

# **One Hundred Twenty-sixth Annual Announcement**

## **General Federation of Women's Clubs-Charlotte**



**2013-2014  
Yearbook**

## *Collect*

*Keep us, Oh God, from pettiness: let us be large in thought, in word, in deed;*

*Let us be done with fault-finding and leave off self-seeking;*

*May we put away all pretense and meet each other face to face, without self-pity and without prejudice;*

*May we never be hasty in judgment and always generous;*

*Let us take time for all things; make us grow calm, serene, gentle;*

*Teach us to put into action our better impulses, straight-forward and unafraid;*

*Grant that we may realize it is the little things that create differences; that in the big things of life we are at one.*

*And may we strive to touch and to know the great common human heart of us all;*

*And, O Lord God, let us forget not to be kind.*

*April 1941  
Colorado*

*Mary Stewart,*

# Federation Officers 2013-2014

**International President ..... Mary Ellen Laister**

**State President ..... Marty Groleau**

**Southwestern District President ..... Kim Lauck**

## **GFWC on the Internet**

**National GFWC Web Page Address**

[www.gfwc.org](http://www.gfwc.org)

**National GFWC E-mail address**

[gfwc@gfwc.org](mailto:gfwc@gfwc.org)

**GFWC MI Web Page Address**

[www.gfwcmi.org](http://www.gfwcmi.org)

**GFWC-Charlotte Web Page Address**

[www.gfwc-charlotte.com](http://www.gfwc-charlotte.com)

**GFWC-Charlotte Data Base Address**

[www.imembersdb.com](http://www.imembersdb.com)

**GFWC-Charlotte Organized ..... 1887**

**State Federation ..... 1895**

**County Federation ..... 1902**

**Southwestern District ..... 1915**

## MEMBERS HOLDING DISTRICT AND STATE LEVEL APPOINTMENTS

**\*Mrs. George Perry**

1900-1902 State Federation President

**\*Mrs. Fred C. Curtis**

1941-1942 Southwestern District President

**Ieva Inglis**

1984-1986 GFWC MI Chair of Legislation Day Committee

1985 Convention Aide to GFWC International President

1988 GFWC International Convention Amenities Chair

**Donna W. Johnson**

1988 International Convention Registration Kits Chair

1989 Great Lakes Regional Convention Chair

1994-1998 Southwestern District spiritual Enrichment Chair

1996-1998 GFWC MI Literature and Performing Arts Chair

**Linda Foster**

1986 GFWC MI State Convention Chair

1989 Great Lakes Regional Convention Co-Chair

1992-1994 Southwestern District 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

1994-1996 Southwestern District 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

1996-1998 Southwestern District President and GFWC MI Board

1998-2000 Southwestern District State Nominating Chair

2000-2008 Southwestern District Education Foundation Representative

2004-2006 GFWC MI Community Improvement Contest Chair

2006-2008 GFWC MI State Protocol Chair

2008-2010 GFWC MI Long Range Planning Chair

2008-2014 Southwestern District Secretary

2010-2014 GFWC MI Jennie Award Chair

**Mona Ellard**

1995-1996 Southwestern District Education Foundation Representative

**Alice Hayes**

1998-2000 GFWC MI Representative to State HOBY Board

**Shirley Rann**

2000-2002 Southwestern District Conservation Department Chair

**Toni Small**

2004-1006 Southwestern District Arts & Crafts Co-Chair

**Karen Elsesser**

2004-1007 GFWC MI Woman of Achievement Chair

**Marilyn Monroe-Hart**

2006-2012 Southwestern District Parliamentarian

2008-2010 GFWC MI Board of Directors

2008-2010 GFWC MI Parliamentarian

2010-2014 GFWC MI Resolution Committee Chair

**Nola Buck**

2008-2010 GFWC MI Beautification Chair

**Mary Remenak**

2010-2012 Southwestern District Home Life Partnership Chair

2010-2012 GFWC Michigan Home Life Partnership Chair

2012-2013 Southwestern District 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

**Margie Carter**

2012-2014 Southwestern District International Chair

\*deceased

# GFWC– CHARLOTTE AWARD RECIPIENTS

## Woman of Achievement Award

<i>Name</i>	<i>Club Year</i>
Linda Foster	1994-1995
Donna W. Johnson	1995-1996
Connie Bazaire	1996-1997
Marian Johnson	1997-1998
Shirley Rann	1998-1999
Lori Pray & Lee Falik	1999-2000
Cheryl Jackson	2000-2001
Sandy Maatsch	2001-2002
Chris Fleischmann & Joyce Sparks	2002-2003
Nola Buck	2003-2004
Linda Foster*	2004-2005
Karen Elsesser*	2005-2006
Jeannette Sommer*	2005-2006
Sara Biskie*	2006-2007
Marilyn Monroe Hart*	2007-2008
Jenny Lamb*	2008-2009
Margie Carter	2009-2010
Lola Wilson*	2011-2012

