

One Hundred Thirty-fifth Annual Announcement

General Federation of Women's Clubs-Charlotte



**2022-2023
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.

Written 1904 - Adopted April 1941

Mary Stewart - Colorado

Federation Officers 2022-2024

International President Debbie Strahanoski

State President Kathy Lewis

Southwestern District President Linda Rough

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 Address

www.gfwc-charlotte.com

GFWC-Charlotte Database

www.imembersdb.com

GFWC-Charlotte Facebook

www.facebook.com/GFWC-Charlotte

GFWC-Charlotte Mobile App

<http://m.imembersdb.com>

GFWC-CHARLOTTE MAILING ADDRESS:

P. O. Box 464, Charlotte, MI 48813

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
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 Co-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 nd Vice President
1994-1996	Southwestern District 1 st 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
2008-2020	Southwestern District Secretary
2010-2014	GFWC MI Jennie Award Chair
2014-2018	GFWC MI Secretary
2018-2024	GFWC MI Education Foundation Scholarship Chair
2018-2024	GFWC MI Arts & Nursing Scholarship Chair
2020-2022	Southwestern District Health & Wellness CPS Chair
2021-2022	Jennie Award from GFWC MI
2022-2024	SWD Parliamentarian
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 -2007	GFWC MI Woman of Achievement Chair
*Marilyn Monroe-Hart	
2004-2020	Southwestern District Parliamentarian
2008-2010	GFWC MI Board of Directors
2008-2010	GFWC MI Parliamentarian
2010-2016	GFWC MI Resolutions Committee Chair
2013-2016	Southwestern District Guiding Harbor/Girlstown Representative
2014-2020	GFWC MI Bylaws Chair
Nola Buck	
2008-2010	GFWC MI Beautification Chair
Mary Remenak	
2010-2012	Southwestern District Home Life Partnership Chair
2010-2012	GFWC MI Home Life Partnership Chair
2018-2020	SWD Arts Chair

MEMBERS HOLDING DISTRICT AND STATE LEVEL POSITIONS (continued)

Margie Carter

2012-2014 Southwestern District International Chair
 2014-2016 GFWC MI Memorial Service Chair

Brynda Filkins

2016-2017 Southwestern District Education Foundation Representative

Julie Dartt

2016-2024 GFWC MI MyLead Representative; Chair 2018-2024
 2020-2024 SWD Arts & Culture Chair

Fran Fuller

2018-2020 SWD Spiritual Enrichment Co-Chair
 2020-2024 SWD Secretary
 2022-2024 GFWC MI Nomination Committee Chair

*deceased

GFWC– CHARLOTTE AWARD RECIPIENTS

CLUB YEAR	GFWC-CHARLOTTE CLUB WOMAN OF THE YEAR	MS. FEDERATION
1994-1995	Linda Foster (1 st recipient)	
1995-1996	Donna W. Johnson	
1996-1997	Connie Bazaire	
1997-1998	Marian Johnson	
1998-1999	Shirley Rann	Connie Bazaire, Lee Falik, Linda Foster Donna W. Johnson, Marian Johnson, Shirley Rann
1999-2000	Lori Pray & Lee Falik	Cheryl Jackson
2000-2001	Cheryl Jackson	None
2001-2002	Sandy Maatsch	Deb Mohre
2002-2003	Chris Fleischmann & Joyce Sparks	Sandy Maatsch
2003-2004	Nola Buck	Karen Wirt
	Club Woman of the Year BECAME GFWC MI WOMAN OF ACHIEVEMENT (recognized at local & state level)	
2004-2005	Linda Foster & Karen Elsesser	Karen Elsesser
2005-2006	Jeannette Sommer	Sara Biskie
2006-2007	Sara Biskie	None
2007-2008	Marilyn Monroe Hart	Mona Ellard & Lori Pray
2008-2009	Jenny Lamb	Nola Buck & Marilyn M. Hart
	GFWC MI began awarding WOA & Ms. Federation in alternate years	
2009-2010	Margie Carter	----
2010-2011	----	Mary Remenak
2011-2012	Lola Wilson	----
2012-2013	----	Margie Carter
2013-2014	Sue Pruden	----
2014-2015	----	None
2015-2016	Carol Rossio	----
2016-2017	----	Dianna Rabey
2017-2018	None	----
2018-2019	----	Fran Fuller
2019-2020	Mona Ellard	----
2020-2021	----	Sherry Pabst
2021-2022	Barb VanderMolen	----

