

GFWC-Charlotte 2016 Narratives

2016 GFWC MICHIGAN NARRATIVE

GFWC Signature Program – Domestic Violence Awareness & Prevention and Partnerships

Club: GFWC-Charlotte Category: 4 District: SWD
 No. Club Members: 109 No. of Projects/Programs: 3 Volunteer Hours: 9
 Dollars Donated: \$40 Value of In-Kind Donations: \$175
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Project #1: SIREN/Eaton Shelter

SIREN/Eaton Shelter our local Domestic Violence and Homeless Shelter is a non-profit agency that assists with emergency and transitional shelter, support services, and a 24-hour crisis line to families in Eaton County. GFWC-Charlotte contributes to SIREN by promoting events and causes; by hosting an annual fundraiser; and by collecting items from the agency "wish list." Members are provided with the wish list at the September meeting. Support for SIREN is encouraged at our meetings and through articles in our Club Communicator. Two quart bags of personal care items like shampoo, soap and lotions were donated by club members for use by SIREN clients who flee unsafe situations and leave behind much of their personal belongings. We also host a large fundraiser for SIREN that is reported under Fundraising.

Volunteer Hours: 2 Members Participating: 10 Dollars Donated: \$40 In-Kind Donations: \$175

Project #2: Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Three of our members attended the SIREN/Eaton Shelter Open House to show our support of the organization. SIREN was celebrating their 20th year in operation and highlighting the fact that November is Domestic Violence Awareness month and Homelessness Awareness month.

Volunteer Hours: 6 Members Participating: 3 Dollars Donated: \$0 In-Kind Donations: \$0

GFWC Signature Program and Partnership – Prevent Child Abuse AmericaProject #3: Cell Phones

Two used cell phones were donated to SIREN/Eaton Shelter our local domestic violence and homeless shelter to be recycled and repaired and given to victims of domestic violence so they can call 911 in case of an emergency.

Volunteer Hours: 1 Members Participating: 2 Dollars Donated: \$0 In-Kind Donations: \$0

2016 GFWC-Charlotte GFWC Junior's Special Program

Project #4: Listen to Me Read

Members listen to at-risk elementary students read at Parkview Elementary School hoping to influence their fluency. This is a new program initiated by one of our new members who had recently retired as a third grade teacher at Parkview School. She knew there was a tremendous need for children who did not have the opportunity to read to someone, to have a listening ear. Our members jumped at the chance. The Chair coordinates the schedule with the principal, makes sure everyone gets a background check and files their paperwork. She is the liaison between club members and the school. We even have a husband and wife team who listen to two children on their scheduled day.

Volunteer Hours: 76 Members Participating: 8 In Kind Donations: \$0

Project #5: Birthday Cake Boxes

We recognized GFWC Advocates for Children Week at our October meeting when members were asked to bring "Birthday Boxes" to be given to SIREN/Eaton Shelter our local domestic violence and homeless shelter. Boxes consisted of a cake pan, cake mix, frosting, decorations, and candles. Some included paper plates, napkins and hats. 50 boxes were presented to SIREN/Eaton Shelter, which in turn made them available for parents who couldn't afford to buy the ingredients for a child's birthday celebration.

Volunteer Hours: 50 Members Participating: 50 In Kind Donations: \$450.00

Project #6: Christmas Kiddies

For more than 100 years, the Charlotte Volunteer Fire Department has helped purchase, wrap and distribute toys to needy children in the Charlotte area. Community volunteers gather in the downtown fire station to wrap these presents. On Christmas Eve, many Santa Claus' delivers the toys from the back of fire trucks to area children whose families have contacted the Fire Department about their need. In 2016, Christmas Kiddies brightened the holiday for more than 500 children. This year GFWC-Charlotte members donated their time to wrap gifts. For the past 36 years one of our members has coordinated a doll project where anywhere from 40-75 dolls are purchased. Each dolls receives 3 new home made outfits plus a baby quilt or afghan. Because this is a year round project for her, she does not track her hours, but there are a lot of them.

Volunteer Hours: 8 Members Participating: 5 Dollars Donated: \$0 In-Kind Donations \$0

Junior's Special Program: Advocates for Children - Michigan Project

Project #7: Bay Cliff Health Camp

GFWC-Charlotte annually has budgeted \$100 to Bay Cliff. "Wish Lists" are provided to the membership at the September meeting, and donations are collected through the April meeting. Members donated three sets of sheets. In-kind items donated by members are taken to the State Convention and sent to the Camp. Articles regarding Bay Cliff are placed in the Club Communicator and featured on a tri-fold display that was made to let members and the community know what we support and to keep members informed of this very beneficial program.

Volunteer Hours: 3 Members Participating: 5 Dollars Donated: \$250 In-Kind Donations \$115

2016 GFWC-Charlotte GFWC Junior's Special Program

Junior's Special Program: Advocates for Children - Michigan Project

Project 8: Guiding Harbor

GFWC-Charlotte members donate money and items for Guiding Harbor. Information provided by the Guiding Harbor representative at our district meeting was shared at our own meeting and donations of money and needed items were requested. A wonderful "Riddle Me This" basket created by one of our members with the theme "Superheroes and Villains" consisted of puzzles, games and challenging riddles and was donated to raise money for the 2016 silent auction. Guiding Harbor is a \$100 line item in our budget. One of our members is working on doing a complete rewrite and update of Guiding Harbor's Bylaws. She has turned in 184 hours for Guiding Harbor.

Volunteer Hours: 189 Members Participating: 2 Dollars Donated: \$150 In-Kind Donations \$45

2016 GFWC MICHIGAN NARRATIVE

Arts Community Service ProgramClub: GFWC-CharlotteCategory: 4District: SWDNo. Members: 109No. of Projects/Programs: 4Volunteer Hours: 800Dollars Donated: \$545In-Kind Donations: \$0Prepared by: Fran Fuller, PresidentEmail: hobie7040@sbcglobal.net

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Project #1: GFWC-Charlotte Chorus

GFWC-Charlotte Choir, begun in 1976, continues to be an important part of our organization. These dedicated members rehearse early in the morning on Tuesdays with the volunteer accompanist. The chorus practices from February through May and August through December. They perform at the GFWC-Charlotte Graduating Senior Tea, the September GFWC-Charlotte "Opening Luncheon/Information Fair", the GFWC-Charlotte Christmas Tea, Eaton County Medical Care Facility, Charlotte Rotary Club and Hope Landing an assisted living facility in December. This year they were also the featured entertainment at the SIREN Holiday Tea. They provide a positive image and great entertainment whenever they perform. We budget \$150 to buy music. Members often use their own money to purchase new music. This year our chorus received a \$300 donation from the Maier Family Fund of the Capital Area Foundation to purchase music.

