
Phone: 517.652.1564 after 6 p.m.; Email: sherrypabst@yahoo.com
Registration forms are due by October 30.

All profits to benefit SIREN/Eaton Shelter, Inc. and GFWC-Charlotte

**KALEIDOSCOPE 2016 - SUZANNE DE PASSE, KEYNOTE SPEAKER; ELLIOT
ENGEL KICKOFF SPEAKER - MSU - September 9, 2016**

21 one of us attended this year



SWD Convention

September 22nd at
Hastings, MI

FUN OPENING MEETING

SEPTEMBER 16TH



Chorus sang for us. Pianist/Director Patty Greene



Julie Dartt, Carolyn Maier, Chris Reist, Mary Heightchew, Jane Karlzan, Pam Rinckey, Lori Pray, Jo Vanderstelt, Judy Whitkopf, Carol Rossio, Patty Retzer, Peg Nichols, Marian Johnson, Sandy Maatsch, Linda Foster, Jeannette Sommer, Joan Hasselback



Information Fair – chairs gave a presentation of all of our activities and sign-up sheets were available.

Items were collected for SIREN/Eaton Shelter and the Eaton Furniture and Clothing Center

Carolyn Maier, Guiding Harbor/Girlstown Chair put a basket together to raffle off at the Nov. 5th Auction. (Contact her to see about getting tickets.)





From the minutes of April 2, 1937

Here's another excerpt from minutes showing service has always been an important aspect of our club. You'll notice that there is something that has changed with the times, and that is how members are referred to. In minutes and member lists of earlier years, members are always noted by their husband's name. (We've come a long way baby!)

Mrs. Johnson announced that the club had bought twenty dollars' worth of Crippled Children Seals to be sold among the club members. She appointed Mrs. Richard Shaul, Mrs. Walter Parker, Mrs. Robert Townsend and Mrs. Walter Curtiss as a committee to sell seals.

Here's something that has not changed. Our members have always been voracious readers.

Mrs. D.J. Wright, as club reviewer, recommended the following books, and reviewed each briefly: "Being Little in Cambridge Where Everybody Else is Big," by Eleanor Abbot. "Getting Along with People", by Milton Wright. "Inside Europe". By John Gunther. "The Arrangement of Flowers", by Mrs. ? (name not legible) Those might not make it to the list of books that Tea and Tomes are going to read and discuss this program year!

In case you are interested, one used copy of *Being Little* is available from Amazon *Inside Europe* has been reprinted. It's about the state of the world as the greatest war in human history was just beginning, comprehensively analyzed by one of the foremost historians of the last century. Although this book has been revised and reprinted many, many times, the 1938 pre-WWII edition is extremely rare and has become a highly sought-after collectors' item. It amazes and inspires what a wide range of topics our members read in 1937.



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