*Mrs. P.T. VanZile
 *Mrs. George Huggett
 *Mrs. On Schurtz
 *Mrs. R. M. Buck
 *Mrs. F. A. Hooker
 *Mrs. W. P. Wympe
 *Dr. Mary Green
 *Mrs. A. M. Barber
 *Mrs. Bessie D. Paine
 *Mrs. J. J. Curtis
 *Mrs. B. J. Grier
 *Mrs. W. P. Engle
 *Mrs. M. S. Philips
 *Mrs. C. S. Brown
 *Mrs. F. A. Weaver
 *Mrs. John Thomas
 *Mrs. W. (Evans) Wisner
 *Miss Beatrice Hunt
 *Mrs. Belle M. Perry
 *Miss Maria DeGraff
 *Mrs. Roy Sylvester
 *Mrs. H. H. VanAuken
 *Mrs. Barbara Dewey
 *Mrs. P. T. Turo
 *Mrs. Abbie Thomas
 *Mrs. Fred Youngblood
 *Mrs. Leon E. Garlinghouse
 *Mrs. Frank Davis
 *Mrs. M. H. DeFoe
 *Mrs. Lottie Mitchell
 *Mrs. Reuben Smith
 *Mrs. Rollo Marple
 *Miss Caroline Strother
 *Mrs. J. M. Yates
 *Mrs. Albert Murray
 *Mrs. Fred E. Bohn
 *Mrs. George Zederbaum
 *Mrs. D. J. Wright
 *Mrs. Fred C. Curtiss
 *Mrs. Guy C. Longcor
 *Mrs. James B. Church
 *Mrs. J. N. Herbst
 *Mrs. Paul Bond
 *Mrs. Claude Behrens
 *Mrs. Darrel Johnson 1936-1937
 *Mrs. Gertrude B. Prindle 1937-1938
 *Mrs. Chester Wilcox 1938-1939
 *Mrs. Charles A. Snyder 1939-1940
 *Mrs. William A. Vance 1940-1941
 *Mrs. Richard Shaull 1941-1942
 *Mrs. Ward Hynes 1942-1943
 *Mrs. Emerson Boyles 1943-1944
 *Mrs. E. J. Covell 1944-1945
 *Mrs. Allan R. Murray 1945-1946
 *Mrs. Earl V. Mead 1946-1947
 *Mrs. Virgil Wooley 1947-1948
 *Mrs. Hilding Krusell 1948-1949
 *Mrs. Cash R. Beechler 1949-1950
 *Mrs. Homer Bauer 1950-1951

PAST PRESIDENTS

*Mrs Clifford Smith 1951-1952
 *Mrs. Roy Yund 1952-1953
 *Mrs. Jud Richardson, Jr. 1953-1954
 *Mrs. Paul Packard 1954-1955
 *Mrs. John Lipsey 1955-1956
 *Mrs. H. B. Loomis 1956-1957
 *Mrs. Bart Rypstra 1957-1958
 *Mrs. P. R. Glotfelty, Jr. 1958-1959
 *Mrs. Carl Gearhart, Sr. 1959-1960
 *Mrs. Vance Baker 1960-1961
 *Mrs. Ralph Baird 1961-1962
 *Mrs. John Colizzi 1962-1963
 *Mrs. G. A. Hansen 1963-1964
 *Mrs. Huey M. Stall 1964-1965
 *Mrs. Thomas Rutherford 1965-1966
 *Mrs. Jack (Eleanor) Morgan 1966-1967
 *Mrs. Roy (Jean)McLean 1967-1968
 Mrs. Roger (Ardel) Nelson 1968-1969
 *Mrs. Richard (Donna)Johnson 1969-1970
 Mrs. Edward (Linda) Foster 1970-1971
 Mrs. James (Sandy) Maatsch 1971-1972
 *Mrs. Robert (Marian)Johnson 1972-1973
 *Mrs. Raymond (Jo) Gager 1973-1974
 *Mrs. Norman (Jean)VanSoest 1974-1975
 *Mrs. Roderick (Joyce)Yates 1975-1976
 *Mrs. Robert(Doris) Ballard 1976-1977
 *Mrs. Robert(Jeanne)Carpenter 1977-1978
 *Mrs.Kenneth (Joyce)Sparks 1978-1979
 *Mrs. Thomas (Ginny) Aiken 1979-1980
 Mrs. John (Norma) Curtis Mrs. 1980-1981
 Gary (Judy) Janousek Mrs. 1981-1982
 Douglas (Ieva) Inglis *Mrs. 1982-1983
 Richard (Bev) Trumley *Mrs. 1983-1984
 Edman (Ruth) Grier Mrs. 1984-1985
 Gloria Criss 1985-1986
 Mrs. Leon (Carol) Monroe 1986-1987
 Mrs. Edward (Linda) Foster 1987-1988
 Mrs. Donald (Mary) Falik 1988-1989
 Mrs. Joseph E. (Lori) Pray 1989-1990
 *Mrs. Charles E. Wiles Mrs. 1990-1991
 Keith (Connie) Bazaire Mrs. 1991-1992
 Randy (Deb) Sugden Mrs. 1992-1993
 Jerry (Jeannette) Sommer 1993-1994
 Mrs. Ed (Mona) Ellard Mrs. 1994-1995
 Jim (Jenny) Lamb Mrs. 1995-1996
 Mary Myers 1996-1997
 Mrs. Dick (Shirley) Rann 1997-1998
 Mrs. Moe (Cheryl) Jackson 1998-1999
 Mrs. Larry (Carolyn) Casler 1999-2000
 Mrs. Ken (Deb) Mohre 2000-2001
 Mrs. Frank (Chris) Waugh-Fleischmann 2001-2002
 Mrs. Ed (Linda) Foster & 2002-2003
 Mrs. Jim (Sandy) Maatsch 2003-2004
 Mrs. Jim (Karen) Elsesser 2004-2005
 Mrs. Ken (Karen) Wirt 2005-2006
 Mrs. Fred (Sara) Biskie 2006-2007
 Mrs. Bruce (Marilyn) Monroe Hart 2006-2007
 Mrs. Doug (Nola) Buck 2007-2008