Volunteer Hours: 679Members Participating: 22Dollars Donated: \$450Project #2: Visit to the Alden B. Dow Home & Studio

Members of GFWC-Charlotte traveled to Midland to see one of the top 25 best historic homes in America. Alden B. Dow had a lifelong interest and study of architecture with many influences including Frank Lloyd Wright. This was evident when touring this magnificent home and grounds.

Volunteer Hours: 45Members Participating: 8Dollars Donated: 0Project #3: Arts & Crafts

This year our Arts and Crafts chairman came up with four different craft projects with pictures of the finished product and dates she would teach them and then presented to the membership at the Information Fair. Members signed up for classes they were interested in. One of those classes was in April. Six members signed up for making yard art. Each person scoured thrift shops for plates, cups, saucers, etc. They each paid \$5.00 for supplies and it took them three hours. Another class was held in where tile coasters were decorated at a cost of \$5 for supplies. 3 members participated. They all enjoyed learning a new craft.

Volunteer Hours: 27Members Participating: 9Dollars Donated: \$45Project #4: February Meeting

One of our club members presented us with a dramatization of the life and work of Beatrix Potter. She dressed in period clothing, complete with hat and gloves and a stage set with a table, lamp, brocade rug, flowers and books. She mesmerized us with her first person account of Beatrix Potter's life. This member has also traveled to other cities and organizations to make the same presentation.

Volunteer Hours: 49Members Participating: 55Dollars Donated: \$50

2016 GFWC MICHIGAN NARRATIVE

Conservation Community Service Program and Partnership Projects

Club: GFWC-Charlotte Category: 4 District: SWD
 No. Members: 109 No. of Projects/Programs: 6 Volunteer Hours: 113
 Dollars Donated: \$818 In-Kind Donations: \$294
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Project #1: "Kind News"

GFWC-Charlotte supports "Kind News", a monthly newsletter for school children, published five times a year by the Humane Society. There were 28 contributing members and we are sponsoring 30 classrooms. GFWC-Charlotte pays for two classrooms out of our budget. We are serving over 700 children. The newsletter promotes kindness to others, offers ways to keep the environment healthy, and gives ideas on how to create good relationships with friends and animals. The students and their teachers love the newsletter.

Volunteer Hours: 10 Members Participating: 28 Dollars Donated: \$750

Project #2: Beautification Business District Urns

We have expanded our beautification efforts in our city. We have adopted 2 new flower beds at City Hall, and this spring we will begin maintaining our welcome sign near the expressway coming in to town. Our chair coordinates the purchase of flowers in March from a local greenhouse and the planting/decorating of the urns. Members plant flowers in 22 urns near the end of May and the flowers are paid for by the Downtown Development Authority. In November, we decorate the urns with a holiday theme. This year we found a local tree trimming company who let us cut down 3 fir trees and we used those to fill the urns with boughs. Our committee chair and her husband also spray painted pine cones and curly willow RED so they would stand out in the urns. We received a lot of positive comments from the community. When we are finished decorating we all go to a local coffee shop for hot drinks. Articles appeared in the Club Communicator and the local newspapers. We budget \$50 for beautification. We had left over boughs and donated them to our Courthouse Square Association for use at our historic downtown courthouse museum.

Volunteer Hours: 47 Members Participating: 18 In Kind Donations: \$30 Dollars Donated: \$50

Project #3: April Meeting

At our April meeting we were educated by an Advanced Master Gardner from MSU who showed us how to garden with raised beds and containers. She gave a slide show presentation of her gardens and informed us of ways to make our gardens container or raised bed gardens.

Volunteer Hours: 18 Members Participating: 35 In-Kind Donations: \$0

2016 GFWC-Charlotte Conservation Community Service Program

Michigan President's Special Project, Daffodil Gardens

Project #4: Daffodil Gardens

We have accepted our Presidents GFWC Michigan Challenge to plant a daffodil garden. In September we partnered with an Olivet College Sorority and two of their members worked two hours to help us clean out two new flower beds at City Hall to get them ready for fall planting. We also enlisted the help of the City DPW workers to remove several large bushes and lots of rocks! The beds had been neglected and were overgrown. We planted 50 yellow daffodils. We are excited for spring to come and see the fruits of our labors.

Volunteer Hours: 5 Members Participating: 3 Dollars Donated: \$18

Michigan President's Special Project, Divide and Conquer

Project # 5: Divide and Conquer

We have accepted our Presidents GFWC Michigan Challenge to "Divide and Conquer". In October, 3 club members planted white mums, sedum, lavender, asters and day lilies which were donated from members and neighbors gardens. These were planted in the same beds as the daffodils.

Volunteer Hours: 4 Members Participating: 3 Dollars Donated: \$0

Michigan President's Special Project, Recycling

Project #6: Recycling

At our first meeting of the year, our recycling chairperson, provides club members with information about the items that would be collected. Members are given plastic zip-closing bags labeled with the items to collect. An article was also placed in our newsletter. The Box Tops for Education were given to Parkview Elementary School. The Campbell Soup labels were given to the VFW National Home in Eaton Rapids. Charlotte Community Library received 131 used ink cartridges which they turned in for \$2 each. 5 pounds of tabs were donated to Ronald McDonald House in Lansing. We donated 21 lids to "Save Lids to Save Lives", part of the Susan G. Komen fight against breast cancer, by donating pink Yoplait lids worth 10 cents each. Several small batteries were turned for recycling. Our chairman continues to remind us of the difference that small steps can make and how our member's efforts at recycling are an example to others.

Volunteer Hours: 29 Members Participating: 20 In-Kind Donations: \$264

2016 GFWC MICHIGAN NARRATIVE

Education/ESO Community Service Programs and Partnership Projects

Club: GFWC-Charlotte Category: 4 District: SWD
 No. Members: 109 No. of Projects/Programs: 11 Volunteer Hours: 1229
 Dollars Donated: \$2,335 In-Kind Donations: \$0
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Project #1: GFWC-MI Arts & Nursing Scholarships

The Arts & Nursing Scholarship is a line item in our annual budget. \$50 is donated for the Arts Scholarship and \$50 for the Nursing Scholarship. We had three individuals apply for the nursing scholarship and one of them won. She will be attending our April meeting to share her experiences. One individual applied for the arts scholarship but she did not win. Information about the availability of the scholarships is provided at Charlotte High School the Charlotte Community Library and publicized in local newspapers. The application forms and an information sheet are made available at Charlotte Community Library, Charlotte Public School and on our website.

Volunteer Hours: 10 Members Participating: 2 Dollars Donated: \$100

Project #2: GFWC-Charlotte Senior Scholarships

GFWC-Charlotte has awarded an academic scholarship to a Charlotte High School graduating senior each year since 1969. The GFWC Scholarship chairperson is responsible for gathering the applications, obtaining four judges from our community, and then delivering instructions and score sheets to the judges. In 2016 the club awarded one \$1000 scholarship in the traditional manner and two \$500 scholarships by a drawing. Students that met specific qualifications and filled out a card for the drawing had their cards put in a bin and two were picked out at random. The scholarships were announced at our Senior Tea when we honor all the graduating Charlotte High School seniors. Articles were placed in local papers and the Club Communicator. The money is paid to the educational institution the recipient plans to attend after they have been accepted.

