

GFWC-Charlotte 2017 Narratives

2017 GFWC MICHIGAN NARRATIVE

GFWC Signature Program – Domestic Violence Awareness & Prevention and Partnerships

Club: GFWC-Charlotte Category: 4 District: SWD
 No. Club Members: 102 No. of Projects/Programs: 4 Volunteer Hours: 13
 Dollars Donated: \$40 Value of In-Kind Donations: \$920
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1. SIREN/Eaton Shelter

SIREN/Eaton Shelter our local Domestic Violence and Homeless Shelter is a non-profit agency that assists with emergency and transitional shelter, support services, and a 24-hour crisis line to families in Eaton County. GFWC-Charlotte contributes to SIREN by promoting events and causes; by hosting an annual fundraiser; and by collecting items from the agency "wish list." Members are provided with the wish list at the September meeting. Support for SIREN is encouraged at our meetings and through articles in our Club Communicator. Two quart bags of personal care items like shampoo, soap and lotions, case of baby wipes and laundry soap were donated by club members for use by SIREN clients who flee unsafe situations and leave behind much of their personal belongings. We also host a large fundraiser for SIREN that is reported under Fundraising.

Volunteer Hours: 9 Members Participating: 2 Dollars Donated: \$40 In-Kind Donations: \$920

2. Domestic Violence Awareness

Information concerning Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month was placed on our Facebook page and in our newsletter "The Club Communicator" to help spread the word about stopping this cycle of violence.

Volunteer Hours: 1 Members Participating: 2 Dollars Donated: \$0 In-Kind Donations: \$0

3. GFWC Success for Survivors Scholarship

An application for the GFWC Success for Survivors Scholarship application was taken to SIREN/Eaton Shelter and posted on our Facebook page.

Volunteer Hours: 2 Members Participating: 1 Dollars Donated: 0 In-Kind Donations: 0

GFWC Signature Program and Partnership – Prevent Child Abuse America4. Cell Phones

Used cell phones were donated to SIREN/Eaton Shelter our local domestic violence and homeless shelter to be recycled and repaired and given to victims of domestic violence so they can call 911 in case of an emergency.

Volunteer Hours: 1 Members Participating: 2 Dollars Donated: \$0 In-Kind Donations: \$0

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GFWC Junior's Special Program – Advocates for Children and Partnership

Club: GFWC-Charlotte Category: 4 District: SWD
 No. Members: 102 No. of Projects/Programs: 11 Volunteer Hours: 243
 Dollars Donated: \$1,078 In-Kind Donations: \$670
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1. RIF

Participation in Reading is Fundamental (RIF) started in 1996 in our club. Club volunteers help with the selection, distribution and reading of the books. Members enjoyed mentoring young children, and the children chose a book to keep for their very own and take home. Some of the children had never owned a book before. In 2017, our RIF program distributed 400 books including some for teachers to use as classroom reference material. We served every 2nd grader at our two public elementary schools and St. Mary's School. RIF is a \$750 line item in our budget indicating GFWC-Charlotte's dedication to our community's youth. RIF received a \$200 GFWC Focus on Literacy club grant. Funds may be used for purchasing books for tutors to use, providing books to kids, and a variety of other literacy needs. Funding is provided by Proctor & Gamble Company.

Volunteer Hours: 60 Members Participating: 8 Dollars Donated: \$750

2. Read to Me

Read to Me began in 2000 and volunteers read to students in K-2 grades at St. Mary's Elementary School. Schedules are set up with volunteers and the teachers. The volunteer readers work with the teachers to select books that reflect current topics of study. Four regular readers and six substitutes read once each week. This is a popular project for the GFWC readers, the teachers and the children. It allows some of our members that work to fit in their reading time on their lunch break once a month.

Volunteer Hours: 32 Members Participating: 4 Dollars Donated: \$25 In-Kind Donations: \$6

3. Listen to Me Read

Members listen to at-risk elementary students read at Parkview Elementary School hoping to influence their fluency. This is a new program initiated by one of our new members who had recently retired as a third grade teacher at Parkview School. She knew there was a tremendous need for children who did not have the opportunity to read to someone, to have a listening ear. Our members jumped at the chance. The Chair coordinates the schedule with the principal, makes sure everyone gets a background check and files their paperwork. She is the liaison between club members and the school. We even have a husband and wife team who listen to two children on their scheduled day.

Volunteer Hours: 60 Members Participating: 5 In Kind Donations: \$0

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4. Birthday Cake Boxes

We recognized GFWC Advocates for Children Week at our October meeting when members were asked to bring "Birthday Boxes" to be given to SIREN/Eaton Shelter our local domestic violence and homeless shelter. Boxes consisted of a cake pan, cake mix, frosting, decorations, and candles. Some included paper plates, napkins and hats. 23 boxes were presented to SIREN/Eaton Shelter, which in turn made them available for parents who couldn't afford to buy the ingredients for a child's birthday celebration.

Volunteer Hours: 23 Members Participating: 23 In Kind Donations: \$350.00

5. Christmas Kiddies

For more than 100 years, the Charlotte Volunteer Fire Department has helped purchase, wrap and distribute toys to needy children in the Charlotte area. Community volunteers gather in the downtown fire station to wrap these presents. On Christmas Eve, many Santa Claus' delivers the toys from the back of fire trucks to area children whose families have contacted the Fire Department about their need. Christmas Kiddies brightened the holiday for more than 500 children each Christmas. This year GFWC-Charlotte members donated their time to wrap gifts. For the past 37 years one of our members has coordinated a doll project where anywhere from 40-75 dolls are purchased. Each dolls receives 3 new home made outfits plus a baby quilt or afghan. Because this is a year round project for her, she does not track her hours, but there are a lot of them.

Volunteer Hours: 23 Members Participating: 8 Dollars Donated: \$0 In-Kind Donations \$0

6. Art Supplies

After the SIREN Holiday Tea which we host, we were presented with a large basket of crayons, markers, construction paper, pop art, poster board, invisible painting markers and metallic crayons to donate to which ever organization of our choosing. We chose St. Mary's preschool to receive half of the supplies and Guardian Angles-Suitecases4Kids to receive the other half. We chose St. Mary's preschool because St. Mary Parish allows us to host the SIREN Tea in their parish hall free of charge. We chose Guardian Angles-Suitecases4Kids because they are a non-profit organization that provides help for Foster Care Parents. They give care bags with all new clothes and toiletries to children who are removed from their homes and are not allowed to take anything with them. This donation may give them a little bit of happiness in an otherwise dire situation. A picture was taken of these donations and published in our local newspaper.

Volunteer Hours: 3 Members Participating: 1 Dollars Donated: 0 In-Kind Donations: \$100

7. Love Reaches Out-February meeting topic

Four non-profit organizations were our program for February. *Eaton Special Riding Volunteer Association*. Volunteers provide horseback riding experiences for Special Education students ages 3-26 in the Eaton County Area. *Guardian Angels-Suitecases4Kids* provides aid for Foster Care Parents by in the form of care bags with all new things for the children as they can take nothing with them when they are removed from their homes. *Samaritas* is an organization that provides support for unaccompanied refugee minors who are placed with foster families and in group homes. A representative from *Guiding Harbor* spoke about the program which began as a GFWC project over 50 years ago. They provide several different programs for youth in Foster Care including a residential program and transitional programs to help young people move forward with their lives after becoming too old for the program. All these organizations raised our awareness of the needs within our own communities.

Volunteer Hours: 10 Members Participating: 32 Dollars Donated: 0 In-Kind Donations: 0

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8. Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month

Information regarding Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month was posted to our Web Page and Facebook page and also included in our monthly club newsletter. GFWC members are strong advocates for youth and empowering the next generation of leaders. Before becoming adults, one in three U.S. teens will experience physical, sexual, or emotional abuse in a relationship. GFWC-Charlotte supports bringing awareness of this issue to our members and the public.