\*Also recognized by GFWC MI as Women of Achievement

## “Ms. Federation” Award

Connie Bazaire, Lee Falik, Linda Foster, Donna W. Johnson, Marian Johnson and Shirley Rann	1998-1999
Cheryl Jackson	1999-2000
Deb Mohre	2001-2002
Karen Wirt	2003-2004
Karen Elsesser	2004-2005
Sara Biskie	2005-2006
Mona Ellard and Lori Pray	2007-2008
Nola Buck and Marilyn Monroe Hart	2008-2009
Mary Remenak	2010-2011
Margie Carter	2012-2013

## PAST PRESIDENTS

*Mrs. P.T. VanZile	*Mrs. Darrel Johnson	1936-1937
*Mrs. George Huggett	*Mrs. Gertrude B. Prindle	1937-1938
*Mrs. Orr Schurtz	*Mrs. Chester Wilcox	1938-1939
*Mrs. R. M. Buck	*Mrs. Charles A. Snyder	1939-1940
*Mrs. F. A. Hooker	*Mrs. William A. Vance	1940-1941
*Mrs. W. P. Wyman	*Mrs. Richard Shaull	1941-1942
*Dr. Mary Green	*Mrs. Ward Hynes	1942-1943
*Mrs. A. M. Barber	*Mrs. Emerson Boyles	1943-1944
*Mrs. Bessie D. Paine	*Mrs. E. J. Covell	1944-1945
*Mrs. J. J. Curtis	*Mrs. Allan R. Murray	1945-1946
*Mrs. B. J. Grier	*Mrs. Earl V. Mead	1946-1947
*Mrs. W. P. Engle	*Mrs. Virgil Wooley	1947-1948
*Mrs. M. S. Philips	*Mrs. Hilding Krusell	1948-1949
*Mrs. C. S. Brown	*Mrs. Cash R. Beechler	1949-1950
*Mrs. F. A. Weaver	*Mrs. Homer Bauer	1950-1951
*Mrs. John Thomas	*Mrs Clifford Smith	1951-1952
*Mrs. W. (Evans) Wisner	*Mrs. Roy Yund	1952-1953
*Miss Beatrice Hunt	*Mrs. Jud Richardson, Jr.	1953-1954
*Mrs. Belle M. Perry	*Mrs. Paul Packard	1954-1955
*Miss Maria DeGraff	*Mrs. John Lipsey	1955-1956
*Mrs. Roy Sylvester	*Mrs. H. B. Loomis	1956-1957
*Mrs. H. H. VanAuken	*Mrs. Bart Rypstra	1957-1958
*Mrs. Barbara Dewey	*Mrs. P. R. Glotfelty, Jr.	1958-1959
*Mrs. P. T. Turo	*Mrs. Carl Gearhart, Sr.	1959-1960
*Mrs. Abbie Thomas	*Mrs. Vance Baker	1960-1961
*Mrs. Fred Youngblood	*Mrs. Ralph Baird	1961-1962
*Mrs. Leon E. Garlinghouse	*Mrs. John Colizzi	1962-1963
*Mrs. Frank Davis	*Mrs. G. A. Hansen	1963-1964
*Mrs. M. H. DeFoe	*Mrs. Huey M. Stall	1964-1965
*Mrs. Lottie Mitchell	*Mrs. Thomas Rutherford	1965-1966
*Mrs. Reuben Smith	*Mrs. Jack Morgan	1966-1967
*Mrs. Rollo Marple	*Mrs. Roy McLean	1967-1968
*Miss Caroline Strother	Mrs. Roger Nelson	1968-1969
*Mrs. J. M. Yates	Mrs. Richard D. Johnson	1969-1970
*Mrs. Albert Murray	Mrs. Edward (Linda) Foster	1970-1971
*Mrs. Fred E. Bohn	Mrs. James Maatsch	1971-1972
*Mrs. George Zederbaum	Mrs. Robert W. Johnson	1972-1973
*Mrs. D. J. Wright	Mrs. Raymond Gager	1973-1974
*Mrs. Fred C. Curtiss	*Mrs. Norman VanSoest	1974-1975
*Mrs. Guy C. Longcor	Mrs. Roderick Yates	1975-1976
*Mrs. James B. Church	Mrs. Robert Ballard	1976-1977
*Mrs. J. N. Herbst	Mrs. Robert Carpenter	1977-1978
*Mrs. Paul Bond	Mrs. Kenneth Sparks	1978-1979
*Mrs. Claude Behrens	Mrs. Thomas Aiken	1979-1980