Volunteer Hours: 39 Members Participating: 5 Dollars Donated: \$2,000

Project #3: "Tea and Tomes" – a GFWC-Charlotte Book Discussion Group

A very lively group of women meet 8 times per year to discuss books chosen by the facilitator. These books include selections from fiction, non-fiction, and classics. Tea and Tomes averages 19 members per month with a total of 32 members. The facilitator maintains a group reminder email, submits newsletter articles to the Club Communicator, schedules volunteers for each meeting and prepares the discussion questions. They meet once a month, January through May and September through November. The Community Room of the Charlotte Community Library is used free of charge. Our Used Book sales became so popular we split that into a separate committee. Used Books are reported under Fundraising.

Volunteer Hours: 640 Members Participating: 32 Dollars Donated: \$0

2016 GFWC-Charlotte Education/ESO Community Service Program

Project #4: Kaleidoscope

All of our trips are self-supporting. Each member pays her own fee of \$100. One of our members even won a free ticket to the event by answering a questionnaire after the previous year's event. We carpool to events and everyone chips in for gas. Twenty club members and 1 guest attended the Kaleidoscope on September 9th. The kick-off speaker was Elliott Engel. The key-note speaker was Suzanne de Passe, former president of Motown Productions. This was held at the Kellogg Center at MSU. Each attendee went to two seminars (from a choice of many) in the morning and enjoyed breakfast, lunch and shopping at the emporium at this day-long program for the enhancement of women. (10% of the emporium vendors' fees support the cause against domestic violence.) One of our members handles the sign up, registration, collection of money, scholarship aid and reporting.

Volunteer Hours: 185

Members Participating: 20

Dollars Donated: \$0

Project #5: Mini Trips

We had many mini trips in 2016 organized by our co-chairs. At our Brainstorming meeting in May we solicit ideas from members of where they would like to go. The co-chairs plan the events over the summer taking care of any reservations and making any other arrangements needed. They provide signup sheets at the Information Fair, the first meeting of our club year in September. Each member pays for her own costs and we carpool to events and everyone chips in for gas. The mini trips were advertised and reported in the Club Communicator. Trips included Alden B Dow Home and Studio, trip to Mackinaw Island, Taste and Tour of Old Town, Amish Day with a stop at Mooville on the way home, and High Tea at the Whitney in Detroit. Volunteer hours noted here denote time spent by Co- Chairs organizing the trips. Individual mini- trip hours are reported under Arts, Education and Home Life.

Volunteer Hours: 20

Members Participating: 56

Dollars Donated: 0

Project #6: May Meeting

One of our members has researched every county in the state of Michigan and has written two books on the subject. One speaks to the Upper Peninsula and the other the Lower Peninsula. Her books are titled "Discovering Michigan County by County". She gave a presentation about the Lower Peninsula and had several trivia questions for us to answer to see how well we know the state we call home.

Volunteer Hours: 150

Members Participating: 56

Dollars Donated: \$0

Project #7: Visit to Mackinac Island

Two of our members, their husbands and another couple joined a bus trip to Mackinac Island. Among other things the tour included lunch at the Grand Hotel and a tour of the hotel. This was a great opportunity as we had invited the Grand Hotel Historian to our Husband/Guest Night and he gave a compelling account of how the hotel was built in a very small timeframe. He piqued a lot of interest which is how we came about offering this trip to our club.

Volunteer Hours: Unable to calculate

Members Participating: 2 Dollars Donated: 0

2016 GFWC-Charlotte Education/ESO Community Service Program

Project 8: Visit to the Whitney in Detroit

Members enjoyed a fun day at The Whitney in Detroit. The mansion was festively decorated for Christmas and after the tour the group enjoyed a traditional High Tea.

Volunteer Hours: 36 Members Participating: 12 Dollars Donated: 0

Education - Michigan Projects

Project #9: Michigan Education Foundation

Announcements were made at each meeting in the fall encouraging our members to apply for Education Foundation scholarships. Articles were also included in the monthly club newsletter. The SWD contributes items to the Michigan basket. Our Club donates \$50 as a line-item on our budget. One of our members serves on the scholarship committee and one of our members is the SWD Representative.

Volunteer Hours: 72 Members Participating: 3 Dollars Donated: \$70 In-Kind Donations \$0

Project #10: MYLead

Our budget contains a line item of \$165 for sponsoring a high school sophomore to the MYLead conference at Michigan State University. Each year the student who receives this scholarship attends our March meeting and reports on how much the experience meant to them and the positive changes it made in their lives, especially in their confidence in pursuing their life goals. Five of our members volunteered to register students. Two did it in May and three did it in June. The Charlotte Public Schools always puts an article in our two local papers thanking us and announcing who GFWC-Charlotte is sponsoring. We did not realize it at the time but the granddaughter of one of our new club members was the student we sponsored to attend MYLead. We did not find out until our member informed us at the meeting she was scheduled to speak at.

Volunteer Hours: 43 Members Participating: 5 Dollars Donated: \$165

Education – GFWC Partnership Projects

Project #11: Epsilon Sigma Omicron

We have a very active ESO chapter in GFWC-Charlotte. In 2016, our club was given special recognition at the International GFWC Convention in Boston for OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN EPSILON SIGMA OMICRON for category 3. 23 women from our club were members and they read over 1,075 books. Since re-instating ESO in Charlotte in the fall of 2009, ESO members have read over 7623 books! One of our members has read over 1000 books. Members may read from an ESO published reading list, or they may choose alternate titles. Report forms are collected at the end of December for the year. Report forms and pledge forms may be downloaded from our local chapter's website. Our book group leader organizes, compiles statistics, and reports on this program. We have a wonderful group of dedicated readers who are "enlightening their own pathway", which is the motto for ESO.

Volunteer Hours: 34 Members Participating: 24 Dollars Donated: \$0

2016 GFWC MICHIGAN NARRATIVE

Home Life Community Service Programs and Partnership Projects

Club: GFWC-Charlotte Category: 4 District: SWD
 No. Members: 109 No. of Projects/Programs: 10 Volunteer Hours: 2,469
 Dollars Donated: \$100 In-Kind Donations: \$625
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Project #1: Women's Health Experience

GFWC-Charlotte partnered with Hayes Green Beach Memorial Hospital to host "A Women's Health Experience." Some of our members serve on the Women's Health Advisory Group and others volunteer to help on the day of the event. The Women's Health Experience offered a free lunch in NOURISH by The Big Salad, an opportunity to speak one-on-one with physicians on women's health topics, shop at Playmakers Satellite Store, and tour FUSE, ALIVE'S medical spa and explore interactive booths and activities. Club members set up a booth with a tri-fold featuring a picture board of all members and information about our history and what we do for the community of Charlotte. We handed out our brochures and gave out information on how they could join. This was a wonderful way to get exposure to the public.

