

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

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



**2016-2017  
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 2016-2018

**International President ..... Sheila E. Shea**

**State President ..... Donna Brown**

**Southwestern District President ..... Gretchen Andersen**

## **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 Mobile App**

<http://m.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

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

2008-2018 Southwestern District Secretary

2010-2014 GFWC MI Jennie Award Chair

2014-2018 GFWC MI 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

2010-2016 GFWC MI Resolutions Committee Chair

2013-2016 Southwestern District Guiding Harbor/Girlstown Representative

2016-2018 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

**Margie Carter**

2012-2014 Southwestern District International Chair

2014-2016 GFWC MI Memorial Service Chair

## MEMBERS HOLDING DISTRICT AND STATE LEVEL POSITIONS (continued)

**Brynda Filkins**

2016-2018 Southwestern District Education Foundation Representative

**Julie Dartt**

2016-2018 GFWC MI MyLead Representative

\*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
Carol Rossio*	2015-2016

\*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. Frank Davis
*Mrs. George Huggett	*Mrs. M. H. DeFoe
*Mrs. Orr Schurtz	*Mrs. Lottie Mitchell
*Mrs. R. M. Buck	*Mrs. Reuben Smith
*Mrs. F. A. Hooker	*Mrs. Rollo Marple
*Mrs. W. P. Wyman	*Miss Caroline Strother
*Dr. Mary Green	*Mrs. J. M. Yates *Mrs.
*Mrs. A. M. Barber	Albert Murray *Mrs.
*Mrs. Bessie D. Paine	Fred E. Bohn *Mrs.
*Mrs. J. J. Curtis	George Zederbaum
*Mrs. B. J. Grier	*Mrs. D. J. Wright
*Mrs. W. P. Engle	*Mrs. Fred C. Curtiss
*Mrs. M. S. Philips	*Mrs. Guy C. Longcor
*Mrs. C. S. Brown	*Mrs. James B. Church
*Mrs. F. A. Weaver	*Mrs. J. N. Herbst
*Mrs. John Thomas	*Mrs. Paul Bond *Mrs.
*Mrs. W. (Evans) Wisner	Claude Behrens
*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. 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 Shaul	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
*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 Morgan	1966-1967
*Mrs. Roy McLean	1967-1968
Mrs. Roger Nelson	1968-1969
Mrs. Richard D. Johnson	1969-1970
Mrs. Edward (Linda) Foster	1970-1971
Mrs. James (Sandy) Maatsch	1971-1972
Mrs. Robert W. Johnson	1972-1973
Mrs. Raymond Gager	1973-1974
*Mrs. Norman VanSoest	1974-1975
Mrs. Roderick Yates	1975-1976
*Mrs. Robert Ballard	1976-1977
*Mrs. Robert Carpenter	1977-1978
Mrs. Kenneth Sparks	1978-1979
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. James (Sandy) 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
Mrs. Dianna Rabey	2014-2016

\*deceased

# GFWC-Charlotte Officers 2016-2017

President .....	Fran Fuller
Vice President .....	Jeana Rohrs
Recording Secretary .....	Julie Dartt
Corresponding Secretary .....	Carol Rossio
Treasurer .....	Barb VanderMolen
Assistant to the Treasurer.....	Pam Rinkey
Historian.....	Jeannette Sommer
Memory Book.....	Mary Remenak and Marianne Struckmeyer
Parliamentarian .....	Linda Foster
Immediate Past President .....	Dianna Rabey
Director (2nd year of 2-year term).....	Patricia Greene
Director (1st year of 2-year term) .....	Charamy Cleary
Director (1st year of 2-year term) .....	Sandy Maatsch

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 17, September 14 (1 week early), October 19, November 16, January 18, February 15, March 15, April 19 (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



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Charlotte, MI 48813



## 2016-2017 Dues

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

# **GFWC-Charlotte 2016-2017 Committees**

## **By-Law Revisions**

Chair: Linda Foster

Committee: Marilyn Monroe-Hart, Ellen Fuller, and Diana Bosworth

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

Charamy Cleary

## **Finance**

Chair: Barb VanderMolen

Committee: Fran Fuller, President

Dianna Rabey, Immediate Past President

Jeana Rohrs, Vice President

Marlene Darin, Past Treasurer

## **Financial Review**

Kim Capps

## **Fundraising**

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

Home Tour: Chairperson: Jeana Rohrs

SIREN Holiday Tea *in Partnership with GFWC-Charlotte*

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

Chairperson: Linda Foster

## **GFWC-Charlotte Website**

Co-Chairs: Linda Foster and Carol Davis

## **GFWC-Charlotte Facebook**

Charamy Cleary

## **GFWC-Charlotte 2016-2017 Committees (continued)**

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

Chairperson: Jeanne Tomasek

Committee: Sue Berger, Fran Fuller, Beth Fry and Shirley Hirt

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

Chairs: Lorraine Green

### **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: Lisa Jackson

Committee: Becky Dolman, Lorraine Green, Martha Limauro, Sherry Myers, and Mary Remenak