Volunteer Hours: 1 Members Participating: 1 Dollars Donated: 0

Junior's Special Program: Advocates for Children - Michigan Project

9. Bay Cliff Health Camp

GFWC-Charlotte annually has budgeted \$100 to Bay Cliff. "Wish Lists" are provided to the membership at the September meeting, and donations are collected through the April meeting. Members donated three sets of sheets and socks. In-kind items donated by members are taken to the State Convention and sent to the Camp. Articles regarding Bay Cliff are placed in the Club Communicator and featured on a tri-fold display that was made to let members and the community know what we support and to keep members informed of this very beneficial program.

Volunteer Hours: 2 Members Participating: 5 Dollars Donated: \$203 In-Kind Donations: \$115

10. Girls Night Out Benefits Bay Cliff

In March, 8 club women came together to enjoy a "Girls Night Out". We had a lot of fun and collected children's clothing and socks for Bay Cliff. We learned how to fold napkins into bunnies, fans, and bishop's hat to name a few. We also made blankets for Operation Smile, signed cards for Mobile Meals clients, learned about essential oils and made a necklace with our favorite fragrance. We pampered ourselves with Mary Kay products and finished the night off with sundaes!

Volunteer Hours: 25 Members Participating: 8 Dollars Donated: 0 In-Kind Donations: \$50

11. Guiding Harbor

GFWC-Charlotte members donate money and items for Guiding Harbor. A wonderful "Let's Travel" basket created by one of our members and consisted of everything you would need to travel comfortably; travel umbrella, pillow, sleep mask, flashlight and games to name a few. This was donated to raise money for the 2017 silent auction. Guiding Harbor is a \$100 line item in our budget.

Volunteer Hours: 4 Members Participating: 1 Dollars Donated: \$100 In-Kind Donations: \$49

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Arts Community Service ProgramClub: GFWC-CharlotteCategory: 4District: SWDNo. Members: 102No. of Projects/Programs: 3Volunteer Hours: 449Dollars Donated: \$20In-Kind Donations: \$0Prepared by: Fran Fuller, PresidentEmail: hobie7040@sbcglobal.netPh. 517-645-25731. GFWC-Charlotte Chorus

GFWC-Charlotte Choir, begun in 1976, continues to be an important part of our organization. These dedicated members rehearse early in the morning on Tuesdays with the volunteer accompanist. The chorus practices from February through May and August through December. They perform at the GFWC-Charlotte Graduating Senior Tea, the Blanche Moyer dinner, the October GFWC-Charlotte meeting, November Christmas Tree lighting downtown Charlotte, the GFWC-Charlotte Christmas Tea, Eaton County Medical Care Facility, Charlotte Rotary Club, Sensations Memory Care and Hope Landing an assisted living facility in December. They provide a positive image and great entertainment whenever they perform. We budget \$150 to buy music. Members often use their own money to purchase new music.

Volunteer Hours: 371Members Participating: 22Dollars Donated: \$202. Visit to the Ziibiwing Center of Anishinabe Culture and Lifeways

Members of GFWC-Charlotte traveled to Mt. Pleasant to visit and listen to a narrated tour of the Ziibiwing Center which recreates the life story of the Chippewa Indians in the area. This was followed by a presentation by Dr. Suzanne Cross, retired MSU Associate Professor of Social Work and Elder of the Saginaw Band of the Chippewa Indians, entitled, "Healing through Culture and Art Shawl Collection." Dr. Cross talked about the creation of her shawl collection which she started during her recovery from a heart attack. We lunched in downtown Mt. Pleasant and then proceeded to a small gallery and gift shop, Art Reach of Mid-Michigan.

Volunteer Hours: 60Members Participating: 10Dollars Donated: 03. Arts & Crafts

This year our Arts and Crafts chairman came up with two different craft projects with pictures of the finished product and dates she would teach them and then presented to the membership at the Information Fair. Members signed up for classes they were interested in. For one of the classes six members signed up to make fairy gardens. All supplies were provided and each person paid \$25.00 for supplies and it took them two hours. Another class was held teaching us arm knitting. No cost, we brought out own yarn. 3 members participated. They all enjoyed learning a new craft.

Volunteer Hours: 18Members Participating: 9Dollars Donated: \$0

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Conservation Community Service Program and Partnership ProjectsClub: GFWC-CharlotteCategory: 4District: SWDNo. Members: 102No. of Projects/Programs: 9Volunteer Hours: 197Dollars Donated: \$50In-Kind Donations: \$420Prepared by: Fran Fuller, PresidentEmail: hobie7040@sbcglobal.netPh. 517-645-25731. "Kind News"

GFWC-Charlotte supports "Kind News", a monthly newsletter for school children, published five times a year by the Humane Society. The newsletter promotes kindness to others, offers ways to keep the environment healthy, and gives ideas on how to create good relationships with friends and animals. The students and their teachers love the newsletter. This program was suspended for the 2017-2018 school year due to insufficient information provided by the new publisher during the months of February, March and April. No renewal information was received until July, which was too late to contact club members and collect money for the current school year. We will attempt to make contact in the next 2 months and if no current information is available the Board will discuss alternate ideas for a similar program for the 2018-2019 school year. We budget \$50 for Kind News but did not spend it in 2017.

Volunteer Hours: 2Members Participating: 1Dollars Donated: \$02. Beautification of our Business District

We maintain 21 downtown urns, the "Welcome" sign at Quality Dairy and 2 flower beds at City Hall. Our chair coordinates the purchase of flowers in March from a local greenhouse and the planting/decorating of the urns. Members plant flowers in 21 urns near the end of May and the flowers are paid for by the Downtown Development Authority. In November, we decorate the urns with a holiday theme. This year 12 members decorated the urns in a record setting 39 minutes in 23 degree weather! We received a lot of positive comments from the community. When we finish planting/decorating we all go to a local coffee shop for hot drinks. Articles appeared in the Club Communicator and the local newspapers. We budget \$50 for beautification.

Volunteer Hours: 54Members Participating: 32In Kind Donations: \$30Dollars Donated: \$503. City "Welcome" Sign

The "Welcome" sign to our city had been neglected over the years. This year we accepted responsibility for the sign. Members weeded and pruned bushes and with the help of Charlotte City DPW employees, kept the bushes pruned and the bags of weeds collected.

Volunteer Hours: 12Members Participating: 2In-Kind Donations: \$0

2017 GFWC-Charlotte Conservation Community Service Program

4. Charlotte City Parks

At our April club meeting the Director of the city Department of Public Works gave an interesting presentation on the parks in the city. She gave the history surrounding the parks and the steps that are being taken to preserve and protect the parks.

Volunteer Hours: 14 Members Participating: 45 Donations: 0 In-Kind Donations: 0

5. Dow Gardens

Our May mini-trip was to Dow Gardens. The gardens were started in 1899 by Herbert Dow, founder of The Dow Chemical Company. The gardens are currently on 110 acres of sights to see. Members enjoyed the Visitors Center, conservatory, Pines Home, which is the Dow family home, art and sculpture. The main gardens include; rose garden, children's garden, pineside garden, herb garden, stream walk, and pollinator garden. Members pay their own admission and lunch and give a stipend to the driver to cover gas.

Volunteer Hours: 50 Members Participating: 10 Donations: 0

6. Improvements to U.S. Veterans Memorial Park

Members of GFWC-Charlotte have been cleaning up the U.S. Veterans Memorial Park in Bennett Park as part of President Fran Fuller's Community Improvement Project (CIP). The Memorial Park was first established in 1921 and over the years had been enlarged and maintained by numerous organizations and clubs. In recent years it had been neglected except to mow the grass. There are monuments from the Spanish American War, Civil War, Memorial Veterans World War (WWI), WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Persian Gulf War, September 11, Operation Iraqi Freedom, and a monument dedicated to all who served in the U.S. Armed Forces. The shrubs were overgrown, weeds had invaded what landscaping was left, the cement benches were settling and the ornamental trees were growing wild. Club members along with some spouses weeded around the monuments, reset the cement benches and planted geraniums which were generously donated by a local greenhouse and a variety of other annual which were donated by the friend of a committee member. Members of the Rotary Satellite Club helped to spread woodchips which were provided by the city. The large boulder monuments and benches were power washed and many years of dirt and mold were removed from the monuments, bases and benches. With advice from a local monument company the lettering on the tiles that are mounted on each monument have been repainted and now stand out when you read them. The ornamental trees have been trimmed by city DPW staff and CIP Committee members are exploring other ways to enhance the park, which is a place of quiet reflection that honors the men and women from our community who have served in the armed forces.

