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At our April 1st meeting, Mary Remenak conducted a candle-themed installation ceremony for those just elected to serve, and reaffirmed those continuing to serve on the GFWC-Charlotte Board of Directors. To put us all in a festive mood, President Margie pulled an April Fool's Joke on Mary by hiding the workable matches necessary for the installation ceremony.



SYLVIA COLLES SPEAKS ON CONTAINER GARDENING

"Thrillers, Fillers, and Spillers"



Board Talk – Margie Carter



Hi Ladies,

Hope you were all entertained by my April Fool's pranks and not offended. Sylvia asked me if that was some sort of tradition, but I don't think so. It does us all good to laugh and I always feel great leaving our meetings because of the fun and we are all friends who have just shared a meal.

Thanks to all of you who have stepped up into leadership positions left vacant by other sister-members: Sue Berger, Jeannette Sommer, Stormi Stuler, Jessica Edel, Kim Capps, Dianna Rabey, and now Sue Farlin has agreed to be Publicity Chair for April and May. I am always so pleased to see your willingness to help.

Our 2010 MyLeads sophomore, Dallas Dedman, was voted \$100 by our Board to help defray her costs to go back to camp this year as a counselor. What a commitment on her part. Our 2011 MyLeads sophomore will be Courtney Carlson.

Sylvia Colles, Linda Foster, Mary Remenak, and I will be joining Marilyn Monroe Hart at the Annual Convention, April 29, 30, May 1. We will report back to you next month.

Don't forget Kaleidoscope on the 29th. Also remember that you do not have to make a reservation for the Brainstorming meeting but you do have to prepay for the Husband/Guest Night which will be on May 6. Watch your email for further details. See you there.

Margie

Remember to get your articles in by the 15th of each month for *The Club Communicator* to:

Linda Foster, 316 Beech St., Charlotte, MI 48813; 543-3041;
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Tea and Tomes:

All interested readers will gather in the Spartan Room of the Charlotte Community Library on April 26 to discuss *Remarkable Creatures* by Tracy Chevalier. The novel is based on the life of Mary Anning of Lyme Regis, England, who was perhaps the "greatest fossilist in the world." At a time when women were discounted in scientific pursuits, Mary discovered the first ichthyosaurus and plesiosaurus along with many other marine fossils. Not only was she shunned and abused by the scientific community, but by those who considered her class beneath them, and by the religious thinkers of her day. Desperately poor, she established a friendship with another female fossil-hunter and their relationship weathers storms of jealousy and rivalry. April Brooks will provide some geological background and describe some of the fossils mentioned in the book. If you have a fossil to share, bring it along to our meeting. We meet from 12:45-2:30 and tea and refreshments are provided.



Sneak Peak for May 24: *Having Our Say*, by Elizabeth and Sarah Delany

"A little Madness in the spring is wholesome even for a Queen." Emily Dickinson

"It's spring fever. You don't quite know what it is you want, but it just fairly makes your heart ache, you want it so bad." Mark Twain

ESO REPORT AND CERTIFICATES: Epsilon Sigma Omicron (ESO) is an honorary educational society open to all paying GFWC members. Through ESO, club women are given encouragement and direction to stimulate a desire for lifelong learning and self-improvement.

Interested GFWC members must first pass through a "Pledge stage" before they can become ESO members. The completion of an ESO pledge application is needed before a pledge can begin working towards membership status. Pledge applications are available to download from our GFWC-Charlotte website. "Enlighten your own pathway" is the motto of ESO and any interested members are encouraged to join the society. Our local ESO chair is Brynda Filkins; you may contact her at 541-3698 for further information.

Our local ESO society is very active since its renewal in 2009. In these three short years, our members have read over 2,226 books! We have 21 members, 17 of whom are active. [Several 2010-2011 certificates of awards will be given to the following members:](#)

MEMBER (16-39 books): Mary Stafford

STAR (40-63 books): Linda Foster, Mary Kroodsmas (achieved before resigning), Mary Stafford

TORCH (64-99 books): Sara Biskie, April Brooks, Linda Foster, Le Ann Green, Elizabeth Siler

CENTURY (100-199): Mary Jean Baker (achieved before resigning), April Brooks, Sylvia Colles

2nd CENTURY (200-299): Brynda Filkins, Lori King, Lola Wilson

4th CENTURY (400-499): Marilyn Monroe-Hart

Congratulations to all the members of Epsilon Sigma Omicron!