### **Memory Book**

Co-Chairs: Mary Remenak and Marianne Struckmeyer

### **Name Tag Box**

Chair: Mary Heightchew

### **Nominating Committee**

Chair: Lori Pray

Committee: Joan Hasselback and Pam Jarvi

### **Program Committee**

Chair: Jeana Rohrs

Committee: Brynda Filkins, Dana Pray, and Elizabeth Siler

### **Publicity**

Chair: Becky Dolman

### **Remembrances**

Co-Chairs: Sandy Maatsch and Charlene Sutherland

# Community Service Programs

## ARTS

### **Arts in the Community**

Arts & Nursing Scholarship: Sylvia Colles

GFWC-Charlotte Chorus: Patty Greene

### **Creative Arts Program**

Arts and Crafts: Joni Risner

## CONSERVATION

### **Beautification**

City Beautification: Sherry Pabst

### **Resource Conservation**

Recycling: Sue Pruden

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

## EDUCATION

### **Education in the Community**

GFWC MI Education Foundation: Brynda Filkins

Kaleidoscope: Linda Foster

Mini Trips: Jo Vanderstelt and Sharon Kennedy

MyLead: Julie Dartt

Senior Scholarship: Yvonne Ridge

Tea and Tomes Book Club: Brynda Filkins

Epsilon Sigma Omicron ESO: Brynda Filkins

Used Book Sales: Lee Falik and Sandy Maatsch

### **Focus on Literacy**

Youth Literacy

Listen To Me: Jane Fortino

RIF-Reading is Fundamental: Darlene Freeman & Diane Ruswick

Read to Me: Peggy Nichols

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

### **HOME LIFE**

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

Bay Cliff Health Camp: Amy Krizek

Christmas Kiddies: Fran Fuller

Guiding Harbor (Girlstown): Carolyn Maier

Mobile Meals, Inc. of Charlotte

President

Linda Foster

Vice President

Sherry Myers

Secretary

Lee Falik

Treasurer

Lori Pray

Director

Sue Farlin

Director

Lorraine Green

GFWC-Charlotte President

Fran Fuller

SIREN/Eaton Shelter:

Eaton Clothing and Furniture Center: Carol Monroe

#### **Focus on Health**

HGB Memorial Hospital Gift Basket: Marian Johnson

Women's Health: Barbara Fulton

Women on the Move: Linda Yeager

### **INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH**

#### **Reaching Out Internationally**

Heifer International: Julie Dartt

Operation Smile: Carol Little

### **PUBLIC ISSUES**

#### **Citizenship in Action**

GFWC-Charlotte Club Archives: Jeannette Sommer

Registering High School Seniors to Vote: Diana Bosworth

**Community Improvement Project - Improvements to Veterans Memorial Park** located at Bennett Park.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2016-2017

## September

**Friday, September 16, 2016**

### *Opening Luncheon*

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.....Charlene Sutherland, Lola Wilson  
Committee.....Julie Dartt, Sharon Kubica, Sue Pruden  
Program.....Information Fair  
Music.....GFWC-Charlotte Chorus under the direction of Patty Greene

## October

**Friday, October 7, 2016**

### *“Rising Tide - Making Charlotte Great”*

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

Program Representative .....Jeana Rohrs  
Co-Chairs .....Beth Fry, Peg Cameron  
Committee .....Cheryl Jackson, Becky Dolman, Sharon Kennedy, Sylvia Colles  
Program .....Yvonne Ridge

**November**

**Friday, November 4, 2016**

**Husband/Guest Night**

***Talons Out Honor Flight***

Maple Brook Golf Course, 681 Lansing St.

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

Cost: TBA

Program Representative .....Dana Pray  
Co-Chairs ..... Dianne Rabey, Pam Jarvi  
Committee.....Brynda Filkins, Carol Rossio, Patty Greene  
Program..... Rozlyn Ross

**November**

**Thursday November 10, 2016**

***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*

**November**

**Sunday November 13, 2016**

***SIREN Holiday Tea***

ST. Mary's Parish Hall

12:00 – 1:30 Table Set-up

1:30 – 2:00 Silent Auction and Table Preview

2:30 Silent Auction closes and Program begins





**March**

**Friday, March 3, 2017**

***“Improving your Brain Power”***

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

Program Representative .....Jeana Rohrs  
Co-Chairs: .....Ellen Fuller, Charamy Cleary  
Committee: .....Pam Jarvi, Peggy Nichols, Carol Little  
Program.....Dr. Linda Chermak

**March**

**Saturday March 4, 2017**

***Girls Night Out***

Charlotte Public Library  
7:00 – 11:00pm

Come and enjoy an evening of fun with your GFWC- Charlotte Sisters!

**April**

**Friday, April 7, 2017**

***Annual Business Meeting & Installation of Officers***

***“Parks of Charlotte”***

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

Program Representative .....Elizabeth Siler  
Co-Chairs:..... Lisa Jackson, Jo Vanderstelt  
Committee: .....Barbara Fulton, Cindy Miller  
Program.....Amy Gilson, City of Charlotte

**May**

**Friday, May 12, 2017**

***Brainstorming***

Eaton Area Senior Center, 804 S. Cochran

Begins at noon. Bring a sack lunch. Beverages and dessert provided.

***Brainstorming during lunch***

Program Representative.....Dana Pray  
Co-Chairs.....Dyna Lehman, Pam Rinkey  
Committee.....Jeanne Tomasek, Barb VanderMolen,  
Program.....Brainstorming led by Jeana Rohrs

**May**

**Wednesday May 24, 2017**

***70th Annual Tea Honoring CHS Graduating Seniors***

***“Bee-lieve” in Yourself***

Charlotte Performing Arts Center

1:00 p.m.

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

Program Representative .....Jeana Rohrs  
Co-Chairs.....Martha Limauro, Liza Sayer, Brenda Young  
Committee..... Shelby Butler, Patty Retzer, Elizabeth Siler,  
..... Sally Jewell  
Program.....Denise Brennan-Nelson,  
Children’s Author and Motivational Speaker  
Music.....GFWC-Charlotte Chorus under the direction of Patty Greene

**A note from the Program Committee:**

**The 2016-2017 programs were chosen based on the results of the brainstorming meeting and the survey completed by members. Thank you for sharing your ideas.**