



# GFWC – Charlotte

## CLUB COMMUNICATOR

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Chris presented a tin Santa that she made as a thank you gift to Julie. (This is the in-person version.)

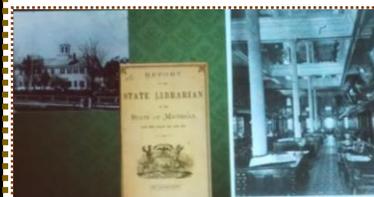


Sherry's Centerpieces

### SPEAKER: VALERIE MARVIN "CAPITOL WOMEN"

She gave an historical review of women who worked at the Capitol and eventually in the legislature over the years.

October 9<sup>th</sup> meeting



### In-person & Zoom!





Judy Whitkopf (543-6154) & Peggy Nichols (543-6934) are chairing the candy/nut sales for Terri Lynn Products. Orders are due by November 6th for delivery by the December 4th 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!

## Ms. Federation Nominations due by November 1st!

Ms. Federation recognizes one for their service and involvement in club and federation work. To nominate someone, fill out the form available on our website under downloads and submit a one-page double-spaced summary where the following is mentioned:

- Participation in Federation projects/programs, conventions, conferences and meetings
- Name of offices or chairmanships held
- Lists of anything that has to do with the Federation
- Why you are submitting this person's name

Contact Jeannie Tomasek for more information



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

**Join their virtual auction on Nov. 6-7.**

## A Magical Evening

a virtual event

Silent Auction opens Friday, Nov 6th at 9am  
Live event starts Saturday, Nov 7, 2020 7PM and includes entertainment by Comedic Magician, Cameron Zvara  
Auction closes Nov 7th 9pm  
<https://one.bidpal.net/guidingharborauction>



**Committee Chair**



**Green, Lorraine**

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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 .

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October is  
Breast  
Cancer  
Awareness  
Month





## Board Talk – Chris Reist



There is a crispness in the air, chilly breezes, beautiful colored trees and a sunny blue sky. Some call this time of year “Indian Summer,” “fall” and myself, “God’s Masterpieces.” Summer is ending, fall is getting us ready for winter. Enjoy each and every day.

GFWC-Charlotte finally met face-to-face on Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup>. There were 29 registered for in-person and 22 on Zoom. Everyone was excited to be back together, even in a limited capacity. Our speaker was Valerie Marvin, Historian and Curator of the Michigan State Capitol Commission. She spoke about the women who worked at our State Capitol dating back to the mid 1800’s. These women were working outside the home when that wasn’t looked upon as being very lady-like.

I hope you read our book club book this month, *Votes for Women*. It describes how women fought for over 100 years to have the bill passed giving us the right to vote in 1920. Women throughout our history have been a force beyond words.

Six members of our Club attended the Southwestern District meeting via Zoom on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. It was a PJ party with gift certificates given for the best PJs in several areas. Our Club earned many awards for 2019. This brings us to our current year. **I need your tally sheets by December 1<sup>st</sup>**. If you chaired an event, project, committee, participated in ESO, volunteered, walked, helped with Mobile Meals, worked at the Gift Basket, etc. please start collecting and giving me the information. This information is sent to the District, State and then goes to National. Call me with questions.

The Southwestern District has a **challenge** to all clubs. We are to donate pairs of socks to charities in our local area. The goal is **10,000 pairs of socks** (any size) by spring. Please help meet this goal. Keep track of how many pairs you donate directly, or bring them to our monthly meetings and they will be distributed.

We are moving ahead with our **guest night Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, at the EASC**. We will gather at 5:30 p.m. and dinner is at 6:00 p.m. Cost is \$25/person. Face masks and social distancing will be followed. Rod Sadler is our guest speaker, author of three true-crime murder mysteries right here in Michigan.

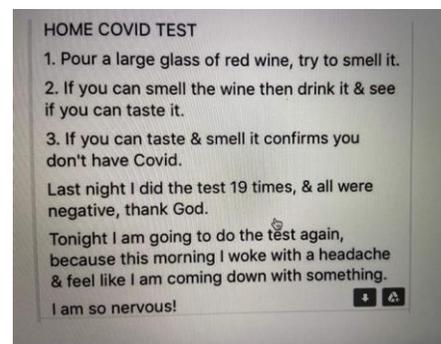
Mark your calendars for upcoming Club events and **watch your emails**, as we work through changes and restrictions on a daily basis. Call me with any questions. We are all in this together, and we have a great Club of awesome women. Thank you each and everyone.

**Remember to vote by Tuesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>!**

Till next month, be safe.

*Chris*

P. S. Nominate a Club member for Ms. Federation!





**TEA AND TOMES:** is our GFWC-Charlotte book discussion group. All members are welcome to join! We meet once a month, generally the 4th Tuesday at 1:00 pm. This year, for now, we will be meeting on Zoom. If you would like to connect with other members over a wide selection of books (fiction, non-fiction, and classic literature), this group is for you! Please contact Brynda Filkins at [brynda@usa.net](mailto:brynda@usa.net) to be added to our roster of reading women and to receive this year's list of book selections.