Volunteer Hours: 37 Members Participating: 3 Dollars Donated: 0

Project # 2: Focus on Women's Health

Maintaining our health is something we all strive for so this year at each of our club meetings we have a health "theme", a "tip" for that month and a quote that pertains to the theme that are placed at each table. Computer links to the theme and tips are included in the Club Communicator so members can find out more when they are at home. One of our members researches the theme, tip and quote and shares it with the club. This year we have focused on HARVEST, to reap more than you sow; ACT, get your mammogram, have your cholesterol checked, complete an overdue task that is weighing on you; FLEXIBILITY, try a new hobby or skill, take a class; RESILIENCE, track your sleep, not just your exercise and calories. Rest and resilience are related!

Volunteer Hours: 48 Members Participating: 55 Dollars Donated: 0

Project # 3: Mobile Meals, Inc. of Charlotte

This program was started by GFWC-Charlotte in 1971 and has been in operation continuously ever since. Meals are prepared daily, 365 days a year, at the local hospital and delivered by 100 community volunteers (35 are club members). Each of these people drive once a month for about one hour—picking up the meals, delivering them, helping recipients open containers, and returning the equipment to the hospital. All seven board members are club members, and they coordinate and administer the program. This includes qualifying subscribers, securing and reminding drivers, collecting payment and handling problems and emergencies that arise from time to time, as well as training drivers and coordinators. We also furnish cookies and "man a table" at Spartan Motors as a thank you for their contributions. One of our members prepares and revises the driver schedule/instruction sheets. Another member handles all the financial reports and bookkeeping. The Eaton Area Community United Way partially subsidizes the cost of the meals to keep them affordable to the subscribers. Mobile Meals is a line item in our budget.

Volunteer Hours: 1190 Members Participating: 35 Dollars Donated: \$100

2016 GFWC-Charlotte Home Life Community Service Program

Project #4: Eaton Clothing and Furniture Center (ECFC)

The mission of ECFC is to provide good, gently used clothing, furniture and household items at no cost to those who qualify. Currently, 2300 families in Eaton and Barry counties are served. We featured ECFC at our September Information Fair and asked members to bring sheets, blankets, towels and any size men's clothing. We have several members that volunteer in many aspects of helping. Some volunteer several hours a month to help with sorting or selling. This year we were able to give more help with their back to school back pack drive held in the summer. Two members helped sort clothes and supplies for the school children.

Volunteer Hours: 161 Members Participating: 25 Dollars Donated: \$0 In-Kind Donations: \$625

Project #5: Women on the Move

We reinstated our "Women on the Move" program. At our local AL! VE health facility we ask members to note each time they come to the facility to walk, take a class of any kind, use the spa or workout. We want to know how often they come not necessarily how long they stay. We are not concerned about how many miles they walk, just the fact that they came and walked. Walking eight times around the track may be easy for some, but just once around the track may be a monumental task for another. We think it is important to show up and MOVE! The facility offers exercise classes, a walking track, weight equipment along with cooking classes geared toward healthy eating, other enrichment opportunities, massages, meeting places, and child care for your children while you work out.

Volunteer Hours: 283 Members Participating: 23 Dollars Donated: \$0

Project #6: Hayes Green Beach Hospital Volunteer

Several club members donate their time to our local hospital in a variety of different ways. Some volunteer at the "Gift Basket" which is the gift shop. Duties include running the cash register, ordering, inventorying, and displaying merchandise. Other members volunteer in various capacities throughout the hospital by serving on committees or greeting patients at various locations throughout the hospital.

Volunteer Hours: 598 Members Participating: 7 Dollars Donated: \$0

Project #7: March Meeting

A local auctioneer and antiques collector conducted a "Mini Antiques Road Show" for our program. He brought several antique period pieces and gave a history of each piece. Members brought special items with them and the auctioneer gave a little history of the piece and what the value would be. For fun he showed us how an auctioneer learns to talk so quickly and what words they use when conducting an auction.

Volunteer Hours: 10 Members Participating: 32 Dollars Donated: \$0

Project #8: Visit to Old Town

Members of GFWC-Charlotte traveled to Lansing to visit the area known as Old Town for their "9th Annual Taste and Tour of Old Town". The day included an opportunity to tour real estate in Old Town and taste a variety of Old Town's eating establishments.

Volunteer Hours: 18 Members Participating: 6 Dollars Donated: 0

2016 GFWC-Charlotte Home Life Community Service Program

Project #9: Visit to Amish Country

Members of GFWC-Charlotte spent a day discovering our local Amish community. We visited a working farm where the homeowner invited us in to see their home. We saw a horse being shod, long horn steer, and chickens. We then visited a school where the children sang us a song and gave us their favorite quotes. We visited several Amish shops and were then invited into an Amish home where we were served an Amish chicken dinner with all the fix 'ins. On the way home some members stopped at Mooville for some homemade ice cream.

Volunteer Hours: 84

Members Participating: 28

Dollars Donated: 0

Home Life – GFWC Partnership Project

Project #10: Heart Health

At our February meeting we promoted The Heart Truth sponsored by the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute. Members were encouraged to wear red and we handed out Go Red for Women pins, know your numbers cards and stickers, red heart stickers and go Red for Women Declaration. This is all done to educate and motivate women to take action to prevent heart disease.

Volunteer Hours: 40

Members Participating: 35

Dollars Donated: 0

2016 GFWC MICHIGAN NARRATIVE

International Outreach Community Service Programs and Partnership ProjectsClub: GFWC-CharlotteCategory: 4District: SWDNo. Members: 109No. of Projects/Programs: 2Volunteer Hours: 34Dollars Donated: \$615In-Kind Donations: \$0Prepared by: Fran Fuller, PresidentEmail: hobie7040@sbcglobal.netPh. 517-645-2573**International Outreach – GFWC Partnership Project**Project #1: Heifer International

GFWC-Charlotte continued its support for Heifer International in 2016. Information was provided to members at the first meeting in September. This meeting is the Info Fair where we highlight all the clubs projects and programs. Members were informed of the Heifer International project with announcements at meetings through December. An article was placed in the Club Communicator. Collection of donations ended at the December Holiday Tea. The chair of Heifer International and her family raise honey bees and she raffled off a jar of honey at each of our meetings through December. She raised \$105 at three meetings.