## PAST PRESIDENTS (continued)

Mrs. John Curtis	1980-1981	Mrs. Mary Myers	1996-1997
Mrs. Gary Janousek	1981-1982	Mrs. Shirley Rann	1997-1998
Mrs. Douglas Inglis	1982-1983	Mrs. Cheryl Jackson	1998-1999
Mrs. Richard Trumley	1983-1984	Mrs. Carolyn Casler	1999-2000
*Mrs. Edman Grier	1984-1985	Mrs. Deborah Mohre	2000-2001
Mrs. Gloria Criss	1985-1986	Mrs. Christine Waugh-Fleischmann	2001-2002
Mrs. Leon Monroe	1986-1987	Mrs. Edward (Linda) Foster	
Mrs. Edward (Linda) Foster	1987-1988	& Mrs. Sandra Maatsch	2002-2003
Mrs. Donald S. Falik	1988-1989	Mrs. Karen Elsesser	2003-2004
Mrs. Joseph E. Pray	1989-1990	Mrs. Karen Wirt	2004-2005
*Mrs. Charles E. Wiles	1990-1991	Mrs. Sara Biskie	2005-2006
Mrs. Keith Bazaire	1991-1992	Mrs. Marilyn Monroe-Hart	2006-2007
Mrs. Deborah Sugden	1992-1993	Mrs. Nola Buck	2007-2008
Ms. Jeannette Sommer	1993-1994	Mrs. Mary Remenak	2008-2010
Mrs. Mona Ellard	1994-1995	Ms. Marge Carter	2010-2012
Mrs. Jenny Lamb	1995-1996		

\*deceased

# GFWC-Charlotte Officers 2013-2014

**President** ..... Sylvia Colles  
**Vice President** .....Dianna Rabey  
**Recording Secretary** .....April Brooks  
**Corresponding Secretary** .....Peg Cameron  
**Treasurer** ..... Marlene Darin  
**Assistant to the Treasurer**.....Sharon Kubica  
**Historians** .....Carol Rossio and Lorraine Green  
**Parliamentarian** .....Linda Foster  
**Immediate Past President** .....Margie Carter  
**Director (1st year of 2-year term)** .....Patricia Green  
**Director (2nd year of 2-year term)**.....Peggy Nichols  
**Director (2nd year of 2-year term)**.....Jo Vanderstelt



**Club Colors:** .....Green and White  
**Club Flower:** ..... Yellow Jonquil  
**Club Motto:** “Act as if what you do makes a difference. It does.”



**GFWC-Charlotte Mailing Address:** PO Box #464  
Charlotte, MI 48813



## 2013-2014 Dues

**Active Member**..... \$40.00  
**Associate Member**..... \$50.00



# **GFWC-Charlotte 2013-2014 Committees**

## **By-Law Revisions**

Chair: Linda Foster

Committee: Connie Fast, Marilyn Monroe-Hart and Pam Rinckey

## **EARS-Electronic Activities Reporting Specialist**

Margie Carter

## **Finance**

Chair: Marlene Darin

Committee: Sylvia Colles, President

Marge Carter, Immediate Past President

Dianna Rabey, Vice President

Lori Pray, Past President

## **Financial Review**

Kim Capps

## **Fundraising**

Flower Power: Pam Jarvi

Uncle Al's Pecans: Judy Whitkopf

Home Tour: Co-chairs Jackie Carr and Karen Elsesser

Committee: Margie Carter, Eva Crandall, Dyna Lehman,  
Pam Rinckey, Susie Sevitts

## **GFWC-Charlotte Newsletter-Club Communicator**

Chairperson: Linda Foster

## **GFWC-Charlotte Database**

Chairperson: Linda Foster

## **GFWC-Charlotte Website/Facebook**

Linda Foster, Carol Idalski and Sylvia Colles

## **GFWC-Charlotte Ms. Federation and Woman of Achievement Award**

Chairperson: Kim Capps

Committee: Sue Berger, Sylvia Colles, Katie Dornbos, Patty Green

## **GFWC-Charlotte 2013-2014 Committees (continued)**

### **Hand-to-Hand**

Chairs: Mary Remenak

### **Meeting Notification**

Chair: Sherry Myers (543-5405)

Calling Committee: Sherry Myers, LeAnn Green, Wendee Morse

If you do not receive email, the calling committee will contact you before each meeting with the meeting details and registration information. If you prefer not to be called or will be gone for an extended period during our club year, please relate this to your assigned caller. Members with email will receive email notice of each meeting with a link to use for registering through our membership database ([www.imembersdb.com](http://www.imembersdb.com)).