GFWC Japan Disaster Relief Effort

In response to the devastating earthquake and tsunami in Japan, GFWC is accepting donations to assist with relief efforts. Similar to the Haiti Disaster Relief Fund, we will be working with GFWC International Outreach partners to assess relief and development needs over the coming weeks and months.

Donation checks should be made payable to GFWC, and sent to GFWC Headquarters Attention: Japan Disaster Relief, 1734 N Street NW, Washington, DC 20036-2990. Please include "Japan Disaster Relief" in the check memo area. For more information, please go to the [Japan Disaster Relief](http://www.GFWC.org) page on our website at www.GFWC.org.

ABHAN, Skye Kelley, 2006 Charlotte graduate, has been deployed with the United States Navy, aboard the forward deployed amphibious assault ship, the USS ESSEX aircraft carrier, to the area near Sendai, Japan, to lend humanitarian assistance, and disaster relief to the victims of the earthquake and tsunami. Skye has been in Japan since March 2010, Skye is the **daughter of Kris & Jan Kelley**, and big sister to Chandler, and Granddaughter of Sherm and Marcelyn Kelley.

Skye's address is

ABHAN Kelley, Skye
USS ESSEX LHD-2
Air Dept V-1
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MOOVILLE/AMISH MINI-TRIP



Pictured are: (l to r): Carol Rossio, Marlene Darin, Connie Miller, Kathy Tomlanovich, Mary Stafford, Jo Vanderstelt, Nancy Holtz, Darlene Freeman, Margie Carter, Sharon Kubica, and Lorraine Green.

The Tour started at Mooville Quality Creamery near Nashville with a tour of their facility and the history of Mooville. We then went Stony Acres to the home of the tour guide, who served desserts of the Amish variety and tea or coffee. This Tour included a visit to an Amish

school where a young man of 21 and his sister were the co-teachers. The children sang two songs, one of which was in German. Amish schools are in session through the 8th grade with 160 days in a school year. Two Amish stores, Meadow Ridge Amish Gifts and Riverside Oak Furniture, were on the Tour. A special visit with an elderly Amish woman completed the Tour with remembrances of her early life. A great day was had by all.

Membership Memos

Remembrances . . .

Linda Foster – another lumpectomy and radiation
Jackie Carr’s husband, Ken– heart problems
Kim Byrens – niece killed in car accident



Birthdays

Anniversaries

Late April

22 Peggy Nichols

30 Patty & Richard Greene

May

07 Sylvia Colles

01 Pam & Vernon Jarvi

21 Kathy Tomlanovich

06 Fran & Matt Rush

28 Sally Jewell

19 Susie & Harry Moore

Members Receive Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors Community Excellence Awards



Lee Falik -

-" for thirty years of making doll clothes for over 2400 dolls given out over the years for Christmas Kiddies Program. Even girls who received dolls as children now seek out Lee to help her make the lives of some other little girl nice during the Holiday season."

Jeannette Sommer –

"will not shy away from the unknown. Owner of the downtown business The Linen Chest for more than 25 years, she was instrumental in the establishment of the DDA in the late 80's and remains the Chairman today."



Former member, Christi Dutcher, also received this award for her extensive work at the Courthouse Square Museum.





MAY MEETINGS

The General Federation of Women's Clubs-Charlotte will hold its May meeting on **Friday, May 6, 12:00 noon**, at the Charlotte Community Library. Reservations are not required for this meeting, and there is no fee. Members should bring a sack lunch. Beverages and dessert will be provided. This important Brainstorming Session helps define the programs for the 2011-12 club year. All members are encouraged to attend.

The annual **Husband/Guest Night** is also on **Friday, May 6, at the Charlotte Country Club**. Speakers Debra and Ken Alexander will present "Male and Female Differences – More Than the Obvious." In a humorous style, they will explain how an understanding that men are like microwaves and women are like crock pots can be applied to relationships with spouses, children and coworkers. Social time: 5:30 p.m., Dinner: 6:00 p.m. Cost is \$20/person. The deadline for reservations is noon, Saturday, April 30. Reservations can be made at the Christensen's Furniture or HGB Hospital Gift Basket. Members may also email their reservation to Sylvia Colles by that same deadline.