Volunteer Hours: 29 Members Participating: 4 Dollars Donated: 0 In-Kind Donations: \$140

Michigan President's Special Project, Daffodil Gardens

7. Daffodil Gardens

We accepted our Presidents GFWC Michigan Challenge to plant a daffodil garden. Last year 2 established but neglected and overgrown flower beds at city hall were rejuvenated and brought back to life. We planted daffodils and many other perennials. This year we continued to work the beds and were delighted to see them in the spring and summer.

Volunteer Hours: 5 Members Participating: 3 Dollars Donated: 0

Michigan President's Special Project, Divide and Conquer

8. Divide and Conquer

We accepted our Presidents GFWC Michigan Challenge to "Divide and Conquer". Last year club members planted white mums, sedum, lavender, asters and day lilies which were donated from members and neighbors gardens. These were planted in the same beds as the daffodils. We had left over petunias and grasses from our urn planting and used those in these beds and replaced flowers that didn't make it through the winter. The flowers were beautiful this past summer and we know that each year it will be prettier and prettier.

Volunteer Hours: 8 Members Participating: 2 Dollars Donated: \$0

Michigan President's Special Project, Recycling

9. Recycling

At our first meeting of the year, our recycling chairperson, provides club members with information about the items that would be collected. Members are given plastic zip-closing bags labeled with the items to collect. An article was also placed in our newsletter. The Box Tops for Education were given to Parkview Elementary School. The Campbell Soup labels were given to the VFW National Home in Eaton Rapids. Charlotte Community Library received used ink cartridges which they turned in for \$2 each. 5 pounds of tabs were donated to Ronald McDonald House in Lansing. We donated lids to "Save Lids to Save Lives", part of the Susan G. Komen fight against breast cancer, by donating pink Yoplait lids worth 10 cents each. Several small batteries were turned for recycling. Our chairman continues to remind us of the difference that small steps can make and how our member's efforts at recycling are an example to others.

Volunteer Hours: 23 Members Participating: 20 In-Kind Donations: \$250

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Education/ESO Community Service Programs and Partnership ProjectsClub: GFWC-CharlotteCategory: 4District: SWDNo. Members: 102No. of Projects/Programs: 9Volunteer Hours: 796Dollars Donated: \$2,315In-Kind Donations: \$0Prepared by: Fran Fuller, PresidentEmail: hobie7040@sbcglobal.netPh. 517-645-25731. GFWC-MI Arts & Nursing Scholarships

The Arts & Nursing Scholarship is a line item in our annual budget. \$50 is donated for the Arts Scholarship and \$50 for the Nursing Scholarship. We had one individual apply for the nursing scholarship. One individual applied for the arts scholarship and won the statewide scholarship. Information about the availability of the scholarships is provided at Charlotte High School the Charlotte Community Library and publicized in local newspapers. The application forms and an information sheet are made available at Charlotte Community Library, Charlotte Public School and on our website. Last year's Nursing Scholarship winner who was sponsored by our club spoke at our February meeting about her experience of traveling to India to study and learn from them about medicine.

Volunteer Hours: 6Members Participating: 2Dollars Donated: \$1002. GFWC-Charlotte Senior Scholarships

GFWC-Charlotte has awarded an academic scholarship to a Charlotte High School graduating senior each year since 1969. The GFWC Scholarship chairperson is responsible for gathering the applications, obtaining four judges from our community, and then delivering instructions and score sheets to the judges. In 2017 the club awarded one \$1000 scholarship in the traditional manner and two \$500 scholarships by a drawing. Students that met specific qualifications and filled out a card for the drawing had their cards put in a bin and two were picked out at random. The scholarships were announced at our Senior Tea when we honor all the graduating Charlotte High School seniors. Articles were placed in local papers and the Club Communicator. The money is paid to the educational institution the recipient plans to attend after they have been accepted.

Volunteer Hours: 39Members Participating: 5Dollars Donated: \$2,0003. "Tea and Tomes" – a GFWC-Charlotte Book Discussion Group

A very lively group of women meet 8 times per year to discuss books chosen by the facilitator. These books include selections from fiction, non-fiction, and classics. Tea and Tomes averages 19 members per month with a total of 22 members. The facilitator maintains a group reminder email, submits newsletter articles to the Club Communicator, schedules volunteers for each meeting and prepares the discussion questions. They meet once a month, January through May and September through November. The Community Room of the Charlotte Community Library is used free of charge.

Volunteer Hours: 268Members Participating: 32Dollars Donated: \$0

2017 GFWC-Charlotte Education/ESO Community Service Program

4. Kaleidoscope

All of our trips are self-supporting. Each member pays her own fee of \$100. One of our members even won a free ticket to the event by answering a questionnaire after the previous year's event. We carpool to events and everyone chips in for gas. Twenty five club members and 2 guests attended the Kaleidoscope in September. The kick-off speaker was Elliott Engel. The key-note speaker was Samantha Harris, co-host of Dancing with the Stars and cancer survivor. This was held at the Kellogg Center at MSU. Each attendee went to two seminars (from a choice of many) in the morning and enjoyed breakfast, lunch and shopping at the emporium at this day-long program for the enhancement of women. (10% of the emporium vendors' fees support the cause against domestic violence.) One of our members handles the sign up, registration, collection of money, scholarship aid and reporting.

Volunteer Hours: 189

Members Participating: 27

Dollars Donated: \$0

5. Mini Trips

We had many mini trips in 2016 organized by our co-chairs. At our Brainstorming meeting in May we solicit ideas from members of where they would like to go. The co-chairs plan the events over the summer taking care of any reservations and making any other arrangements needed. They provide signup sheets at the Information Fair, the first meeting of our club year in September. Each member pays for her own costs and we carpool to events and everyone chips in for gas. The mini trips were advertised and reported in the Club Communicator. Trips included trip to Ann Arbor to enjoy Kerrytown Market and shops, Dow Gardens, Kaleidoscope, a day for women at Michigan State University, A Day of Culture and Art at the Ziibiwing Center of Anishinabe Culture and Lifeways in Mt. Pleasant along with a stop at the Art Reach of Mid-Michigan gallery and gift shop and Christmas at the Russian Room where a local woman who came here from Russia hosted us and shared stories about Russian traditions, music and tea and shared her extensive collection of Russian artifacts. Volunteer hours noted here denote time spent by Co-Chairs organizing the trips. Individual mini-trip hours are reported under Arts, Education and Home Life.

Volunteer Hours: 114

Members Participating: 53

Dollars Donated: 0

6. GFWC Federation Day, April 24

Federation Day marks the day in 1890 when 63 clubs came together to form the General Federation of Women's Clubs in New York City under the leadership of GFWC founder Jane Cunningham Croly. Today, with over 80,000 clubwomen and 3,000 clubs, we continue to stand together and celebrate Unity in Diversity. We submitted a newspaper article in our local paper advertising Federal Day and highlighting the accomplishments of our club.

Volunteer Hours: 2

Members Participating: 1

Dollars Donated: 0

2017 GFWC-Charlotte Education/ESO Community Service Program

Education - Michigan Projects

7. Michigan Education Foundation

Announcements were made at each meeting in the fall encouraging our members to apply for Education Foundation scholarships. Articles were also included in the monthly club newsletter. The SWD contributes items to the Michigan basket. Our Club donates \$50 as a line-item on our budget.