### **Membership**

Chair: Fran Fuller

Committee: Sara Biskie, Sherry Myers, Dana Pray, Jeana Rohrs, Dana Pray

### **Name Tag Box**

Chair: Beth Fry

### **Nominating Committee**

Chair: Marilyn Monroe Hart, Past President

Committee: Sara Biskie, Brynda Filkins

### **Program Committee**

Chair: Dianna Rabey

Committee: Ellen Fuller, Pam Rinckey, Jo Vanderstelt

### **Publicity**

Chair: Elizabeth Siler

### **Remembrances**

Co-Chair: Sandy Maatsch and Nathalie Weseman

# Community Service Programs

## ARTS

### **Arts in the Community**

Arts Scholarship: Christine Waugh-Fleischmann

GFWC-Charlotte Chorus: Carolyn Maier

### **Creative Arts Program**

Arts and Crafts: Chair to be determined

## CONSERVATION

### **Beautification**

City Beautification: Stormi Stuler

### **Resource Conservation**

Recycling: Sue Pruden

“Kind News” (publication for school children): Carol Rossio

## EDUCATION

### **Education in the Community**

GFWC-MI Education Foundation: Linda Foster

Kaleidoscope: Linda Foster

Mini Trips: Jo Vanderstelt and Stormi Stuler

My Leads: Gloria Wilson

Senior Scholarship: Gloria Wilson

Tea and Tomes Book Club: Brynda Filkins

### **Focus on Literacy**

Youth Literacy

RIF-Reading is Fundamental: Darlene Freeman

Committee: Sharon Kubica and Lee Falik

Read to Me: Joyce Sparks

## **Community Service Programs (continued)**

### **HOME LIFE**

#### **Helping Hands in the Community Program**

Bay Cliff Health Camp: Margie Carter

Guiding Harbor (Girlstown): Carolyn Maier

Mobile Meals, Inc.

President

Linda Foster

Vice President

Beth Fry

Secretary

April Brooks

Treasurer

Lori Pray

GFWC-Charlotte

President Sylvia Colles

Siren/Eaton Shelter: Jessica Edel

Eaton Clothing and Furniture Center: Carol Monroe

#### **Focus on Health**

Women's Health: Sylvia Colles

#### **Focus on Financial Issues**

Ellen Fuller

#### **Gourmet Club**

Lori Pray

### **INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH**

#### **Reaching Out Internationally**

Heifer International: Carol Idalski

Smile Bags: Sara Biskie

### **PUBLIC ISSUES**

#### **Citizenship in Action**

GFWC-Charlotte Club Archives: Jeanette Sommer

#### **Community Improvement Project – Archives Preservation/Oral History**

Committee: Sylvia Colles, Carol Rossio, Mary Sloan, Jeannette Sommer,

Margie Carter, Lola Wilson, Linda Foster

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## 2013-2014

### September

**Friday, September 13, 2013**

#### ***Opening Luncheon/Information Fair***

First Lutheran Church, 550 E. Shepherd  
Social Time 11:30 a.m. – Luncheon 12:00 noon  
Cost: \$10.00

*Reservations may be made online or taken to Hayes Green Beach Gift Basket.*

Program Representative: ..... Dianna Rabey  
Co-Chairs: ..... Nancy Holtz, Lori Pray  
Committee: ..... Sue Pruden, Sharon Adams, Diane Ruswick  
Music: ..... **GFWC-Charlotte Chorus under the direction of Carolyn Maier**

### October

**Friday October 4, 2013**

#### ***Human Trafficking***

Charlotte Community Library, Spartan Room  
Social Time 11:30 a.m. – Luncheon 12:00 noon  
Cost: \$10.00

*Reservations may be made online or taken to Hayes Green Beach Gift Basket.*

Program Representative ..... Dianna Rabey  
Co-Chairs: ..... Dyna Lehman, Pam Rinckey  
Committee: ..... Cheryl Jackson, Martha Limauro, Wendee Morse  
Program: ..... **Carmen Kucinich**

Ms. Kucinich is a Victim Specialist with the Federal Bureau of Investigation and is one of the original members of the Michigan Human Trafficking Task Force.