GFWC-Charlotte will host the **64th Annual Senior Tea on Wednesday, May 11, 1:00 p.m.**, at the Charlotte Performing Arts Center. **All members are asked to attend.** The program will feature our Club Choir. The keynote speaker is John Hill, MSU Alumni Association. His presentation, titled "Taking Your Online Connections Offline for Career Success," will focus on how the graduating seniors can utilize LinkedIn, Facebook and Twitter in ways they never imagined and will explore where social media is headed in the future. Members not involved in preparing the tea service or in the choir are asked to sit together in the front left as you face the stage. Please be present to help GFWC-Charlotte honor our Charlotte High School Senior Class of 2011.

LANSING LUGNUTS - JUNE 14TH, TUESDAY

Please get signed up to go with us to the baseball game on June 14th. The choir and some Rotarians will be singing the National Anthem. You, your family, guests, etc. are all welcome to join us. That is \$1 night for hotdogs, ice-cream sandwiches and fountain drinks. Tickets are \$10 per person and must be purchased by May 13th. Checks are to be made payable to GFWC-Charlotte and sent to Linda Foster, 316 Beech St., Charlotte, MI 48813. The game is followed by terrific fireworks. This should be a fun-filled evening. A ticket order form is attached. (Choir members must purchase tickets, too.)



Hello GFWC members -

As you know, we wrapped up our own GFWC women's health passport program and many of us also participated in the 8-week Community Partners in Health Community Challenge (where Charlotte competed against many other communities in the area.)



If you have been to the Partners in Health (walking works) website, it sure looks like we came in 1st place. However, you will be reading in local papers that we came in 2nd. So I am writing to explain.

Technically, we had the most total miles and the most miles per participant. However, they disqualified some of our miles, because they had been logged more than two weeks after the date entered. The coordinators at the Community Challenge have a policy of disallowing too much "back dating" to keep any one team from entering all of their miles at once and shooting into first place at the end. (This policy was indicated at the beginning of the challenge.) So we were to log them along the way by certain deadlines. Apparently, some of the miles logged by individuals on certain teams - including our team - were entered too long after and were disqualified. It dropped us to 2nd place, based on miles we could count.

So, we really DID log the most miles - both total miles and per person miles. YEAAA Charlotte.

However, we had to come in 2nd because of this technicality. We did receive a check for \$2,000, which will be given to Charlotte Step by Step, to be used toward the creation of a master plan to enhance walkability.

We can all be very proud of our community and the way people have stepped up and increased their physical activity. Next year, we'll have another opportunity to come in first!

Thanks to all who participated.

Best regards,
Barbara Fulton

Here are some texting codes for seniors:

ATD - At the Doctor's

BFF - Best Friends Funeral

BTW - Bring the Wheelchair

BYOT - Bring Your Own Teeth

CBM - Covered by Medicare

DWI - Driving While Incontinent

FWIW - Forgot Where I Was

GGPBL - Gotta Go, Pacemaker Battery Low

HGBM - Had Good Bowel Movement

LMDO - Laughing My Dentures Out

LWO - Lawrence Welk's On

ROFL...CGU - Rolling on the Floor Laughing...Can't get Up!

CUATSC - See You at the Senior Center

FWBB - Friend with Beta Blockers

FYI - Found Your Insulin

GHA - Got Heartburn Again

IMHO - Is My Hearing-Aid On?

LOL - Living on Lipitor

OMSG - Oh My! Sorry, Gas





Photography Interest Group

Our Photo group met April 14 and was treated to an informative and enjoyable presentation from Henri Spiris. Her enthusiasm and practical tips were delightful!

Our finally meeting of the club year will be May 26 at Southern Exposure. We will meet at 11:00 at the Charlotte Country Club and carpool together. Anyone driving on their own needs to contact Mary ASAP. After our lunch we will photograph the gardens so, remember your cameras, charged batteries and memory card! The Photo Challenge will be due at this meeting. I am anxious to see your creations! Please forward your luncheon payment (\$19.84) ASAP.

Congratulations to our Photo Sharing winners – 1st = Carol Rossio; tied for 2nd = Carol Idalski and Mary Remenak! The subject was portraiture.
Mary



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