

One Hundred Twenty-seventh Annual Announcement

General Federation of Women's Clubs-Charlotte



**2014-2015
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

Mary Stewart, Colorado

Federation Officers 2014-2015

International President Babs Condon
State President Fran Leonard
Southwestern District President Becky Devenney

GFWC on the Internet

National GFWC Web Page Address

www.gfwc.org

National GFWC E-mail address

gfwc@gfwc.org

GFWC MI Web Page Address

www.gfwcmi.org

GFWC-Charlotte Web Page Addresses

www.gfwc-charlotte.com

www.imembersdb.com

GFWC-Charlotte Organized 1887
State Federation 1895
County Federation 1902
Southwestern District 1915

MEMBERS HOLDING DISTRICT AND STATE LEVEL POSITIONS

***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

1984-1987 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 2nd Vice President

1994-1996 Southwestern District 1st 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

2014-2016 GFWC MI Secretary and SWD Secretary

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

2004-2006 Southwestern District Arts & Crafts Co-Chair

Karen Elsesser

2004-2006 GFWC MI Woman of Achievement Chair

Marilyn Monroe-Hart

2006-2016 Southwestern District Parliamentarian

2008-2010 GFWC MI Board of Directors

2008-2010 GFWC MI Parliamentarian

2010-2014 GFWC MI Resolution Committee Chair

2014-2016 GFWC MI Resolution Committee Chair and SWD Guiding Harbor Rep.

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

Margie Carter

2012-2014 Southwestern District International Chair

2014-2016 Memorial Service 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 |
| Sue Pruden* | 2013-2014 |

*Also recognized by GFWC MI as Women of Achievement

“Ms. Federation” Award

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|---|-----------|
| 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)

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|---|-----------|
| Mrs. John Curtis | 1980-1981 |
| Mrs. Gary Janousek | 1981-1982 |
| Mrs. Douglas Inglis | 1982-1983 |
| Mrs. Richard Trumley | 1983-1984 |
| *Mrs. Edman Grier | 1984-1985 |
| Mrs. Gloria Criss | 1985-1986 |
| Mrs. Leon Monroe | 1986-1987 |
| Mrs. Edward (Linda) Foster | 1987-1988 |
| Mrs. Donald S. Falik | 1988-1989 |
| Mrs. Joseph E. Pray | 1989-1990 |
| *Mrs. Charles E. Wiles | 1990-1991 |
| Mrs. Keith Bazaire | 1991-1992 |
| Mrs. Deborah Sugden | 1992-1993 |
| Ms. Jeannette Sommer | 1993-1994 |
| Mrs. Mona Ellard | 1994-1995 |
| Mrs. Jenny Lamb | 1995-1996 |
| Mrs. Mary Myers | 1996-1997 |
| Mrs. Shirley Rann | 1997-1998 |
| Mrs. Cheryl Jackson | 1998-1999 |
| Mrs. Carolyn Casler | 1999-2000 |
| Mrs. Deborah Mohre | 2000-2001 |
| Mrs. Christine Waugh-Fleischmann | 2001-2002 |
| Mrs. Edward (Linda) Foster & Mrs. Sandra Maatsch | 2002-2003 |
| Mrs. Karen Elsesser | 2003-2004 |
| Mrs. Karen Wirt | 2004-2005 |
| Mrs. Sara Biskie | 2005-2006 |
| Mrs. Marilyn Monroe-Hart | 2006-2007 |
| Mrs. Nola Buck | 2007-2008 |
| Mrs. Mary Remenak | 2008-2010 |
| Ms. Marge Carter | 2010-2012 |
| Mrs. Sylvia Colles | 2012-2014 |

*deceased

GFWC-Charlotte Officers 2014-2015

President Dianna Rabey

Vice President Fran Fuller

Recording Secretary Julie Dartt

Corresponding Secretary Mary Remenak

Treasurer Marlene Darin

Assistant to the Treasurer..... Sharon Kubica

Historian Carol Rossio

Parliamentarian Linda Foster

Immediate Past President..... Sylvia Colles

Director (2nd year of 2-year term) Patricia Green

Director (1st year of 2-year term)..... Ellen Fuller

Director (1st year of 2-year term)..... Jeana Rohrs

Members are always welcome and encouraged to attend Board meetings, starting at 9:00 a.m. at the Congregational Church Annex. The Board will meet on the following dates:

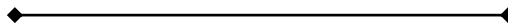
September 17, October 15, November 19, January 21, February 18, March 18, and April 15 (last meeting)