Volunteer Hours: 41 Members Participating: 1 Dollars Donated: \$50 In-Kind Donations: \$0

8. MYLead

Our budget contains a line item of \$165 for sponsoring a high school sophomore to the MYLead conference at Michigan State University. Each year the student who receives this scholarship attends our March meeting and reports on how much the experience meant to them and the positive changes it made in their lives, especially in their confidence in pursuing their life goals. Six of our members volunteered to register students. The Charlotte Public Schools always puts an article in our two local papers thanking us and announcing who GFWC-Charlotte is sponsoring.

Volunteer Hours: 47 Members Participating: 6 Dollars Donated: \$165

Education – GFWC Partnership Projects

9. Epsilon Sigma Omicron

We have a very active ESO chapter in GFWC-Charlotte. 22 women from our club were members and they read over 1,075 books. Since re-instating ESO in Charlotte in the fall of 2009, ESO members have read over 8000 books! One of our members has read over 1000 books. Members may read from an ESO published reading list, or they may choose alternate titles. Report forms are collected at the end of December for the year. Report forms and pledge forms may be downloaded from our local chapter's website. Our book group leader organizes, compiles statistics, and reports on this program. We have a wonderful group of dedicated readers who are "enlightening their own pathway", which is the motto for ESO.

Volunteer Hours: 90 Members Participating: 22 Dollars Donated: \$0

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Home Life Community Service Programs and Partnership Projects

Club: GFWC-Charlotte Category: 4 District: SWD
 No. Members: 102 No. of Projects/Programs: 9 Volunteer Hours: 2,722
 Dollars Donated: \$100 In-Kind Donations: \$1,055
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1. Women's Health Experience

GFWC-Charlotte partnered with Hayes Green Beach Memorial Hospital to host "A Women's Health Experience." Some of our members serve on the Women's Health Advisory Group and others volunteer to help on the day of the event. The Women's Health Experience offered a free lunch in NOURISH by The Big Salad, an opportunity to speak one-on-one with physicians on women's health topics, shop at Playmakers Satellite Store, and tour FUSE, ALIVE'S medical spa and explore interactive booths and activities. Club members set up a booth with a tri-fold featuring a picture board of all members and information about our history and what we do for the community of Charlotte. We handed out our brochures and gave out information on how they could join. This was a wonderful way to get exposure to the public.

Volunteer Hours: 14 Members Participating: 2 Dollars Donated: 0

2. Focus on Women's Health

Maintaining our health is something we all strive for so this year at each of our club meetings we have a health "theme", and an inspiring woman in health is highlighted for that month. Information to raise our awareness is placed at each table for members to take home and read. Computer links to the theme and inspiring woman are included in the Club Communicator so members can find out more when they are at home. One of our members researches the theme, inspiring woman and shares it with the club. This year we have focused on GIVE, the meaning of life is to find your gift and the purpose of life is to give it away. A quote from Pablo Picasso; PURPOSE, our prime purpose in life is to help others; WONDER, Wonder is the beginning of wisdom; COMPASSION and our inspiring woman was Dr. Elizabeth Blackwell M.D.; BELIEVING, and Marie Curie was our inspiring woman.

Volunteer Hours: 48 Members Participating: 55 Dollars Donated: 0

3. Mobile Meals, Inc. of Charlotte

This program was started by GFWC-Charlotte in 1971 and has been in operation continuously ever since. Meals are prepared daily, 365 days a year, at the local hospital and delivered by 100 community volunteers (35 are club members). Each of these people drive once a month for about one hour—picking up the meals, delivering them, helping recipients open containers, and returning the equipment to the hospital. All seven board members are club members, and they coordinate and administer the program. This includes qualifying subscribers, securing and reminding drivers, collecting payment and handling problems and emergencies that arise from time to time, as well as training drivers and coordinators. We also furnish cookies and "man a table" at Spartan Motors as a thank you for their contributions. One of our members prepares and revises the driver schedule/instruction sheets. Another member handles all the financial reports and bookkeeping. The Eaton Area Community United Way partially subsidizes the cost of the meals to keep them affordable to the subscribers. Representatives from the Board attend United Way meetings. This year, we are doing a presentation to a philanthropic group who grants money to non-profits. Mobile Meals is a line item in our budget. Volunteer Hours: 1168 Members Participating: 35 Dollars Donated: \$100

2017 GFWC-Charlotte Home Life Community Service Program

4. Eaton Clothing and Furniture Center (ECFC) The mission of ECFC is to provide good gently used clothing, furniture and household items at no cost to those who qualify. Currently, 2300 families in Eaton and Barry counties are served. We featured ECFC at our September Information Fair and asked members to bring sheets, blankets, towels and any size men's clothing. We have several members that volunteer in many aspects of helping. Some volunteer several hours a month to help with sorting or selling.

Volunteer Hours: 139 Members Participating: 25 Dollars Donated: \$0 In-Kind Donations: \$1,055

5. Women on the Move

At our local AL! VE health facility we ask members to note each time they come to the facility to walk, take a class of any kind, use the spa or workout. We want to know how often they come not necessarily how long they stay. We are not concerned about how many miles they walk, just the fact that they came and walked. Walking eight times around the track may be easy for some, but just once around the track may be a monumental task for another. We think it is important to show up and MOVE! The facility offers exercise classes, a walking track, weight equipment along with cooking classes geared toward healthy eating, other enrichment opportunities, massages, meeting places, and child care for your children while you work out. We also encourage members to be active outside the AL!VE facility doing other activities.

Volunteer Hours: 658 Members Participating: 23 Dollars Donated: \$0

6. Hayes Green Beach Hospital Volunteer

Several club members donate their time to our local hospital in a variety of different ways. Some volunteer at the "Gift Basket" which is the gift shop. Duties include running the cash register, ordering, inventorying, and displaying merchandise. Other members volunteer in various capacities throughout the hospital by serving on committees or greeting patients at various locations throughout the hospital.

Volunteer Hours: 587 Members Participating: 7 Dollars Donated: \$0

7. March Meeting

One of our club members has a decorating business and she shared her knowledge of interior design. She passed out a comprehensive "design survey" to be filled out as her presentation progressed, covering all aspects of a decorating or redecorating project, including Function, Mood, Inspiration, Styles, Patterns, Textures, Colors, time Frame and Budget. She concluded her presentation showing 5 distinct styles of fabric for window treatment and upholstery. Club member really enjoyed this program.

Volunteer Hours: 20 Members Participating: 37 Dollars Donated: \$0

2017 GFWC-Charlotte Home Life Community Service Program

8. Husband/Guest Trivia Night

Each year we single out a meeting where our spouses/guests are invited and we have a nice dinner and a special speaker to will captivate everyone. This year we decided to change things up and had a night of trivia. We hired a professional DJ who works at our local trivia night events and had prizes for the winners and losers. During the evening we noticed how much more laughter and chatter than at other husband/guest night events. The tables were having a good time trying to figure out the answers and communicating with each other. A good time was had by all. We also had our used book table available to sell books and our Hungry Howie Pizza certificates for sale.

Volunteer Hours: 63

Members Participating: 42

Dollars Donated: 0

Home Life – GFWC Partnership Project

9. Heart Health

At our February meeting we promoted The Heart Truth sponsored by the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute. Members were encouraged to wear red and we handed out Go Red for Women pins, know your numbers cards and stickers, red heart stickers and go Red for Women Declaration. This is all done to educate and motivate women to take action to prevent heart disease.

Volunteer Hours: 25

Members Participating: 32

Dollars Donated: 0

2017 GFWC MICHIGAN NARRATIVE

International Outreach Community Service Programs and Partnership Projects

Club: GFWC-Charlotte Category: 4 District: SWD
 No. Members: 102 No. of Projects/Programs: 5 Volunteer Hours: 107
 Dollars Donated: \$538 In-Kind Donations: \$200
 Prepared by: Fran Fuller, President Email: hobie7040@sbcglobal.net Ph. 517-645-2573

1. Christmas at the Russian Room

This was one of our club mini-trips. One of our local residents is from Russia and she hosted club members for an exploration of culture right in our own community. She is a storyteller and curator of Russian artifacts. She has a room in the Eaton County Courthouse Square Museum which is filled with her extensive collection of Russian artifacts which included clothing, dinnerware, books, nesting dolls and much more. She even has a corner of Russian nesting dolls that children are allowed to play with. This woman shared Russian Christmas traditions, music and wonderful desserts along with tea. It was a wonderful way to start off the Christmas season.