Volunteer Hours: 23Members Participating: 1Dollars Donated: \$170.00**Michigan President's Special Project: UNICEF and Human Trafficking**Project #2: Women At Risk (WAR)

At our December Christmas Tea we invited a representative from Women At Risk to attend and bring items to sell. A beautiful display of jewelry, Christmas ornaments, scarfs, small purses and hats were available to members for purchase. The consultant spoke to our club about the mission of WAR and how 100% of the proceeds go to helping rescue women, keep them in a safe house and giving the women a way to make a living for themselves and their families. We purchased \$445 in products which will keep a woman in a safe house for 44 days.

Volunteer Hours: 11Members Participating: 30Dollars Donated: \$445

2016 GFWC MICHIGAN NARRATIVE

Public Issues Community Service Programs and Partnership Projects

Club: GFWC-Charlotte Category: 4 District: SWD
 No. Members: 109 No. of Projects/Programs: 4 Volunteer Hours: 101
 Dollars Donated: \$100 In-Kind Donations: \$0
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Project#1: GFWC-Charlotte Display at Eaton County Courthouse Museum

We continue to feature our club in one of the rooms at our historical 1885 Courthouse in downtown Charlotte. The Courthouse Square Director offered a small space on the upper floor which was appropriately, the Ladies Room! Fortunately, we have an abundance of historical artifacts that are stored at the old sheriff's residence and overseen by one of our members. The challenge was to narrow our selections and present an interesting and historical display. We continue to keep this updated with our current membership on the photo board tri-fold.

Volunteer Hours: 12 Members Participating: 3 Dollars Donated: \$0

Project #2: Registering Graduating Senior to Vote

Our County Clerk is a member of GFWC-Charlotte and she brought some of her staff to help her register eligible students at our annual Graduating Senior Tea. We provide the space on stage with our tea and cookies. Members direct students to the area to register. This member also participated in the annual Democracy Day event held at our high school. This event is organized by the high school government teacher and members of the League of Women's Voters were there also. A total of 91 students were registered to vote at the two events.

Volunteer Hours: 13 Members Participating: 1 Dollars Donated: \$0

Project #3: October Meeting

One of our club members is involved with a new city initiative called "Rising Tide" and she informed us of our cities detailed plans to revitalize our downtown, attract new business and retain current businesses. This is an ongoing project that involves many people and was very informative to see what has been happening to make these plans come true and what the future will bring.

Volunteer Hours: 37 Members Participating: 56 Dollars Donated: 0

Project #4: Talons Out Honor Flight

The program for our annual Husband/Guest night was Talons Out Honor Flight. A representative gave us a first-hand account of the joy she feels each time she participates in an Honor Flight. We even had a couple of people take applications to be guardians on a flight. We made a \$100 donation to Talons Out Honor Flight.

Volunteer Hours: 39 Members Participating: 30 Dollars Donated: \$100

2016 GFWC MICHIGAN NARRATIVE

Communications and Public Relations Advancement AreasClub: GFWC-CharlotteCategory: 4District: SWDNo. Members: 109No. of Projects/Programs: 11Volunteer Hours: 726Dollars Donated: \$460In-Kind Donations: \$0Prepared by: Fran Fuller, PresidentEmail: hobie7040@sbcglobal.netPh. 517-645-2573Project #1: The Club Communicator

One member is the editor in charge of our monthly newsletter and this continues to be an invaluable resource for communicating to all club members on a timely basis. It is a venue for articles and announcements sent to her and written by her regarding club, district, state and national concerns and events. She also publishes the club's pictorial directory which helps current members get to know the new members and vice versa. We have been able to put this directory up on a secured portion of our website. It takes a minimum of forty hours per month to publish. This includes gathering information, taking and processing pictures, writing articles, preparing the layout, entering into the computer, running copies, collating, stapling, labeling, mailing, etc. We developed a "buddy" system for the few members that do not have e-mail so their buddy prints it off and delivers it to them. Most members receive it by email. She also prepare photos and articles for the local newspaper and our Club Memory book This member also prints off a small club booklet with names addresses and e-mail and phone numbers of all members. She also prints material for the Membership Committee and by maintaining the up-to-date e-mail list for the club she is able to send e-mail notices to the members when requested. The Club Communicator is a line item in our budget.

Volunteer Hours: 470Members Participating: 1Dollars Donated: \$250Project # 2: Website

Two of our member's and one of their husbands maintain the site. At least 100 hours were put into it. They also have made application forms *writable* and available on our site. This was done for our local club and at the state level. (Including club membership applications and Education Foundation Scholarship applications) We maintain a secure site portion, so that our club pictorial directory is available for our members.

Our website address is: www.gfwc-charlotte.com.Volunteer Hours: 100Members Participating: 3Dollars Donated: \$120Project # 3: Face book

Our Facebook Chair is responsible for keeping our Facebook page current. It is full of pictures of all our events. It contains information on joining GFWC-Charlotte. She also includes items of interest from GFWC-Michigan and GFWC International. Our Facebook chair printed small cards with our Facebook and Website addresses and placed several at each table at our Information Fair. Members could take them home to aid them in finding us on the internet. We used Facebook to showcase the silent auction items we were selling at our SIREN Holiday Tea fundraiser which is reported under fundraising. GFWC Success for Survivors Scholarship information was posted to our Facebook page.

Volunteer Hours: 6Members Participating: 2Dollars Donated: \$0

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Project #4: GFWC-Charlotte Brochures

Our Membership Team revised the membership brochure. This brochure is available for members to use as they make contact with potential new members. It explains what GFWC and GFWC-Charlotte are about and briefly outlines our many projects and opportunities for community involvement.

Volunteer Hours: 6 Members Participating: 2 Dollars Donated: \$0

Project # 5: GFWC-Charlotte in Action Banner

We continued to display our banner whenever we were doing projects such as planting flower beds at city hall and decorating urns in the business district for the summer and winter. This is one way that we are striving to increase recognition of our organization since many are surprised to realize it is the largest civic organization in Charlotte.

Volunteer Hours: 4 Members Participating: 1 Dollars Donated: \$0

Project # 6: Publicity Chairperson

The Publicity Chairperson is appointed by the Club President. Most releases to local papers were funneled through her. After each meeting or event, articles, including pictures, are sent to two local papers, The Shopping Guide and The County Journal. "GFWC-Charlotte" is always in print and/or part of the article's headline.

Volunteer Hours: 15 Members Participating: 2 Dollars Donated: \$0

Project # 7: Electronic Activities Reporting Specialist (EARS)

One of our Board members served as our EARS monitor. She reviewed "News and Notes", EYES, the GFWC-MI homepage and the national GFWC homepage each month and reported to the Board at our monthly meetings. Information was also shared with articles in our Club Communicator.

Volunteer Hours: 8 Members Participating: 1 Dollars Donated: \$0

Project #8: Charlotte Chamber of Commerce

GFWC-Charlotte is a member of the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce. The yearly dues are \$60.00. This provides access to monthly email newsletters regarding what is going on in the community and a network of resources when needed. Any member may elect to receive the "The Charlotte Blast." They are a valuable resource for the promoting the SIREN Holiday Tea, our major fund raiser. One of our members is the President of the Chamber and is our club Vice-President.