Club Colors:.....Green and White

Club Flower:Yellow Chrysanthemum

Club Theme: KINDNESS "O Lord God, let us forget not to be kind." Mary Stewart



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



2014-2015 Dues

Active Member.....\$40.00

Associate Member.....\$50.00

GFWC-Charlotte 2014-2015 Committees

By-Law Revisions

Chair: Linda Foster

Committee: Marilyn Monroe-Hart, Pam Rinckey

EARS-Electronic Activities Reporting Specialist

Chair: Ellen Fuller

Finance

Chair: Marlene Darin

Committee: Dianna Rabey, President

Sylvia Colles, Immediate Past President

Fran Fuller, Vice President

Lori Pray, Past President

Financial Review

Chair: Kim Capps

Fundraising

Terry Lynn Inc. (Nut & Candy): Co-Chair: Judy Whitkopf

Home Tour: Co-chairs: **TBD**

Committee: Tickets - Pam Rinckey

GFWC-Charlotte Newsletter-*Club Communicator* & Database

Chair: Linda Foster

GFWC-Charlotte Website/Facebook

Co-chairs: Linda Foster, Sylvia Colles

GFWC-Charlotte Ms. Federation and Woman of Achievement Award

Chair: Patty Greene

Committee: Sue Berger, Dianna Rabey, Beth Fry, Shirley Hirt

GFWC-Charlotte 2014-2015 Committees (continued)

Hand-to-Hand

Chair: Mary Remenak

Meeting Notification

Chair: Sherry Myers (517-749-6762)

Members will receive e-mail notice of meetings with a link to use for registering through our membership database (www.imembersdb.com). If you do not receive e-mail, the calling committee will contact you with the meeting 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 when she makes her initial contact to you in September.

Membership

Chair: Fran Fuller

Committee: Lorraine Green, Sherry Myers, Dana Pray, Diane Ruswick,
Martha Limauro, Jeanne Tomasek

Name Tag Box

Chair: Jeanne Tomasek

Nominating Committee

Chair: Pam Rinckey,

Committee: Nola Buck, Sharon Adams, Sally Jewell

Program Committee

Chair: Margie Carter

Committee: Jan Day, Jo Vanderstelt, Ellen Fuller and Sunny Becker

Publicity

Co-Chairs: Elizabeth Siler and April Brooks

Remembrances

Co-Chairs: Sandy Maatsch and Nathalie Weseman

Community Service Programs

ARTS

Arts and Nursing in the Community

Arts Scholarship: Christine Waugh-Fleischmann

Nursing Scholarship:

GFWC-Charlotte Chorus: Carolyn Maier

Creative Arts Program

Arts and Crafts: Dianna Rabey

CONSERVATION

Beautification

City Beautification: Carol Little

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 Jan Day

My Leads: Sylvia Colles and Sunny Becker

Senior Scholarship: Sylvia Colles and Sunny Becker

Tea and Tomes Book Club: Brynda Filkins

Literature and Libations: (a night time book club) Elizabeth Siler

Focus on Literacy

Youth Literacy

RIF-Reading is Fundamental: Chair: Darlene Freeman

Committee: Lee Falik, Patty Retzer and Diane Ruswick

Read to Me: Chair: Joyce Sparks

Community Service Programs (continued)

HOME LIFE

Helping Hands in the Community Program

Bay Cliff Health Camp:

Guiding Harbor (Girlstown): Carolyn Maier

Mobile Meals, Inc.

President

Linda Foster

Vice President

Beth Fry

Secretary

April Brooks

Treasurer

Lori Pray

GFWC-Charlotte President

Dianna Rabey

Siren/Eaton Shelter: Jessica Edel Harrelson

Eaton Clothing and Furniture Center: Carol Monroe

Focus on Health

Women's Health: Barbara Fulton

Focus on Financial Issues

Ellen Fuller

Cooking Club

Lori Pray

INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH

Reaching Out Internationally

Heifer International: Julie Dartt

PUBLIC ISSUES

Citizenship in Action

GFWC-Charlotte Club Archives: Jeanette Sommer

Community Improvement Project – TBD

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2014-2015

September

Friday, September 12, 2014

Opening Luncheon

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

Program Representative Fran Fuller
Co-Chairs Charlene Sutherland, Lola Wilson
Committee Suzette Weaver, Julie Dartt, Lee Falik,
Susie Sevitts, Judy Whitkopf, Pam Jarvi
Program **Information Fair**
Music **GFWC-Charlotte Chorus**
under the direction of Carolyn Maier

October

Friday October 3, 2014

LOVE, HUGS AND KISSES

A Daughter's Grief Journal

First Congregational Church, 106 S. Bostwick

Social Time 11:30 a.m. – Luncheon 12:00 noon
Cost: \$10.00

Program Representative Ellen Fuller
Co-Chairs Peg Cameron, Beth Fry
Committee Sonnie Cody, Sue Pruden, Cheryl Jackson
Program **Karen Crouch: Hospice Nurse for 29 Years**

