

GFWC-CHARLOTTE HIGHLIGHTS

CHORUS – Since 1976. The Club Chorus performs for service clubs, social, charitable and business events, etc.

GFWC MI Education Foundation – Provides scholarships to assist GFWC MI members in continuing education.

“TEA & TOMES” – Our book club. Opportunity for members to meet and discuss selected literature.

MINI-TRIPS – Mini-trips are arranged by departments and/or special interest groups and are open to all members. Carpooling encouraged.

HISTORY & BACKGROUND

The Charlotte Club began in 1887 as a literary club which enhanced the status of the individual woman and broke the conventional circumscription of her life when culture and customs were against it.

The Club developed into a group which promotes the enrichment of life.

The Club concept of “volunteerism” encouraged and supported each member’s personal growth and an overall commitment to community improvement.

GFWC resulted from the joining together of many women’s clubs at the state, national and international levels to become the largest and oldest non-denominational and non-partisan international volunteer service organization of women in the world.

2010-2012 GFWC NATIONAL PROJECT

“Domestic Violence Awareness & Prevention”
Increase member understanding about, and involvement in, programs to decrease domestic violence in communities across the nation.

2010-2012 GFWC MI SPECIAL PROJECTS

“Leadership”

Encourage members to grow and share leadership skills to keep club administration viable. Support and encourage youth leadership with sponsorship of MYLead-Michigan Youth Leadership program.

“Support to Service Men, Women & Families”

Educate members to actively support the VFW National Home for Children, the Michigan Home for Veterans, and the USO.

GFWC Michigan is made up of 7 Districts:

Southeastern	Southwestern
East Central	Northeastern
Upper Peninsula	Northwestern
West Central	

Did you Know...

GFWC - Charlotte

- is part of the Southwestern district which is comprised of 11 counties and 11 clubs.
- has the largest number of active members, of the seven districts.



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GFWC - CHARLOTTE

Celebrating 124 Years

ESTABLISHED 1887-1888



**General
Federation of
Women’s Clubs -
Charlotte**

2010 – 2012

MISSION STATEMENT

The objective of GFWC-Charlotte shall be to promote growth and general advancement of women by providing programs pertaining to literature, science, art, and public interest, and to promote lines of public welfare in the community of Charlotte, as well as at district, state, national and international levels.

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS

There are **SIX** designated priorities for a GFWC club to expand upon:

ARTS
CONSERVATION
EDUCATION
HOME LIFE
INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH
PUBLIC ISSUES

Within each service area there are numerous opportunities for a committee or member to create a local service project or program.

Department chairpersons will set up additional dates and times for specific committee meetings.

MEETINGS

Monthly general meetings are scheduled as noon luncheons, afternoon teas, or evening sessions. Each provides a program or speaker to reflect the expressed interests of the club members.

COMMUNITY COMMITMENTS

- **Adopt-a-City Flower Bed**
- **Annual High School Senior Tea**
- **Scholarships to Charlotte High School Seniors**
- **Arts & Nursing Scholarships**
- **Charlotte Biennial Home Tour**
- **Charlotte Community Library**
- **Get up And Move (GAM): 2010-2012**
- **City Beautification/"Welcome to Charlotte" Sign**
(Constructed on the I-69/Lansing Road entrance to Charlotte.)
- **Dean Park**
Pavilion landscaping (2006-2008)
- **Mobile Meals, Inc. of Charlotte**
(initiated 1971)
Delivered daily from HGB Hospital by members and volunteers to homebound adults within the City of Charlotte.
- **Prescription Drug Abuse Awareness**
(2008-2010)
- **(RIF) Reading is FUNdamental**

ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP

An **ACTIVE** member must be willing to serve on a department division, standing committee, and/or special committee and attend meetings on a regular basis.

(Club By-Laws Article III, Sec.3.2,B)



MEMBERSHIP & DUES

Any woman interested in the vision of this Club may apply for membership by submitting a completed current member application form with a brief biography, the application fee and club dues to the membership chairperson.

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