**October 27, 2020.** *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek.* Kim Richardson. Available as a Hoopla audiobook and ebook and as a library hardcover book. 1936. We meet Cussy Carter, blue skinned, a librarian with the Pack Horse Library Project of Kentucky.



**Sneak Peek for November.** *The Gown,* Jennifer Robson. Historical novel of one of the most famous wedding dresses – Queen Elizabeth’s – and the fascinating women who made it.

**DUES ARE DUE NOW. ACTIVE \$40, ASSOCIATE \$50. MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: GFWC – CHARLOTTE, MAIL TO P. O. BOX 464, CHARLOTTE, MI 48813 Only 16 not paid. Are you one of them?**

**WELCOME NEW MEMBER: Lori Kroll**

(Contact information will be sent in an update.)



## New Member Orientation

Scheduled for November 16, Monday at the Charlotte Community Library

**Ask a friend to join and let Sherry Myers, Membership Chair know!**

**Just for fun:**



As you get older, you've got to stay positive. For example, the other day I fell down the stairs. Instead of getting upset, I just thought, "Wow, that's the fastest I've moved in years!"

**I see people around my age mountain climbing, I feel good getting my leg through my underwear with out losing my balance**



# SWD Convention



October 2, 2020 Hosted by the Three Rivers Club -

Virtually

**This was a Pajama Party and we all look half asleep!**

Ruth Ann Northon – GFWC President  
Nancy Norton – SWD President  
Sherry Pabst – GFWC-Charlotte delegate  
Fran Fuller – SWD Secretary  
Chris Reist – GFWC-Charlotte President  
Sharon Russell – IPSWD President  
Linda Foster – Acting SWD Parliamentarian  
Patty Greene – GFWC-Charlotte VP  
Julie Dartt – GFWC MI MYLead Chair

Sharon won “best overall” costume and Chris was the runner up.

We began at 9:30 a.m.  
The State officers brought us up to date on their projected plans for the 2020-22 administration. The proposed budget was approved. Immediate Past GFWC MI President, Sue Johnson, was recognized. Linda Clayton spoke on Guiding Harbor, Karen Merchant on Ed Foundation, and Julie Dartt on MYLead. Clubs were recognized for accomplishments in 2019. Club presidents gave 2-minute reports, and Donna Brown talked on Bay Cliff and Legislation, and Linda Rough spoke on Membership. **The Current District project is donating socks (SWD Socks for the Sole) to charitable organizations locally. We are to track how many our Club members donate by spring.** Three Rivers showed an historical video as they are celebrating 130 years. Becky Devenney conducted a Memorial Service, and Rosy Chatterton issued an invitation to the SWD 2021 Annual Meeting to be held on October 1. Following announcements and *The Collect*, the meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.





## 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, Sparrow Eaton Hospital administrative office on the 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](http://www.gfwc-charlotte.com) Spread the word and encourage applying. Questions? Contact Nancy Gensel, [ncgensel@gmail.com](mailto:ncgensel@gmail.com)

Completed applications should be preferably emailed to the sponsoring club president by **JANUARY 15, 2021**. Please email to: [caureist@sbcglobal.net](mailto:caureist@sbcglobal.net) (or mail to: Chris Reist, 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, 2021**.

**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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:ed@fosterdvm.com)), GFWC MI Education Foundation Scholarship Committee Chair



# Membership Memos

## Remembrances . . .

**Brynda Filkins** – death of her daughter, Vanessa, and father, Bryan VanSike

**Donna Leahy** - “I would like to thank club members for all their thoughts and prayers and to share the good news that Mike got a clean bill of health from his doctors.” (YAHOO!!!!)

**Carol Monroe** – death of her brother

**Cheryl Jackson** – Congratulations on the marriage of her daughter, Stacey, to Josh Allen

**Judy MacInness** – death of her daughter, Kim.

## Birthdays

### Late October

29 Julie Dartt

30 Carol Rossio

30 Pam Jarvi

### November

13 Diana Bartolacci

19 Val Reisen

19 Nathalie Weseman (98 years young!)

19 Carol Little

28 Brynda Filkins

## Anniversaries

20 Mary & Brian Heightchew

29 Amy & Matt Slot

31 Mary & Richard Remenak

### **Booklet Changes & Corrections:**

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

Sue Farlin – change email to: [susanfarlin@yahoo.com](mailto:susanfarlin@yahoo.com)

Charamy Cleary – resigned

LeAnn Green - resigned

**Urn cleaning/planting 9-14-20**  
**9:30 a.m. in front of Evelyn Bay**  
**Bring trowel and hammer**  
**Email Sherry Pabst if you can help**  
**[sherrypabst@yahoo.com](mailto:sherrypabst@yahoo.com)**

# Mini Trips Update

## On hold due to Covid-19



Remember to get your articles in by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month for *The Club Communicator* to:  
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