Volunteer Hours: 12 Members Participating: 1 Dollars Donated: \$60

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Project #9: GFWC-Charlotte Annual Graduating Senior Tea

GFWC-Charlotte has hosted the Annual Graduating Senior Tea since 1947. It is celebrated at the Charlotte Performing Arts Center. Our committee works with the Charlotte High School Administration and the director of the Performing Arts Center. Students can invite parents, grandparents and significant others to the tea. The committee begins planning in April. All of our members are encouraged to attend the tea. All new members were asked to serve on this committee. Past Presidents are asked to serve the Tea and Punch. Large arrays of cookies donated by the members are served. Our speaker for the Tea was Todd "TJ" Duckett, owner of New World Flood, and former pro and MSU football star. Our GFWC-Charlotte chorus entertained. More than 280 seniors and guests attended. Leftover cookies were donated to SIREN/Eaton Shelter the House of Ruth and our Palliative Care facility.

Volunteer Hours: 80 Members Participating: 57 Dollars Donated: 0

Project #10: Club Woman Magazine

GFWC-Charlotte has a line item in our budget to provide our President, Vice President and Secretary with the *Club Woman Magazine*. Information in the magazine is shared with members as appropriate, and the magazines are passed along to other members to read and enjoy.

Volunteer Hours: 6 Members Participating: 3 Dollars Donated: \$30

Project # 11 Participation at the Eaton County Home & Business Expo

Annually the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce holds a Home and Business Expo at the Charlotte High School and invites Non-Profits to have an exhibit table advertising their group. We participated using our banner, our club tri-fold, signup sheet for Mobile Meals and signup sheet to receive more information about our club.

Volunteer Hours: 19 Members Participating: 7 Dollars Donated: 0

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Leadership Advancement AreasClub: GFWC-CharlotteCategory: 4District: SWDNo. Members: 109No. of Projects/Programs: 14Volunteer Hours: 807Dollars Donated: \$70In-Kind Donations: \$0

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Project #1: By-Law Revisions Committee

The committee met and proposed a division of the Historian board position into two, making the Memory Book a separate entity, and made some minor housekeeping changes in the By-Laws. They also review the Standing Rules each year.

Volunteer Hours: 50Members Participating: 4Dollars Donated: \$0Project #2: Parliamentarian

Our Parliamentarian attended the monthly board meetings, reviewed the agendas and minutes. She was available to the president for guidance on matters of procedure at meetings.

Volunteer Hours: 20Members Participating: 1Dollars Donated: \$0Project #3: SWD Secretary, Education Foundation

One of our members is the SWD Secretary and attended the SWD Board meetings and SWD Annual Convention, helped prepare the agenda, took minutes and typed and reproduced minutes. She worked with the SWD President on setting up email distribution lists and prepared nametags for the annual meeting.

Another one of our members is the Southwestern District Representative for the Education Foundation and attends district and state meetings. She raffled off a scarf at the Annual Meeting to raise money for the Education Foundation.

Volunteer Hours: 71Members Participating: 2Dollars Donated: \$0Project #4: GFWC – MI Secretary, By-laws Chair, MyLead Chair, Ed Foundation Committee, Records Secretary, and Memorial Service Chair

One of our members is the GFWC-Mi. Secretary, on the Ed Foundation Committee and is Records secretary. She was installed at the April, 2016 Convention. She has attends Board meetings, our Convention, and Advisory meetings. She attends meetings takes minutes, types, distributes them and collects reports and responses. She turned in 50 hours. Another member is the state By-laws Chair. She turned in 81 hours. We had a member that is the State Memorial Service Chair. She turned in 16 hours and we have the MYLead Chair who turned in 19 hours.

Volunteer Hours: 166Members Participating: 5Dollars Donated: \$0

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Project #5: Agendas

Agendas were prepared for our 10 General Meetings (including the Senior Tea) and for the nine Board Meetings. Agendas are sent to all Board members for their input. We have placed agendas with the COLLECT printed on the back at the tables so they can see what the meeting is going to be about. We also have all GFWC announcements and Community announcements and dates printed on the agenda. Members have told us that they appreciate the Collect printed on the back of the agenda.

Volunteer Hours: 19 Members Participating: 1 Dollars Donated: 0

Project #6: Board Meetings – prepare and attend

Our 12 Board Members attend 9 meetings each year meeting for 1 1/2 to 2 hours each time. In addition to the time spent at the meeting, they are occasionally asked to prepare reports on projects.

Volunteer Hours: 208 Members Participating: 13 Dollars Donated: 0

Project #7: Program Committee

At our May Brainstorming Meeting, members make suggestions about what types of programs they are interested in having the next club year. The suggestions are compiled into an electronic survey and members are sent an email with a link to the survey. The results are used by the program committee comprised of the Vice-President and 3 other members to determine what speakers will be invited to do programs at meetings. The Vice-President recruits committee co-chairs, the members of their committee, and program representative for each month. The committee handles the reservations and the luncheon. The program representative is the liaison between the club and the speaker, making sure that all arrangements are handled. Every club member is expected to serve once each year.

Volunteer Hours: 28 Members Participating: 4 Dollars Donated: 0

Project #8: Serving on Committees

It is the responsibility of the President to assign members to all committees other than the program committees. Each member is expected to serve in some way. There are many positions required to keep our club accomplishing our goals throughout the year from membership to memory book to fundraising and everything else. We are a very active club, the largest civic organization in Charlotte, and have numerous community projects that we undertake each year.

Volunteer Hours: reported elsewhere Members Participating: 99 Dollars Donated: 0

Project #9: Nomination Committee

The Nominations Committee is responsible for recruiting members for elected positions. Member's names may be recommended to the committee by anyone. The presidential candidate is generally consulted about the vice-presidential nomination. Members are encouraged to serve on the Board of Directors and that is why we invite members to come to our board meetings and see what we do. Since we are such a large club we feel that they get a more intimate view of GFWC-Charlotte at the board meetings.

Volunteer Hours: 4 Members Participating: 4 Dollars Donated: \$0

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Michigan President's Special Project, Leadership

Project #14: Mentoring of New Members

Each current member who brings in a new member is asked to serve as that new member's mentor for the first twelve months of her membership. This adds personalization to our club and helps the new member get to know our long-standing members. "*Sponsoring / Mentoring a New Member*" is a support hand-out that is given to sponsors as a reminder of her responsibility to insure the new member feels welcomed at club meetings and activities. The membership chair also talks to the new member and helps them choose a committee they would like to get involved with right away.