BEGIN TWO-YEAR TERMS:

Mrs. Dick (Mary) Remenak 2008-2010
 Ms. Margie Carter 2010-2012
 Mrs. Gary (Sylvia) Colles 2012-2014
 Mrs. Chuck (Dianna) Rabey 2014-2016
 Mrs. Dave (Fran) Fuller 2016-2018
 Mrs. James (Julie) Dart 2018-2020

GFWC-Charlotte 2022-2024 Committees

Bylaw Revisions

Chair: Linda Foster

Committee: Diana Bosworth, Fran Fuller, Lorraine Green

Club Communications and Database

Facebook

Chair: Pat Campion; Committee: Amy Krizek, Linda Foster

Newsletter-Club Communicator; Meeting Notification

Chair: Linda Foster, Committee: Fran Fuller

Members will receive email notice of meetings with a link to use for registering through our membership database (www.imembersdb.com). If you do not receive email, you will be assigned a buddy.

Website

Chair: Amy Krizek; Committee: Pat Campion; Linda Foster

Community Impact Project (CIP) –Crandell Lake Trail

Chair: Pat Campion

EARS-Electronic Activities Reporting Specialist

Linda Foster

Education Foundation

Chair: Nancy Gensel

Finance

Chair: Sylvia Colles

Committee: Pat Campion, President

Chris Reist, Immediate Past President

Sherry Myers, Vice President

Lori Pray, Past Treasurer

Financial Review

Kim Capps

Fundraising

Terri Lynn Inc. (Nuts & Candy)

Co-Chairs: Judy Whitkopf, Peggy Nichols

SIREN Holiday Tea 2022: Chair: Linda Lord; Auction Chair: Michelle Taylor, Committee: Sue Steinberg

Mini Fundraising Committee: Barb VanderMolen, chair; Ginny Baxter, Cindy Miller

Guiding Harbor

Co-chairs: Jessica Doman, Nora Hempel, and Melissa Randall

Hand-to-Hand

Chair: Lorraine Green

Membership/Attendance

Chair: Sherry Myers

Committee: Cathy Rudnitsky, Amy Slot, Dawn Sneckenberg, Connie O'Neill, Kim Dane, Tammy Crandell

Name Tag Box/Registration - Linda Foster, chair; Julie Dartt, Fran Fuller, Sherry Pabst, Kim Dane, Sue Steinberg

Mobile Meals, Inc. of Charlotte

Chair: Linda Foster

Committee: Lori Pray, Mary Lee Falik, Lorraine Green, Sue Farlin, Sherry Myers, Pat Champion

Nominating

Chair: Julie Dartt

Committee: Sylvia Colles, Fran Fuller, Linda Foster

Program

Chair: Sherry Myers

Committee: Linda Foster, Lorraine Green, Val Reisen, Chris Reist, Pat Champion

Publicity

Chair: Pat Champion

Remembrances

Chair: Sandy Maatsch

Scholarships – high school

Chair: Jane Fortino, chair; Committee: Kim Dane, Nora Hempel, Dianne Barmes, Linda Foster