Volunteer Hours: 30 Members Participating: 12 Dollars Donated: 0

International Outreach – GFWC Partnership Project2. Heifer International

GFWC-Charlotte continued its support for Heifer International in 2017. Information was shared through the Club Communicator, our club newsletter, about what Heifer does and how people benefit from the program. Information was also provided to members at the first meeting in September. This meeting is the Info Fair where we highlight all the clubs projects and programs. Members were also informed of the Heifer International project with announcements at meetings through December. Collection of donations ended at the December Holiday Tea. This year GFWC-Charlotte raised money for Heifer International by holding a drawing for honey, donated by a member, at the Christmas Tea. This event together with the general request for donations raised \$250 this year.

Volunteer Hours: 23 Members Participating: 1 Dollars Donated: \$250

3. Operation Smile

Operation Smile was founded in 1982 a plastic surgeon, and his wife, a nurse and clinical social worker. They traveled to the Philippines with a group of medical volunteers to repair children's cleft lips and cleft palates. What they found was overwhelming. They rallied fellow doctors and have been performing surgeries ever since all over the world. Operation Smile has a list of items they need for the children they help and one of them are comfort blankets. This year club members met at another member's home and tied single layer fleece blankets for Operation Smile. Members cut and tied the blankets and enjoyed snacks and drinks provided by the Program Chair. The blankets were then shipped to the Operation Smile headquarters.

Volunteer Hours: 26 Members Participating: 9 Dollars Donated: \$20 In-kind Donations: \$200

Michigan President's Special Project: UNICEF and Human Trafficking

4. Women At Risk (WAR)

At our December Christmas Tea we invited a representative from Women At Risk to attend and bring items to sell. A beautiful display of jewelry, Christmas ornaments, scarfs, small purses and hats were available to members for purchase. The consultant spoke to our club about the mission of WAR and how 100% of the proceeds go to helping rescue women, keep them in a safe house and giving the women a way to make a living for themselves and their families. We purchased \$268 in products which will keep a woman in a safe house for 26 days.

Volunteer Hours: 11 Members Participating: 30 Dollars Donated: \$268

5. The House of Promise

The speaker for our October meeting was a representative from The House of Promise, which is a 501c3 nonprofit organization that provides survivors of sex abuse and sex trafficking unconditional love, acceptance, and a place to heal. Their goal is to disrupt the destructive patterns of slavery through education and care for the survivors. They do this through training, counseling, and helping the young girls/women relearn basic skills, so that they can rebuild their lives and reintegrate into society. Human trafficking is a major issue in the world, with not enough being done to fight it or help its victims. With statistics at 1 in 3 women being sexually abused in their lifetime, the work that they do is incredibly important.

Volunteer Hours: 17 Members Participating: 55 Dollars Donated: 0

2017 GFWC MICHIGAN NARRATIVE

Public Issues Community Service Programs and Partnership ProjectsClub: GFWC-CharlotteCategory: 4District: SWDNo. Members: 102No. of Projects/Programs: 2Volunteer Hours: 23Dollars Donated: \$0In-Kind Donations: \$0Prepared by: Fran Fuller, PresidentEmail: hobie7040@sbcglobal.netPh. 517-645-25731. Registering Graduating Senior to Vote

Our County Clerk is a member of GFWC-Charlotte and she brought some of her staff to help register eligible students at our annual Graduating Senior Tea. We provide the space on stage with our tea and cookies. Members direct students to the area to register. This member also participated in the annual Democracy Day event held at our high school. This event is organized by the high school government teacher and members of the League of Women's Voters were also there. Over 100 students were registered to vote at the two events.

Volunteer Hours: 13Members Participating: 1Dollars Donated: \$02: Show of support

In a show of support club members joined with other community members to honor Staff Sgt. Garrett Michael Swift. Staff Sgt. Swift passed away and after his funeral service, community members lined the streets of Charlotte from the funeral home to the cemetery. Many people waved flags or saluted as the hearse passed through town. Flags were flying downtown and at the old courthouse to honor Staff Sgt. Swift.

Volunteer Hours: 10Members Participating: 10Dollars Donated: 0

2017 GFWC MICHIGAN NARRATIVE

Communications and Public Relations Advancement AreasClub: GFWC-CharlotteCategory: 4District: SWDNo. Members: 102No. of Projects/Programs: 11Volunteer Hours: 757Dollars Donated: \$460In-Kind Donations: \$0Prepared by: Fran Fuller, PresidentEmail: hobie7040@sbcglobal.netPh. 517-645-25731. The Club Communicator and EARS

One member is the editor in charge of our monthly newsletter and this continues to be an invaluable resource for communicating to all club members on a timely basis. It is a venue for articles and announcements sent to her and written by her regarding club, district, state and national concerns and events. She also publishes the club's pictorial directory which helps current members get to know the new members and vice versa. We have been able to put this directory up on a secured portion of our website. It takes a minimum of forty hours per month to publish. This includes gathering information, taking and processing pictures, writing articles, preparing the layout, entering into the computer, running copies, collating, stapling, labeling, mailing, etc. We developed a "buddy" system for the few members that do not have e-mail so their buddy prints it off and delivers it to them. Most members receive it by email. She also prepare photos and articles for the local newspaper and our Club Memory book This member also prints off a small club booklet with names addresses and e-mail and phone numbers of all members. She also prints material for the Membership Committee and by maintaining the up-to-date e-mail list for the club she is able to send e-mail notices to the members when requested. The Club Communicator is a line item in our budget. This person also serves as our EARS representative and informs us of interesting information happening on the state and national level.

Volunteer Hours: 510Members Participating: 1Dollars Donated: \$2502. Website

Two of our member's and one of their husbands maintain the site. At least 100 hours were put into it. They also have made application forms *writable* and available on our site. This was done for our local club and at the state level. (Including club membership applications and Education Foundation Scholarship applications) We maintain a secure site portion, so that our club pictorial directory is available for our members.

Our website address is: www.gfwc-charlotte.com.Volunteer Hours: 100Members Participating: 3Dollars Donated: \$1203. Face book

Our Facebook Chair is responsible for keeping our Facebook page current. It is full of pictures of all our events. It contains information on joining GFWC-Charlotte. She also includes items of interest from GFWC-Michigan and GFWC International. We used Facebook to showcase the silent auction items we were selling at our SIREN Holiday Tea fundraiser which is reported under fundraising. GFWC Success for Survivors Scholarship information was posted to our Facebook page. We are making more of a Facebook presence each year.

Volunteer Hours: 6Members Participating: 2Dollars Donated: \$0

2017 GFWC-Charlotte Communications and Public Relations Advancements

4. GFWC-Charlotte Brochures

Our Membership Team revised the membership brochure. This brochure is available for members to use as they make contact with potential new members. It explains what GFWC and GFWC-Charlotte are about and briefly outlines our many projects and opportunities for community involvement.

Volunteer Hours: 6 Members Participating: 2 Dollars Donated: \$0

5. GFWC-Charlotte in Action Banner

We continued to display our banner whenever we were doing projects such as planting flower beds at city hall and decorating urns in the business district for the summer and winter. This is one way that we are striving to increase recognition of our organization since many are surprised to realize it is the largest civic organization in Charlotte.

Volunteer Hours: 4 Members Participating: 1 Dollars Donated: \$0

6. Publicity Chairperson

The Publicity Chairperson is appointed by the Club President. Most releases to local papers were funneled through her. After each meeting or event, articles, including pictures, are sent to two local papers, The Shopping Guide and The County Journal. "GFWC-Charlotte" is always in print and/or part of the article's headline.