Volunteer Hours: Statistics not available

Members Participating: 6

Dollars Donated: \$0

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Legislation and Public Policy Advancement AreasClub: GFWC-CharlotteCategory: 4District: SWDNo. Members: 109No. of Projects/Programs: 3Volunteer Hours: 7Dollars Donated: \$0In-Kind Donations: \$0Prepared by: Fran Fuller, PresidentEmail: hobie7040@sbcglobal.netPh. 517-645-2573Project #1: GFWC-Legislation Day

We had one member attend Legislation Day. She brought back information on webinars on Human Trafficking that were e-mailed to our membership.

Volunteer Hours: 5Members Participating: 1Dollars Donated: \$0Project #2: Legislative Action Center

Letters were sent to Senator Debbie Stabenow and Congressman Tim Walberg encouraging them to support legislation to provide for the burial of the cremated remains of women who served as Air Force Service Pilots (WASPS) in Arlington National Cemetery.

Volunteer Hours: 1Members Participating: 1Dollars Donated: \$0Project #3: Legislative Action Center

Letters were also sent to Senators Debbie Stabenow and Gary Peters and Congressman Tim Walberg encouraging them to support the Paycheck Fairness Act which will assist victims of payment discrimination on the basis of sex.

Volunteer Hours: 1Members Participating: 1Dollars Donated: \$0

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Membership Advancement Areas

Club: GFWC-Charlotte Category: 4 District: SWD
 No. Members: 109 No. of Projects/Programs: 16 Volunteer Hours: 763
 Dollars Donated: \$190 In-Kind Donations: \$20
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Project #1: Information Fair

This is our first meeting of the year in September and a great meeting to invite potential new members to. We are entertained by our Chorus. We have tables set up around the room and all program and project chairman are asked to have a short talk and display about their program or project. We pass a microphone around the room and each person gives a little speech. Sign-up sheets are at each display so that members can let chairman know that they would like to participate in that program. Our Terry Lynn chairman ordered 5 or 6 different kinds of products to sample so that members would have a better idea of what they were selling and our used books are on sale.

Volunteer Hours: 95 Members Participating: 66 Dollars Donated: \$0

Project #2: Orientation for New Members and Members Involvement

Each year we hold a New Member Orientation (NMO) in November. Five new members accompanied by their sponsors and Board officers attended in 2016. Because of unforeseen circumstances this year the Vice-President gave an overview of GFWC, and provided information about the clubs projects, programs, and committees. Usually the Membership Chair, President and Vice-President share these responsibilities. We had two members that have been in the club for over 50 years talk about what it has meant to them. The membership committee provided the lunch. All new members are asked to bring their yearbook and we went through it so they would have a better understanding of GFWC-Charlotte. When applying for membership, we request each new member complete an Interest Checklist. After receiving more detailed information about our club at the NMO new members can revise their Interest Checklist to include areas of the club they would like to become more involved with. The President and Vice-President refer to the checklists as they fill committees with members. Every new member is required to attend this orientation.

Volunteer Hours: 30 Members Participating: 25 Dollars Donated: \$50

Project #3: Honoring Past Presidents and New Members

GFWC-Charlotte annually honors their Past Presidents at our Christmas Tea. Our corresponding secretary sent the formal invitations. Our president announced their names, presented them with a red carnation and thanks them for their willingness to step forward and take leadership positions. We then present a New Member Certificate to all New Members and take a picture of them with their sponsors. Pictures and articles appeared in the Club Communicator and the local newspapers.

Volunteer Hours: 18 Members Participating: 3 Dollars Donated: \$0

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Project #4: Honoring 50 Year Club Member

In October we were privileged to honor our newest 50 year club member. Our state 1st Vice-President was in attendance and presented our member with a certificate, pin and rose. She also read a letter from our State President.

Volunteer Hours: 1 Members Participating: 1 Dollars Donated: \$0

Project #5: Membership Committee

The membership chair reports to the Board at the monthly meetings and presents any applications received for approval. Club and committee members actively recruited new members. The committee chair sends invitations to potential new members identified by current members. Information about our meetings are posted each month in the local papers along with an invitation to attend a meeting for anyone interested. The membership application is posted on our website. Our club brochure was updated as well as the application and interest checklist.

Volunteer Hours: 60 Members Participating: 6 Dollars Donated: \$0

Project #6: Brainstorming Meeting

In May we have our annual Brainstorming meeting and this year with combined it with a regular meeting. We asked members to brainstorm during lunch about what they would like to learn about, hear about and work on for the next club year. What is your passion? We place their suggestions in the areas of GFWC programs. We send a purposed calendar around and members sign up for a month they would like to be on a committee and what programs they would like to work on. We then put the results on Survey Monkey and ask members to vote on their favorites. The results are given to the Vice-President and her program committee members and they decide what the programs will be for the next year depending on the votes, speaker and facility availability. The Vice-President then prepares the calendar and sends it to the President to be included with the Yearbook.

Volunteer Hours: 120 Members Participating: 45 Dollars Donated: \$0

Project #7: imembersdb.com

Our membership data is stored in a database – imembersdb.com. This is a system that a member uses for her work, and the company that developed it offered it to our Club for free as a beta program to see if GFWC would be interested in using their system in the future. This member entered all the initial member information into the system and continues to update the member listing, including contact information and photos, calendar, venue for sending out the newsletter, etc. She continues to offer training to members interested in using it to send emails to all members or to specific groups of members such as a project committee and at New Member Orientation. The president and many committee chairs are now taking advantage of this feature. It has various levels of security – from public view to a secure site. Registration for meetings is now only done through this system or you can call this member and she will sign you up. Our member spends about 10 hours a month helping to register people for meetings, answering questions, entering information, etc. This would be a great system for GFWC MI to look into using

Volunteer Hours: 120 Members Participating: 6 Dollars Donated: \$0

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Project #8: Hand-to-Hand

Following the directive of our GFWC Collect, "And may we strive to touch and know the great common human heart of us all;" this program was begun in 2011. The goal of Hand to Hand is to create a network of members willing to drive, visit, run an errand, prepare a meal, lend an ear, bake or read to another member who is in need of support. Need varies from year to year and this past year we had very little activity. At the end of the year committee members visited our elderly club members who maintain their membership but find it hard to participate in meetings due to physical limitations. An article appeared in the Club Communicator.

Volunteer Hours: 5 Members Participating: 14 In Kind Donations: \$20

Project #9: Remembrances

Our Remembrances co-chairs send cards and notes to members celebrating significant milestones in life, such as 90th birthdays, 50th anniversary, get well, sympathy, congratulations, etc. In 2016, 36 cards were sent. In addition, our club newsletter recognizes every member for birthdays, anniversaries, and get-well/thinking of you wishes.