Woman of Achievement Award/Ms. Federation Award

Chairperson: Fran Fuller

Committee: Michelle Taylor, Nola Buck, Jo Vanderstelt, Merry Jo Kerekes

Community Service Programs

ARTS & CULTURE

Arts in the Community

Arts & Nursing Scholarship: Nancy Gensel

GFWC-Charlotte Chorus: Val Reisen, Director; Mary June Garn, Pianist

Arts and Crafts: Chris Reist, Christina Stuck, Merry Jo Kerekes, Nora Hempel, Amy Slot

Lansing Town Hall

Linda Foster, Chair; Pat Campion, Lorraine Green, Patty Greene

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH

Citizenship in Action

GFWC-Charlotte Club Archives: Pat Campion

Helping Hands in the Community Program

Bay Cliff Health Camp: Amy Krizek

Christmas Kiddies: Fran Fuller

Guiding Harbor (Girlstown): Jessica Doman, Nora Hempel, Melissa Randall

Mobile Meals, Inc. of Charlotte

President	Linda Foster
Vice President	Lorraine Green
Secretary	Lee Falik
Treasurer	Lori Pray
Director	Sue Farlin
Director	Sherry Myers
GFWC-Charlotte President	Pat Campion

SIREN/Eaton Shelter: Sue Steinberg

Eaton Clothing and Furniture Center: Linda Lord

Plam Mats: Amy Krizek and Julie Dartt

Reaching Out Internationally

Heifer International: Julie Dartt

Operation Smile: Mary Remenak

EDUCATION & LIBRARIES

Education in the Community

Mini Trips: Sandra Guernsey and Barb VanderMolen

MyLead: Julie Dartt

Senior Scholarships: Jane Fortino

Tea and Tomes Book Club: Brynda Filkins and Connie O'Neill

Epsilon Sigma Omicron (ESO): Brynda Filkins

Used Book Sales: Sandra Guernsey

Focus on Literacy

Youth Literacy

Listen To Me Read: Christina Stuck, Pauline Borgman, Amy Krizek,
Nora Hempel, Amy Slot, Sue Steinberg

Read to Me: Peggy Nichols

Reading is Fundamental (RIF): Amy Smith

ENVIRONMENT

Beautification

City Beautification: Sherry Pabst

"Kind News" (publication for school children): Carol Rossio

Recycling: Ann Sovey

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Focus on Health

Sparrow Eaton Hospital Gift Basket/Volunteers: Pauline Borgman

Women's Health: Barbara Fulton and Helen Johnson

Women on the Move: Linda Yeager

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS
2022-2023**

September

Friday, September 16, 2022

***Opening Luncheon – Information Fair – Club Slides
“Canine Companions for Independence” –
Cindy Hayes & Cheri Stratton***

The Eaton Area Senior Center, 804 S. Cochran
11:30 a.m. social; noon lunch; 1:00 program
Cost: \$12

Program Representative.....Linda Foster
Co-chairs.....Mona Ellard & Pam Jarvi
Committee.....Patty Retzer, Barb Vandermolen(flowers)
Gail Sleeman, Amy Smith
Program**Cindy Hayes & Cheri Stratton, handlers**

October

Friday, October 14, 2022

***“Engaging Citizens for Neighborhood Development” –
DeLisa Fountain
Choir – Val Reisen, Director***

The Eaton Area Senior Center, 804 S. Cochran
11:30 a.m. social; noon lunch; 1:00 program
Cost: \$12

Program RepresentativeVal Reisen
Co-Chairs Fran Fuller & Sherry Pabst
CommitteeGinny Baxter, Julie Dartt, Christina Stuck, Judy Whitkopf
Program**DeLisa Fountain, Director of
DNACE (Department of Neighborhoods, Art, and Citizen Engagement)**

November

Friday, November 4, 2022

Guest Night

“Being a Good Neighbor” – Bob Hoffman

The Eaton Area Senior Center, 804 S. Cochran

Social Time 5:30 p.m. – Dinner 6:00 p.m.

Cost: \$25.00 per person

Program RepresentativeSherry Myers
Co-Chairs Lori Pray & Barbara Fulton
Committee Helen Johnson, Kim Capps
Program.. **Bob Hoffman, Co-anchor of Morning Blend, PR Manager, Wharton**

SIREN Holiday Tea – Sunday, November 13

St. Mary Church, 807 St. Mary Blvd.

