

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

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



**2015-2016  
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 2014-2016

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

**GFWC-Charlotte Facebook**  
[www.facebook.com/GFWC-Charlotte](http://www.facebook.com/GFWC-Charlotte)

**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 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

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**

2004-1006 Southwestern District Arts & Crafts Co-Chair

**Karen Elsesser**

2004-1007 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

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. 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 2015-2016

**President.....Dianna Rabey**  
**Vice President ..... Fran Fuller**  
**Recording Secretary ..... Julie Dartt**  
**Corresponding Secretary ..... Mary Heightchew**  
**Treasurer .....Marlene Darin**  
**Assistant to the Treasurer..... Sharon Kubica**  
**Historian..... Carol Rossio**  
**Parliamentarian..... Linda Foster**  
**Immediate Past President ..... Sylvia Colles**  
**Director (1st year of 2-year term).....Patricia Green**  
**Director (2nd year of 2-year term) .....Ellen Fuller**  
**Director (2nd year of 2-year term) ..... Jeana Rohrs**

**Members are always welcome and encouraged to attend Board Meetings. They start at 9:00 am at the Congregational Church Annex.**

**THE DATES ARE:** August 19, September 16, October 21, November 18, January 20, February 17, March 16, April 20 (last meeting).



**Club Colors:.....Green and White**  
**Club Flower: ..... Yellow Jonquil**  
**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 2015-2016 Committees**

## **By-Law Revisions**

Chair: Linda Foster

Committee: Marilyn Monroe-Hart, Pam Rinckey and Diana Bosworth

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

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**

Kim Capps

## **Fundraising**

Terry Lynn Inc. (Nut & Candy): Co-Chairs: Judy Whitkopf and  
Peggy Nichols

Home Tour: Chairperson: Jeana Rohrs

Committee: Diana Bosworth, Pam Jarvi, Carol Little, Carol Rossio,  
Mary Remenak, Pam Rinckey, Barbara VanderMolen  
Jo Vanderstelt and Linda Yeager

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

Chairperson: Linda Foster

## **GFWC-Charlotte Database & Website**

Chairperson: Linda Foster

## **GFWC-Charlotte Facebook**

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## **GFWC-Charlotte 2015-2016 Committees (continued)**

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

Chairperson: Patty Greene

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

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

Co-Chairs: Sara Biskie and Beth Fry

### **Meeting Notification**

Chair: Sherry Myers (517-749-6762)

Members will receive email notice of meetings with a link to use for registering through our membership database ([www.imembersdb.com](http://www.imembersdb.com)). If you do not receive email, 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: Mary Remenak

Committee: Lorraine Green, Sherry Myers, Dana Pray, Diane Ruswick,  
Martha Limauro and Sharon Kennedy

### **Memory Book**

Chair: Carol Rossio

### **Name Tag Box**

Chair: Jeanne Tomasek

### **Nominating Committee**

Chair: Pam Rinckey,

Committee: Nola Buck and Sally Jewell

### **Program Committee**

Chair: Fran Fuller

Committee: April Brooks, Charamy Cleary and Mona Ellard

### **Publicity**

Co-Chairs: Elizabeth Siler and April Brooks

### **Remembrances**

Co-Chairs: Sandy Maatsch and Nathalie Weseman

# Community Service Programs

## ARTS

### Arts in the Community

Arts & Nursing Scholarship: Sylvia Colles

GFWC-Charlotte Chorus: Carolyn Maier

### Creative Arts Program

Arts and Crafts: Joni Risner

## 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

MyLead: Sylvia Colles

Senior Scholarship: Sylvia Colles

Tea and Tomes Book Club: Brynda Filkins

Epsilon Sigma Omicron ESO: Brynda Filkins

### Focus on Literacy

Youth Literacy

RIF-Reading is Fundamental: Darlene Freeman

Read to Me: Peggy Nichols

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

### **HOME LIFE**

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

Bay Cliff Health Camp: Amy Krizek

Guiding Harbor (Girlstown): Carolyn Maier

Mobile Meals, Inc. of Charlotte

President

Linda Foster

Vice President

Sherry Myers

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

Women on the Move:

### **INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH**

#### **Reaching Out Internationally**

Heifer International: Julie Dartt

### **PUBLIC ISSUES**

#### **Citizenship in Action**

GFWC-Charlotte Club Archives: Jeanette Sommer

Registering High School Seniors to Vote: Diana Bosworth

#### **Community Improvement Project –**

Reconnecting with GFWC-Charlotte

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2015-2016

## September

Friday, September 18, 2015

### *Opening Luncheon*

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

Program Representative..... Dianna Rabey  
Co-Chairs.....Charlene Sutherland, Lola Wilson  
Committee.....Sonnie Cody, Jan Day, Sharon Kubica, Sue Pruden, Susie Sevitts  
Program..... **Information Fair**  
Music..... **GFWC-Charlotte Chorus**  
under the direction of Carolyn Maier

## October

Friday, October 2, 2015

### *“Diversity in Service Learning”*

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

Program Representative .....April Brooks  
Co-Chairs .....Beth Fry, Peg Cameron  
Committee .....Cheryl Jackson, Peggy Nichols, Sylvia Colles  
Program .....**Rev. Michael Fales**

**October**

**Sunday, October 4, 2015**

***Life Styles of Charlotte Home Tour***  
***10 a.m. to 4 p.m.***

**November**

**Friday, November 6, 2015**

**Husband/Guest Night**

***History of the Grand Hotel***

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 .....Charamy Cleary  
Co-Chairs .....Sherry Pabst, Chris Waugh-Fleischmann  
Committee.....Nola Buck, Carol Rossio, Judy Whitkopf  
Program.....**Bob Tagatz, Historian**

**November**

**Wednesday, November 11, 2015**

***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.

*NO cost.*

*Reservations will be made through the database*

**December**

**Friday, December 4, 2015**

***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 Representative .....April Brooks  
Co-Chairs.....Lorraine Green, Amy Krizek, Sherry Myers  
Committee:.....Diana Bosworth, Kim Capps, Betty Crandall, Sue Farlin,  
.....LeAnn Green, Shirley Hirt, Sharon Kennedy, Martha Limauro  
Program....."A Cup of Christmas Tea" by Tom Hegg, read by Brynda Filkins  
Music..... **GFWC-Charlotte Chorus**  
under the direction of Carolyn Maier

**January**

**NO GENERAL MEETING**

**February**

**Friday, February 5, 2016**

***"The Tale of Beatrix Potter"***

***A dramatization of her life and work***

Eaton Area Senior Center, 804 S. Cochran

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

Cost: \$10.00

Program Representative .....Fran Fuller  
Co-Chairs: .....Sharon Adams, Mary Remenak  
Committee.....Lee Falik, Barbara Fulton, Jessica Sommer  
Program.....**Brynda Filkins**

**March**

**Friday, March 4, 2016**

***Mini Antiques Road Show***

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

Program Representative .....Charamy Cleary  
Co-Chairs: .....Lori Pray, Joni Risner  
Committee: .....Julie Dartt, Brynda Filkins, Joy St. John  
Program.....**Steve Stanton, Stanton’s Auctioneers & Realtors**

**April**

**Friday, April 1, 2016**

***Annual Business Meeting & Installation of Officers  
Gardening with Raised Beds and Containers***

Eaton Area Senior Center, 804 S. Cochran  
Social Time 11.30 a.m. – Lunch 12 noon  
Cost: \$10.00

Program Representative .....Mona Ellard  
Co-Chairs:.....Lisa Jackson, Jo Vanderstelt  
Committee: .....Ellen Fuller, Patty Greene, Mary Heightchew  
Program..... **Dorothy Perri, Advanced Master Gardner**



**May**

**Friday, May 6, 2016**

***Discovering Michigan County by County***

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

Program Representative.....Fran Fuller  
Co-Chairs.....Margie Carter, Jeanne Tomasek  
Committee.....Joan Hasselback, Dyna Lehman, Pam Rinckey  
Program.....**Barb VanderMolen**

**May**

**Tuesday, May 17, 2016**

***69th Annual Tea Honoring CHS Graduating Seniors***

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

Program Representative .....Mona Ellard, Charamy Cleary  
Co-Chairs.....**2 MORE CO-CHAIRS NEEDED**.....Diane Ruswick  
Committee.....Shelby Butler, Nancy Holtz, Donna M. Johnson,  
.....Martha Limauro, Fran Rush, Elizabeth Siler, Suzette Weaver, Brenda Young  
Program.....**Todd “TJ” Duckett, Co-Founder of New World Flood**  
.....**former NFL and MSU football player**  
Music.....**GFWC-Charlotte Chorus**  
under the direction of Carolyn Maier

**A note from the Program Committee:**

**The 2015-2016 programs were chosen based on the results of the brainstorming meeting and the survey completed by members. Thank you for sharing your ideas.**