Volunteer Hours: 8 Members Participating: 2 Dollars Donated: \$0

Project #10: President's Letter

At the beginning of the program year, our President mails a welcome letter to each of our more than 100 members. This contains highlights of what they can expect over the coming year and brings them up to date on anything that has occurred over the summer. It details the dates, times, locations, and programs for the year's meetings

Volunteer Hours: 7 Members Participating: 2 Dollars Donated: \$0

Project #11: Thank You Notes

Thank you notes were sent to the meeting co-chairs, program chair and speakers after each meeting. This was done by the Vice-President who is in charge of the programs. These were handwritten notes – not emails – to show how much we value the efforts of our members.

Volunteer Hours: 12 Members Participating: 1 Dollars Donated: \$0

Project #12: Meeting Notification

Each month, the Vice President was in charge of submitting an article to the local newspapers promoting our meeting with an invitation for those interested in attending to contact the club. The same information was also placed in the club's newsletter. Announcements were emailed to members and those without email were phoned by the calling committee. This is in addition to the meeting information that is in the president's letter and in the yearbook.

Volunteer Hours: 17 Members Participating: 3 Dollars Donated: \$0

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Project #13: Pictorial Directory

The newsletter director prepared a pictorial directory that is provided in the notebook given to all new members. It is available on the club's members-only portion of our website so that all members can print their own copy if they choose to. Pages are added to this document as new members join.

Volunteer Hours: 20 Members Participating: 1 Dollars Donated: \$0

Project # 14: Club Booklet

Each member received a pocket size booklet with meeting dates, member contact information, etc. The Newsletter Editor prepares this booklet. She donated the paper and cartridge cost.

Volunteer Hours: 25 Members Participating: 1 Dollars Donated: \$40

Project # 15: Annual Yearbook

Each member received a copy of our annual yearbook which contains information about our meetings including program topics, speakers, meeting chairs and committees, time and location. It also contains information about federation officers, our members holding district and state level appointments, our club officers and program and committee chairs. This document is produced by the President and Vice-President as they work to fill positions on committees. It is provided to members electronically and in paper format for those who do not have computers.

Volunteer Hours: 75 Members Participating: 2 Dollars Donated: \$0

Project #16: Memory Book

It takes many hours to compile the memory book that chronicles our club year. Because we are such a large club with so many projects, community services, and interest groups, it is a major task to assemble and put together in scrapbook form any and all items available pertaining to the club. Our chairman for this position is very dedicated and talented. We have the Memory Book on display at many of our meetings.

Volunteer Hours: 150 Members Participating: 2 Dollars Donated: 100

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Women's History and Resource Center (WHRC) Advancement AreasClub: GFWC-CharlotteCategory: 4District: SWDNo. Members: 109No. of Projects/Programs: 1Volunteer Hours: 0Dollars Donated: **\$50**In-Kind Donations: **\$0**Prepared by: Fran Fuller, PresidentEmail: hobie7040@sbcglobal.netPh.517-645-2573Project #1: 1734 Society

GFWC-Charlotte has a line item in our budget of \$50 designated for the 1734 Society.

Volunteer Hours: 0Members Participating: 0Dollars Donated: **\$50**

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Fundraising Advancement Areas

Club: GFWC-Charlotte Category: 4 District: SWD
 No. Members: 109 No. of Projects/Programs: 3 Volunteer Hours: 439
 Dollars Donated: \$5,085.21 Money Raised: \$13,509.85 In Kind Donations: \$531
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Project #1: SIREN Holiday Tea

SIREN/Eaton Shelter is our local Domestic Violence and Homeless Shelter, a non-profit agency that assists with emergency and transitional shelter, support services, and a 24-hour crisis line to families in Eaton County. Ten years ago one of our members and three of her friends put together a fund raiser in the form of a tea for SIREN/Eaton Shelter. Last year they announced they would no longer be hosting the tea and were looking for someone to take it over. In June the Director of SIREN was approached and it was discovered that no one had stepped forward to host the tea. This would mean a \$6000-\$10000 loss in funding for the shelter. We proposed to the SIREN Board of Directors that our GFWC-Charlotte club would partner with SIREN and take over all responsibility of the tea and would split the proceeds. SIREN would not have to do anything. Both Boards of Directors approved the concept. Support at the Holiday Tea comes in the form of purchasing a table for eighty dollars and decorating it for the annual event. A luncheon is served. Prizes are awarded in different categories: Most elegant, seasonal/holiday, most unique, traditional, people's choice and best of show. The event also features a silent auction. Club members donated nearly all items in the Silent Auction. Our GFWC-Charlotte Chorus provided the entertainment and our club also provided the program. The program speakers spoke of the similarities between SIREN and GFWC and informed those in attendance of our role in the community, how our club members give back in so many ways and how many volunteer hours we give to our community. They also spoke of the many programs we support either monetarily or through our mentoring and volunteering. A club member wrote several articles for the local paper which highlighted the programs our club is involved in, how we contribute monetarily to scholarships for our graduating seniors and other ways we give monetary support. She also wrote about how the elimination of domestic violence and prevention of the abuse and neglect of our nation's children is one of the Signature Projects of GFWC International. Monetary donations were received from Meijer (\$100) and Walmart (\$40) to offset the cost of food. All the food for the lunch was provided for and made by club members. Macy's Department Store also donated \$600 in gift cards which were divided into 1-\$200 card, 3-\$100 cards and 2-\$50 cards to be raffled at the event. This year's event raised \$9,395.85. This event was a great experience for our club as new friendships were formed and members who did not really know one another had an opportunity to work together. We will definitely host the event next year and hope to grow it.

Volunteer Hours: 400 Members Participating: 30 Dollars Donated: \$4,941.21
 In-Kind Donations: \$511 Money Raised: \$9,395.85

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Project #2: Used Book Sale

Our Used Book Sale became so popular we split it into a separate committee. Each month volunteers from the committee set up and sell used books to the general membership. All books are \$1 and monies received are used for literary related projects at the discretion of the Tea and Tomes Book Club members. The money was donated to the Charlotte Community Library where it is used to purchase book boxes that are also available to other book groups and libraries. This year a cart was purchased anonymously and funds from the book sale were used by the library to purchase book storage boxes to make transporting the books to our storage area a little easier. We do not keep any of the money from the sale of our used books.

Volunteer Hours: 15 Members Participating: 10 Money Raised: \$144 Dollars Donated: \$144
In-Kind Donations: \$20

Fundraising– GFWC Partnership Project

Project #3: Terri Lynn Inc.

We had the membership taste the samples at our Information Fair and we had a very positive response. Catalogs were distributed at the September, October, and November meetings. Orders were sent out twice. Members were also made aware of this fundraiser through articles in the Club Communicator. Upon receipt of the merchandise, the co- chairs pack up each member's order, they call and deliver them or took the orders to the next GFWC meeting. This was a wonderful fundraiser for us and we were very happy with their product and their service.

Volunteer Hours: 24 Members Participating: 55 Money Raised: \$3,970