Linda Lord, Chair

Committee: Michelle Taylor (Auction Chair), Sue Steinberg, Fran Fuller, Jane Fortino, Ginny Baxter, Barb VanderMolen, Chris Reist

Wednesday, November 17, 2022

New Member Orientation Meeting

Charlotte Community Library, Spartan Room, 226 S. Bostwick Ave.

12:00 -1:30 p.m.

Membership Committee will host this working luncheon.

Sherry Myers, Chair

Committee: Tammy Crandell, Cathy Rudnitsky, Amy Slot, Dawn Sneckenberg,
Connie O’Neil, Kim Dane

NO cost.

Reservations will be made through the database

December

Friday, December 2, 2022

*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 reservations required. No cost.*

Program RepresentativePat Campion
Co-Chairs..... Judi Cates & Jess Doman
Committee..... Tammy Crandell, Nora Hempel, Connie O’Neill, Amy Slot,
Michelle Taylor, Linda Yeager
Program**GFWC-Charlotte Chorus under the direction of Val Reisen; Awards
Brynda Filkins – reading, “If You’re Missing Baby Jesus,” A true story
by Jean Gietzen**

January

NO GENERAL MEETING

February

Friday, February 3, 2023

*“Nordic Viking Festival/ Going Out Like a Viking – Next of Kin Issues Update”
– Will SaintAmour, Cobalt Community Service/CEO &Joey Pray, Pray Funeral Home
The Eaton Area Senior Center, 804 S. Cochran
Social Time 11:30 a.m. – Luncheon 12:00 noon
Cost: \$12*

Program RepresentativeVal Reisen
Co-Chairs:Jane Fortino & Amy Krizek
Committee:Diane Barmes, Sandra Guernsey, Andrea Johnson,
Toni Zubrink
Program.....**Will SaintAmour/Joey Pray**

March

Friday, March 3, 2023

*“Electric Vehicles 101” – Justin Stowe
The Eaton Area Senior Center, 804 S. Cochran
Social Time 11:30 a.m. – Luncheon 12:00 noon
Cost: \$12*

Program Representative..... Linda Foster
Co-chairs.....Kim Dane & Linda Lord
Committee.....Peggy Nichols, Amy Slot, Lisa Starr, Jo Vanderstelt
Program..... **Justin Stowe, Consumers Energy Advisor**

April

Friday, April 14, 2023
Annual Business Meeting & Election & Installation
“Aquatic Center Update,” Julie Davis

The Eaton Area Senior Center, 804 S. Cochran
Social Time 11.30 a.m. – Lunch 12 noon
Cost: \$12.00

Program Representative Kim Dane
Co-chairs..... Judi Cates & Pam Rinckey
Committee. Dyna Lehman, Donna M. Johnson, Brynda Filkins, Nola Buck
Program..... **Julie Davis, Supervisor, CPHS Aquatic Center**

May

Wednesday May 3, 2023
75th Annual Tea Honoring CHS Graduating Seniors
“Making Educated Decisions” – Michael Pollard

Charlotte Performing Arts Center
1:00 p.m.
No reservations required. No cost. All members are requested to attend.

Program Representative Linda Foster
Co-chairs..... Pat Campion & Sue Farlin
Committee..... Linda Foster (punch), Barb Vandermolen (tea), Diana Bartolacci,
Lori Kroll, Diane Barmes, Nancy Gensel, Joan Hasselback, Chris Reist,
Jessica Goodrich, Gail Sleeman, Cathy Rudnitsky,
Everyone for cookie making.
Program.... **Michael Pollard, US National Champion Archer, Business Owner**
Music..... **GFWC-Charlotte Chorus under the direction of Val Reisen**

Friday, May 5, 2023
Brainstorming; “Fresh Food from Garden to Table” – Charlise Sederlund

The Eaton Area Senior Center, 804 S. Cochran
Social Time 11.30 a.m. – Lunch 12 noon
Cost: \$12.00

Program Representative Sherry Myers
Co-Chairs..... Carol Rossio & Lorraine Green
Committee:..... Nola Buck, Brynda Filkins, Nora Hempel, Cheryl Jackson, ...
Jessica Sommer
Program..... **Charlise Sederlund, Owner, Blue Silo Farms**

The 2022-2023 programs were chosen based on the results of the brainstorming meeting and the survey completed by members. Thank you for sharing your ideas.