**November**

**Friday, November 1, 2013**

***Wine Tasting and Dinner Husband / Guest Night***

Charlotte Country Club

Time 5:30

Cost: TBD

*Reservations may be made online or taken to Hayes Green Beach Gift Basket.*

Program Representative ..... Dianna Rabey  
Co-Chairs: ..... Patty Greene and Pam Jarvi  
Committee: ..... Peg Cameron, Joan Hasselback, Dana Pray  
Program: ..... **Patrick Sustrich, President of the Lansing Tasters Guild**

**November**

**Thursday, November 21, 2013**

***New Member Orientation Meeting***

Charlotte Community Library, Spartan Room

12:00 -1:30 p.m.

Fran Fuller and the Membership Committee will host this working luncheon.

*NO cost. Reservations made directly to Membership Chairman*

**December**

**Friday, December 6, 2013**

***Annual Holiday Tea***

***Honoring Past Presidents and New Members***

First Congregational United Church, 106 S. Bostwick

Social Time 12:30 p.m. – Meeting 1:00 p.m.

*No reservations required. No cost.*

Program Representative: ..... Ellen Fuller  
Co-Chairs: ..... Sherry Pabst, Carol Idalski, Sharon Kubica  
Committee: ..... Beth Fry, Kim Capps, Betty Crandall, Eva Crandall,  
Brynda Filkins, Shirley Hirt, Elizabeth Siler, Trystin Vanderstelt  
Music: ..... **GFWC-Charlotte Chorus under the direction of Carolyn Maier**

**January**

**NO GENERAL MEETING**

**February**

**Friday, February 7, 2014**

***Get to Know the Sheriff and Personal Protection***

Charlotte Community Library, Spartan Room  
Social Time 11:30 a.m. – Luncheon 12:00 noon  
Cost: \$10.00

*Reservations may be made online or taken to Hayes Green Beach Gift Basket.*

Program Representative: ..... Pam Rinckey  
Co-Chairs: ..... Carol Rossio, Sandy Maatsch  
Committee: ..... Lola Wilson, Sue Farlin, Jane Karlzen  
Program: ..... **Eaton County Sheriff Tom Reich**

**March**

**Friday, March 7, 2014**

***Arm Chair Yoga and Meditation***

Charlotte Community Library, Spartan Room  
Social Time 11:30 a.m. – Luncheon 12:00 noon  
Cost: \$10.00

*Reservations may be made online or taken to Hayes Green Beach Gift Basket.*

Program Representative: ..... Jo Vanderstelt  
Co-Chairs: ..... Sally Jewell, April Brooks  
Committee: ..... Sonnie Cody, Darlene Freeman, Sara Biskie  
Program: ..... **Martha Limauro Yoga instructor**

**April**

**Friday, April 4, 2014**

***Annual Business Meeting & Installation of Officers  
The Language of Flowers***

First Lutheran Church 550 E. Shepherd  
Social Time 11.30 a.m. – Lunch 12 noon  
Cost: \$10.00

*Reservations may be made online or taken to Hayes Green Beach Gift Basket.*

Program Representative: .....- Jo Vanderstelt  
Co-Chairs: ..... Charlene Sutherland, Chris Olson  
Committee: ..... Lorraine Green, Jeana Rhors, Peggy Nichols  
Program: ..... **Karen Lewis a member of the Eaton Rapids Garden Club**

**May**

**Friday, May 2, 2014**

***Brainstorming***

Charlotte Community Library, Spartan Room  
**Fellowship time and planning session for the next club year**  
12:00 noon

*No reservations, no cost, casual dress*

Bring your own sack lunch, beverages and dessert will be provided. This is an important meeting in deciding what the programming should be for the next year.

**Please make plans to attend!!**

Co-Chairs/Program Committee: ..... Pam Rinckey, Ellen Fuller,  
Jo Vanderstelt, Dianna Rabey

*\*\*Information about the Senior Tea will be provided at a late date and you will receive a replacement page with any updated information*

*A note from the Program Committee:*

*The 2013-2014 programs were chosen based on the results of the brainstorming meeting and the survey completed by members. Thank you for sharing your ideas.*