November

Friday, November 7, 2014

Community Update Panel

Eaton Area Senior Center, 804 S. Cochran
Social Time 11:30 a.m. – Luncheon 12:00 noon
Cost: \$10.00

Program RepresentativeJo Vandersteldt
Co-Chairs Jeanne Tomasek, Margie Carter
CommitteeKaren Elsesser, Nancy Holtz, Leann Green, Betty Crandall
Program..... **Gregg Guetschow, City Manager**
Curt Scott, Chair-CanDo
Garrett Bensinger, President- Chamber of Commerce
Denise Dunn, Executive Director-Housing Services for Mid-Michigan
Christi Dutcher, Chair-Charitable Assets Pillar-CanDo

November

Thursday, November 20, 2014

New Member Orientation Meeting

Charlotte Community Library, Spartan Room, 226 S. Bostwick: 12:00 -1:30 p.m.
Membership Committee will host this working luncheon.
NO COST. Reservations made directly to Fran Fuller.

December

Friday, December 5, 2014

Annual Christmas Tea

Honoring Past Presidents and New Members

First Congregational Church, 106 S. Bostwick
Social Time 12:30 p.m. – Meeting 1:00 p.m.
NO COST. No Reservations Required.

Program RepresentativeFran Fuller
Co-ChairsSherry Myers, Jeana Rohrs, Sharon Kennedy
CommitteeSherry Pabst, Brynda Filkins, Lori King,
Diana Bosworth, Sharon Adams
Music**GFWC-Charlotte Chorus**
under the direction of Carolyn Maier

January

NO GENERAL MEETING

February

Friday, February 6, 2015

Crosswalk Teen Center

Crosswalk Teen Center, 103 W. Lawrence (corner of Lawrence and Cochran)

Social Time 11:30 a.m. – Luncheon 12:00 noon

Cost: \$10.00

Program RepresentativeSunny Becker
 Co-ChairsLisa Jackson, Carol Rossio
 CommitteeLorraine Green, Barb VanderMolen, Wendee Morse
 Program**Rick Todd, Director, Crosswalk Teen Center**

March

Friday, March 6, 2015

Upcycling/Repurposing

Creative Reuse of Household Items

Charlotte Community Library, Spartan Room, 226 S. Bostwick

Social Time 11:30 a.m. – Luncheon 12:00 noon

Cost: \$10.00

Program Representatives:Ellen Fuller, Sunny Becker
 Co-ChairsJoy St. John, Lori Pray
 CommitteeMona Ellard, Patty Greene, Joan Hasselback
 Program**Cathy Singer, April Brooks, Dianna Rabey**

April

!!! Friday, April 10, 2015 !!!

(Note: 2nd Friday)

***Annual Business Meeting & Installation of Officers
Exercise for Life***

First Lutheran Church, 550 E. Shepherd

Social Time 11.30 a.m. – Lunch 12 noon

Cost: \$10.00

Program RepresentativeJo Vandersteldt
Co-Chairs Sylvia Colles, Jane Karlzen
CommitteeChris Olson, Peggy Nichols, Sue Farlin
Program**Jacob (Jake) Campbell, Manager of MOVE at ALIVE**

April

Tuesday, April 28, 2015

68th Annual Senior Tea

Charlotte Performing Arts Center (CPAC), 378 State Street

1:00 p.m.

No reservations required. No cost. All members are requested to attend.

Program RepresentativeJan Day
Co-ChairsSylvia Colles, Martha Limauro
CommitteeDiane Ruswick, Fran Rush, Shelby Butler, Elizabeth Siler,
Jeannette Sommer, Carol Little and New Members
Program**Jase Bolger, former Michigan Speaker of the House
and Graduate of Charlotte High School**
Music**GFWC-Charlotte Chorus**
under the direction of Carolyn Maier

May

Friday, May 1, 2015

Brainstorming

Charlotte Community Library, Spartan Room, 226 S. Bostwick

Fellowship time and planning session for 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 Pam Rinckey, Dyna Lehman
Committee Dana Pray, Jessica Sommer

May

Friday, May 1, 2015

Husband/Guest Night

Wally Miars, Author

Maple Brook Golf Course, 681 Lansing St. (formerly Charlotte Country Club)

Social Time 5:30 p.m. – Dinner 6:30 p.m.

Cost: TBA

Program Representative Jan Day
Co-Chairs Fran Fuller, Mary Remenak
Committee Sue Berger, Patty Retzer, Katie Dornbos, Shirley Hirt
Program ***ALONE TOGETHER, Hiking the Appalachian Trail***

A note from the Program Committee:

**The 2014-2015 programs were chosen based on the results of the brainstorming meeting and the survey completed by members.
Thank you for sharing your ideas!**