Volunteer Hours: 15 Members Participating: 2 Dollars Donated: \$0

7. Electronic Activities Reporting Specialist (EARS)

One of our Board members served as our EARS monitor. She reviewed "News and Notes", EYES, the GFWC-MI homepage and the national GFWC homepage each month and reported to the Board at our monthly meetings. Information was also shared with articles in our Club Communicator.

Volunteer Hours: 8 Members Participating: 1 Dollars Donated: \$0

8. Charlotte Chamber of Commerce

GFWC-Charlotte is a member of the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce. The yearly dues are \$60.00. This provides access to monthly email newsletters regarding what is going on in the community and a network of resources when needed. Any member may elect to receive the "The Charlotte Blast." They are a valuable resource for the promoting the SIREN Holiday Tea, our major fund raiser

Volunteer Hours: 2 Members Participating: 1 Dollars Donated: \$60

2017 GFWC-Charlotte Communications and Public Relations Advancements

9. GFWC-Charlotte Annual Graduating Senior Tea

GFWC-Charlotte has hosted the Annual Graduating Senior Tea since 1947. It is celebrated at the Charlotte Performing Arts Center. Our committee works with the Charlotte High School Administration and the director of the Performing Arts Center. Students can invite parents, grandparents and significant others to the tea. The committee begins planning in April. All of our members are encouraged to attend the tea. All new members were asked to serve on this committee. Past Presidents are asked to serve the tea and punch. Large arrays of cookies donated by the members are served. Our speaker for the Tea was author Denise Brennan-Nelson who has written many children's books. One of her books *Buzzy the Bumblebee* encourages children to not give up when told they can't do something, much like *Buzzy* who was told his body was too big to fly. Our GFWC-Charlotte chorus entertained. More than 280 seniors and guests attended. Leftover cookies were donated to SIREN/Eaton Shelter the House of Ruth and our Palliative Care facility.

Volunteer Hours: 80 Members Participating: 57 Dollars Donated: 0

10. Club Woman Magazine

GFWC-Charlotte has a line item in our budget to provide our President, Vice President and Secretary with the *Club Woman Magazine*. Information in the magazine is shared with members as appropriate, and the magazines are passed along to other members to read and enjoy.

Volunteer Hours: 6 Members Participating: 3 Dollars Donated: \$30

11. Participation at the Eaton County Home & Business Expo

Annually the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce holds a Home and Business Expo at the Charlotte High School and invites Non-Profits to have an exhibit table advertising their group. We participated using our banner, our club tri-fold, signup sheet for Mobile Meals and signup sheet to receive more information about our club.

Volunteer Hours: 20 Members Participating: 10 Dollars Donated: 0

2017 GFWC MICHIGAN NARRATIVE

Leadership Advancement AreasClub: GFWC-CharlotteCategory: 4District: SWDNo. Members: 102No. of Projects/Programs: 16Volunteer Hours: 762Dollars Donated: \$0In-Kind Donations: \$0

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1. By-Law Revisions Committee

The committee reviews the By-laws and Standing Rules annually and makes some minor housekeeping changes as needed.

Volunteer Hours: 8Members Participating: 4Dollars Donated: \$02. Parliamentarian

Our Parliamentarian attended the monthly board meetings, reviewed the agendas and minutes. She was available to the president for guidance on matters of procedure at meetings.

Volunteer Hours: 20Members Participating: 1Dollars Donated: \$03. SWD Secretary

One of our members is the SWD Secretary and attended the SWD Board meetings and SWD Annual Convention, helped prepare the agenda, took minutes and typed and reproduced minutes. She worked with the SWD President on setting up email distribution lists and prepared nametags for the annual meeting.

Volunteer Hours: 100Members Participating: 1Dollars Donated: \$04. GFWC – MI Secretary, By-laws Chair, MyLead Chair, Ed Foundation Scholarship Committee, Records Secretary

One of our members is the GFWC-Mi. Secretary, on the Ed Foundation Scholarship Committee and is Records secretary. She was installed at the April, 2016 Convention. She has attends Board meetings, our Convention, and Advisory meetings. She attends meetings takes minutes, types, distributes them and collects reports and responses. She turned in 40 hours. Another member is the state By-laws Chair. She turned in 50 hours. We have a member that is the MYLead Chair who turned in 19 hours.

Volunteer Hours: 109Members Participating: 3Dollars Donated: \$05. Southwestern District meetings

Four club members regularly attend all SWD meetings. They are the president, vice-president, secretary and parliamentarian. In 2017 we attended 1 regular meeting and the SWD Annual meeting.

2017 GFWC-Charlotte Leadership Advancements

6. Agendas

Agendas were prepared for our 10 General Meetings (including the Senior Tea) and for the nine Board Meetings. Agendas are sent to all Board members for their input. We have placed agendas with the COLLECT printed on the back at the tables so they can see what the meeting is going to be about. We also have all GFWC announcements and Community announcements and dates printed on the agenda. Members have told us that they appreciate the Collect printed on the back of the agenda.

Volunteer Hours: 30 Members Participating: 1 Dollars Donated: 0

7. Board Meetings – prepare and attend

Our 12 Board Members attend 9 meetings each year meeting for 1 1/2 to 2 hours each time. In addition to the time spent at the meeting, they are occasionally asked to prepare reports on projects.

Volunteer Hours: 216 Members Participating: 13 Dollars Donated: 0

8. Program Committee

At our May Brainstorming Meeting, members make suggestions about what types of programs they are interested in having the next club year. The suggestions are compiled into an electronic survey and members are sent an email with a link to the survey. The results are used by the program committee comprised of the Vice-President and 3 other members to determine what speakers will be invited to do programs at meetings. The Vice-President recruits committee co-chairs, the members of their committee, and program representative for each month. The committee handles the reservations and the luncheon. The program representative is the liaison between the club and the speaker, making sure that all arrangements are handled. Every club member is expected to serve once each year.

Volunteer Hours: 28 Members Participating: 4 Dollars Donated: 0

9. Serving on Committees

It is the responsibility of the President to assign members to all committees other than the program committees. Each member is expected to serve in some way. There are many positions required to keep our club accomplishing our goals throughout the year from membership to memory book to fundraising and everything else. We are a very active club, the largest civic organization in Charlotte, and have numerous community projects that we undertake each year.

Volunteer Hours: reported elsewhere Members Participating: 99 Dollars Donated: 0

10. Nomination Committee

The Nominations Committee is responsible for recruiting members for elected positions. Member's names may be recommended to the committee by anyone. The presidential candidate is generally consulted about the vice-presidential nomination. Members are encouraged to serve on the Board of Directors and that is why we invite members to come to our board meetings and see what we do. Since we are such a large club we feel that they get a more intimate view of GFWC-Charlotte at the board meetings.

Volunteer Hours: 4 Members Participating: 4 Dollars Donated: \$0

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11. Name Tag Committee

Members wear name tags that are distributed and collected at each meeting. Our club provides name tags that are color-coded blue for new members, green for Board members and yellow for the past presidents. In addition, "New Member" name tags are identifiable with a stripe reading "New Member." This reminds us to make extra effort to make new members welcome and insure their involvement at meetings. The Name Tag Chairman is responsible for the distribution of them at meetings, keeping track of who attends and reporting attendance to membership. Each year we ask a new member if she could do it so she could get to know the members.

Volunteer Hours: 11 Members Participating: 2 Dollars Donated: \$0

12. Woman of Achievement

Information about the Woman of Achievement Award qualifications and nominating procedure were announced at club meetings and promoted in the newsletter. Unfortunately the committee did not receive any nominations this year. This happens sometimes so we are not concerned about the lack of nominations.

Volunteer Hours: 3 Members Participating: 1 Dollars Donated: 0

13. Finance Committee

The Finance Committee met twice this past year to review the budget and plan for the next year. They recommend the budget to the Board of Directors and then the general membership votes whether or not to approve the budget. A financial review is completed each year. The treasurer spends about one hour each month on bills, reports, and budgeting amounts. Extra time is spent preparing the ledger for financial review, which is done by another member yearly.

Volunteer Hours: 71 Members Participating: 5 Dollars Donated: \$0

14. GFWC District and State Conventions and District Meetings

GFWC-Charlotte has three members who serve actively at the district and state level. Our president, vice-president and secretary regularly attended district meetings, advisory meetings, and the state convention. Information gained at these meetings is reported to our members.

Volunteer Hours: 142 Members Participating: 6 Dollars Donated: \$0

15. Leadership Day

Three members participated in Leadership Day in Mt. Pleasant. One member presented information on our clubs Mentoring New Members program and answered questions regarding other programs and events our club is involved in.

Volunteer Hours: 20 Members Participating: 3 Dollars Donated: 0

2017 GFWC-Charlotte Leadership Advancements

Michigan President's Special Project, Leadership

16. Mentoring of New Members

Each current member who brings in a new member is asked to serve as that new member's mentor for the first twelve months of her membership. This adds personalization to our club and helps the new member get to know our long-standing members. "*Sponsoring / Mentoring a New Member*" is a support hand-out that is given to sponsors as a reminder of her responsibility to insure the new member feels welcomed at club meetings and activities. The membership chair also talks to the new member and helps them choose a committee they would like to get involved with right away.

Volunteer Hours: Statistics not available

Members Participating: 3

Dollars Donated: \$0

2017 GFWC MICHIGAN NARRATIVE

Legislation and Public Policy Advancement AreasClub: GFWC-CharlotteCategory: 4District: SWDNo. Members: **102**No. of Projects/Programs: **2**Volunteer Hours: **11**Dollars Donated: **\$0**In-Kind Donations: **\$0**Prepared by: Fran Fuller, PresidentEmail: hobie7040@sbcglobal.netPh.517-645-25731. GFWC-Legislation Day

We had two members attend Legislation Day. They brought back information on Human Trafficking in Michigan, Conservation and Leadership. Our State Representative was invited to attend the session. He wasn't able to meet with us but we did see him in session when we visited the Capitol.

Volunteer Hours: 10Members Participating: 2Dollars Donated: \$02. Legislative Action Center

Letters were sent to Senators Gary Peters and Debbie Stabenow and Congressman Tim Walberg urging Congress to Fully Fund Domestic Violence Prevention Programs.

Volunteer Hours: 1Members Participating: 1Dollars Donated: \$0

2017 GFWC MICHIGAN NARRATIVE

Membership Advancement Areas

Club: GFWC-Charlotte Category: 4 District: SWD
 No. Members: 102 No. of Projects/Programs: 16 Volunteer Hours: 754
 Dollars Donated: \$338 In-Kind Donations: \$10
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1. Information Fair

This is our first meeting of the year in September and a great meeting to invite potential new members to. We have tables set up around the room and all program and project chairman are asked to have a short talk and display about their program or project. Sign-up sheets are at each display so that members can let chairman know that they would like to participate in that program. Our Terri Lynn chair ordered 5 or 6 different kinds of products to sample so that members would have a better idea of what they were selling.

Volunteer Hours: 83 Members Participating: 55 Dollars Donated: \$0

2. Orientation for New Members and Members Involvement

Each year we hold a New Member Orientation (NMO) in November. Two new and one perspective new member accompanied by their sponsors and Board officers attended in 2017. The President and Vice-President gave an overview of GFWC, and provided information about the clubs projects, programs, and committees. The membership committee provided the lunch. All new members are asked to bring their yearbook and we went through it so they would have a better understanding of GFWC-Charlotte. When applying for membership, we request each new member complete an Interest Checklist. After receiving more detailed information about our club at the NMO new members can revise their Interest Checklist to include areas of the club they would like to become more involved with. The President and Vice-President refer to the checklists as they fill committees with members. Every new member is required to attend this orientation.

Volunteer Hours: 30 Members Participating: 8 Dollars Donated: \$50

3. Honoring Past Presidents and New Members

GFWC-Charlotte annually honors their Past Presidents at our Christmas Tea. Our corresponding secretary sent the formal invitations. Our president announced their names, presented them with red and white carnations and thanks them for their willingness to step forward and take leadership positions. We then present a New Member Certificate to all New Members and take a picture of them with their sponsors. Pictures and articles appeared in the Club Communicator and the local newspapers.

Volunteer Hours: 18 Members Participating: 3 Dollars Donated: 0 In-Kind Donations: \$40

2017 GFWC-Charlotte Membership Advancements

4. Honoring 50 and 25 Year Club Members

In December we were privileged to honor our newest 50 and 25 year club members. Our state President and President elect were in attendance and presented our members with a certificate and pin.

Volunteer Hours: 1 Members Participating: 1 Dollars Donated: \$0

5. Membership Committee

The membership chair reports to the Board at the monthly meetings and presents any applications received for approval. Club and committee members actively recruited new members. The committee chair sends invitations to potential new members identified by current members. Information about our meetings is posted each month in the local papers along with an invitation to attend a meeting for anyone interested. The membership application is posted on our website. Our club brochure was updated as well as the application and interest checklist.

Volunteer Hours: 40 Members Participating: 4 Dollars Donated: \$0

6. Brainstorming Meeting

In May we have our annual Brainstorming meeting. We asked members to brainstorm during lunch about what they would like to learn about, hear about and work on for the next club year. What is your passion? We place their suggestions in the areas of GFWC programs. We send a purposed calendar around and members sign up for a month they would like to be on a committee and what programs they would like to work on. We then put the results on Survey Monkey and ask members to vote on their favorites. The results are given to the Vice-President and her program committee members and they decide what the programs will be for the next year depending on the votes, speaker and facility availability. The Vice-President then prepares the calendar and sends it to the President to be included with the Yearbook.

Volunteer Hours: 125 Members Participating: 25 Dollars Donated: \$0

7. imembersdb.com

Our membership data is stored in a database – imembersdb.com. This is a system that a member uses for her work, and the company that developed it offered it to our Club for free as a beta program to see if GFWC would be interested in using their system in the future. This member entered all the initial member information into the system and continues to update the member listing, including contact information and photos, calendar, venue for sending out the newsletter, etc. She continues to offer training to members interested in using it to send emails to all members or to specific groups of members such as a project committee and at New Member Orientation. The president and many committee chairs are now taking advantage of this feature. It has various levels of security – from public view to a secure site. Registration for meetings is now only done through this system or you can call this member and she will sign you up. Our member spends about 10 hours a month helping to register people for meetings, answering questions, entering information, etc. This would be a great system for GFWC MI to look into using as it would be very advantageous for them.

Volunteer Hours: 120 Members Participating: 6 Dollars Donated: \$0

2016 GFWC-Charlotte Membership Advancements

8. Hand-to-Hand

Following the directive of our GFWC Collect, "And may we strive to touch and know the great common human heart of us all;" this program was begun in 2011. The goal of Hand to Hand is to create a network of members willing to drive, visit, run an errand, prepare a meal, lend an ear, bake or read to another member who is in need of support. Need varies from year to year and we find that members are reluctant to ask or accept help so this year the committee made many phone calls, sent cards and visited members in need. One club member had a critically ill grandchild so we prepared meals for her to take to Grand Rapids to the hospital to share with her family while they spent many months there. At the end of the year committee members visited our elderly club members who maintain their membership but find it hard to participate in meetings due to physical limitations. We also contacted several elderly members and transported them to our annual Christmas Tea. An article appeared in the Club Communicator.

Volunteer Hours: 12 Members Participating: 14 In Kind Donations: \$0

9. Remembrances

Our Remembrances co-chairs send cards and notes to members celebrating significant milestones in life, such as 90th birthdays, 50th anniversary, get well, sympathy, congratulations, etc. In 2017, 23 cards were sent. In addition, our club newsletter recognizes every member for birthdays, anniversaries, and get-well/thinking of you wishes.

Volunteer Hours: 10 Members Participating: 2 Dollars Donated: \$0

10. President's Letter

At the beginning of the program year, our President mails a welcome letter to each of our more than 100 members. This contains highlights of what they can expect over the coming year and brings them up to date on anything that has occurred over the summer. It details the dates, times, locations, and programs for the year's meetings

Volunteer Hours: 8 Members Participating: 2 Dollars Donated: \$0

11. Thank You Notes

Thank you notes were sent to the meeting co-chairs, program chair and speakers after each meeting. This was done by the Vice-President who is in charge of the programs. These were handwritten notes – not emails – to show how much we value the efforts of our members.

Volunteer Hours: 18 Members Participating: 1 Dollars Donated: \$0

12. Meeting Notification

Each month, the Vice President was in charge of submitting an article to the local newspapers promoting our meeting with an invitation for those interested in attending to contact the club. The same information was also placed in the club's newsletter. Announcements were emailed to members and those without email were phoned by the calling committee. This is in addition to the meeting information that is in the president's letter and in the yearbook.

Volunteer Hours: 17 Members Participating: 4 Dollars Donated: \$0

2017 GFWC-Charlotte Membership Advancements

13. Pictorial Directory

The newsletter director prepared a pictorial directory that is provided in the notebook given to all new members. It is available on the club's members-only portion of our website so that all members can print their own copy if they choose to. Pages are added to this document as new members join.

Volunteer Hours: 20 Members Participating: 1 Dollars Donated: \$0

14. Club Booklet

Each member received a pocket size booklet with meeting dates, member contact information, etc. The Newsletter Editor prepares this booklet. She donated the paper and cartridge cost.

Volunteer Hours: 25 Members Participating: 1 Dollars Donated: \$40

15. Annual Yearbook

Each member received a copy of our annual yearbook which contains information about our meetings including program topics, speakers, meeting chairs and committees, time and location. It also contains information about federation officers, our members holding district and state level appointments, our club officers and program and committee chairs. This document is produced by the President and Vice-President as they work to fill positions on committees. It is provided to members electronically and in paper format for those who do not have computers.

Volunteer Hours: 75 Members Participating: 2 Dollars Donated: \$0

16. Memory Book

It takes many hours to compile the memory book that chronicles our club year. Because we are such a large club with so many projects, community services, and interest groups, it is a major task to assemble and put together in scrapbook form any and all items available pertaining to the club. Our co-chairs for this position are very dedicated and talented. We have the Memory Book on display at many of our meetings. This is a \$200 budget item.

Volunteer Hours: 152 Members Participating: 2 Dollars Donated: \$208 In-Kind Donation: \$10

2017 GFWC MICHIGAN NARRATIVE

Women's History and Resource Center (WHRC) Advancement Areas

Club: GFWC-Charlotte Category: 4 District: SWD
 No. Members: 102 No. of Projects/Programs: 3 Volunteer Hours: 59
 Dollars Donated: \$50 In-Kind Donations: \$0
 Prepared by: Fran Fuller, President Email: hobie7040@sbcglobal.net Ph.517-645-2573

1. 1734 Society

GFWC-Charlotte has a line item in our budget of \$50 designated for the 1734 Society.

Volunteer Hours: 0 Members Participating: 0 Dollars Donated: \$50

2. GFWC-Charlotte Display at Eaton County Courthouse Museum

We continue to feature our club in one of the rooms at our historical 1885 Courthouse in downtown Charlotte. The Courthouse Square Director offered a small space on the upper floor which was appropriately, the Ladies Room! Fortunately, we have an abundance of historical artifacts that are stored at the old sheriff's residence and overseen by one of our members. The challenge was to narrow our selections and present an interesting and historical display. We continue to keep this updated with our current membership on the photo board tri-fold.

Volunteer Hours: 1 Members Participating: 1 Dollars Donated: \$0

3. Club Historian-Archives

Our Club Historian has been busy this year resettling our archives in a new location. We moved our documents 3 times this year due to space constraints. We also have a member who is scanning our historical documents to archive them for future years. We take great pride in the amount of historical documents we have on hand chronicling our club's 130 year history.

Volunteer Hours: 58 Members Participating: 2 Dollars Donated: \$0

2017 GFWC MICHIGAN NARRATIVE

Fundraising Advancement Areas

Club: GFWC-Charlotte Category: 4 District: SWD
 No. Members: 102 No. of Projects/Programs: 4 Volunteer Hours: 459
 Dollars Donated: \$3,720.66 Money Raised: \$12,034.32 In-Kind Donations: \$1,447
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1. SIREN Holiday Tea

SIREN/Eaton Shelter is our local Domestic Violence and Homeless Shelter, a non-profit agency that assists with emergency and transitional shelter, support services, and a 24-hour crisis line to families in Eaton County. Support at the Holiday Tea comes in the form of purchasing a table for eighty dollars and decorating it for the annual event. A luncheon is served. Prizes are awarded in different categories: Most elegant, seasonal/holiday, most unique, traditional, people's choice and best of show. The event also features a silent auction. Club members donated nearly all items in the Silent Auction. One of our GFWC-Charlotte members was the MC and the Charlotte High School Choral provided the entertainment. A club member wrote several articles for the local paper which highlighted the programs our club is involved in, how we contribute monetarily to scholarships for our graduating seniors and other ways we give monetary support. She also wrote about how the elimination of domestic violence and prevention of the abuse and neglect of our nation's children is one of the Signature Projects of GFWC International. Monetary donations were received from Meijer (\$100) and Walmart (\$50) to offset the cost of food. Donations are also received from our local cider mill for cider and several pizza stores. The pizza is provided as lunch for students from Olivet College Sorority who helped in the kitchen; clear tables refill water glasses and help carry items into the hall for table sponsors. All the food for the lunch was provided for and made by club members. Macy's Department Store also donated \$700 in gift cards which were divided into 2-\$200 cards, and 3-\$100 cards to be raffled at the event. St. Mary Catholic Parish allows us to use their Parish Life Center free of charge for this event. This event is a great experience for our club as new friendships are formed and members who did not really know one another had an opportunity to work together.

Volunteer Hours: 400 Members Participating: 30 Dollars Donated: \$3,503.66

In-Kind Donations: \$1,427 Money Raised: \$7,007.32

2. Used Book Sale

Our Used Book Sale became so popular we split it into a separate committee. Each month volunteers from the committee set up and sell used books to the general membership. All books are \$1 and monies received are used for literary related projects at the discretion of the Tea and Tomes Book Club members. The money was donated to the Charlotte Community Library where it is used to purchase book boxes that are also available to other book groups and libraries. This year 2 electric tea kettles were purchased for use by GFWC-Charlotte, Tea and Tomes and anyone else who utilizes the library. The rest of the money was given to the library. We do not keep any of the money from the sale of our used books.

Volunteer Hours: 12 Members Participating: 5 Money Raised: \$217 Dollars Donated: \$217
 In-Kind Donations: 0

2016 GFWC-Charlotte Fundraising Advancements

3. Hungry Howie Pizza Certificate

Our club will be hosting the 2018 SWD Annual meeting in September and we were allowed to hold a fundraiser at the 2017 SWD Annual meeting to offset our anticipated expenses. The Board recommended and our club voted to sell Hungry Howie Pizza Certificates. We sold them for \$6 each or two for \$10. They entitle the buyer to 1 medium size, 1 topping pizza with a flavored crust of your choosing. It's unknown how many members purchased certificates but 4 members actively attended events to sell and promote the certificates.

Volunteer Hours: 15 Members Participating: Unknown Money Raised: \$970 In-Kind Donation: 0

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4. Terri Lynn Candies

We have the membership taste samples at our Information Fair and we had a very positive response. Catalogs were distributed at the September, October, and November meetings. Orders were sent out twice. Members were also made aware of this fundraiser through articles in the Club Communicator. Upon receipt of the merchandise, the co- chairs pack up each member's order; they call and deliver them or take the orders to the next GFWC meeting. This was a wonderful fundraiser for us and we were very happy with their product and their service. We sold 395 bags in 2017.

Volunteer Hours: 32 Members Participating: 47 Money Raised: \$3,840 In-Kind Donation: \$20