



GFWC – Charlotte

CLUB COMMUNICATOR

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MOBILE MEALS HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING FEBRUARY 2, 2009



BACK: Sonnie Cody, Coordinator; Sally Jewel, Coordinator; Mary Remenak, Board; Alice Hayes, outgoing secretary; Linda Foster, president; April Brooks, incoming secretary

FRONT: Margie Carter, coordinator; Sue Pruden, coordinator; Julee Emenhiser, vice president; Lori Pray, treasurer

MISSING: Marian Johnson and Bev Lipsey, Board members; Dorothy Leeser, Donna W. Johnson, Barb Curtis, and Irene Jewett, coordinators

BOARD INSTALLED 2/6/09

(left to right) Margie Carter, Vice President; Marlene Darin, Treasurer; Eva Crandall, Director;; Mary Remenak, President; Sylvia Colles, Director; Linda Foster, Parliamentarian; Barb Fulton, Director; Kathy Tomlanovich, Assistant to the Treasurer; Nola Buck, Past President; Sally Jewell, Corresponding Secretary.
ABSENT: Sharon Kubica, Recording Secretary; Carol Idalski, Historian





NOLA BUCK & MARILYN MONROE HART SELECTED FOR “MS. FEDERATION AWARD”

President Mary presents flowers to Nola. Marilyn was sick and unable to attend the meeting.

Both women have provided outstanding leadership in the Club. Additionally, Nola is the GFWC MI Conservation Chair and Marilyn is the GFWC MI & SWD Parliamentarian and serves on their Boards.



ANNUAL MEETING 2/6/09

Karen Elsesser conducted a beautiful installation ceremony at the February 6th meeting using the GFWC emblem and candles. (See picture on front page.)

President Mary is asking the Club to consider three items this next year: term lengths, emailing the Yearbook, and considering changing the month of our Annual Meeting, as so many are gone in February. We also have voted to become a 501 (c) (3) organization. (Thanks to Lori Pray and Bruce Hart for all their hard work.)

Jack Jesse from Eaton County Substance Abuse was our speaker.



MEDICINE ABUSE COMMITTEE: The purpose of the committee is to raise awareness in the community of the danger of teens abusing Rx and or over-the-counter drugs. The committee has been meeting since Oct. 2008. This topic was chosen at the State and Federal level of GFWC. Connie Fast is the chairperson and the committee members are: Mary Remenak, Sara Biskie, Sylvia Colles, and Nola Buck. The committee is working in collaboration with Polly Brainerd the Eaton Intermediate School District preventionist, and Lisa Lafferty the Dept. of Resource Recovery coordinator. The committee's goal is to inform the public by distributing pamphlets, flyers and posters throughout the community. The committee will also be running informational ads in the local news papers. We will be asking volunteers from our club to assist in the distribution of materials at the appropriate time. By Connie Fast



Mini Trips Update

Driving Miss Daisy – Boarshead Theater

What a fun evening this was - wonderful refreshments, a great performance, and luscious desserts. We had nine members and a few spouses in attendance and saw many other Charlotte people as well. Watch for this event again next year.

Meijer Gardens - Butterflies Are Blooming exhibition

Wednesday, April 15, 2009. We will be carpooling to Grand Rapids for a visit to Meijer Gardens. We will have lunch, see the butterflies and also enjoy a guided tram ride through the sculpture park and have time to explore the gardens. Cost is just \$9 each for admission and tram ride (lunch additional). To reserve your spot, call or email Jo Vanderstelt. We will be carpooling from the Charlotte Library parking lot at 10 a.m. and returning in the late afternoon.

Chicago American Girls Store

Friday, March 20, 2009. This will be a bus day trip to Chicago and the Miracle Mile where the new American Girls Store is located. We will plan for a group formal tea party at the store for all those who are interested. Maybe you have a daughter, granddaughter or niece who would enjoy this opportunity. This is scheduled for a non-school day. Tickets are \$65 and are available from the Charlotte Community Education or from Jo Vanderstelt.

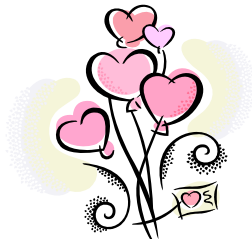
Detroit – Detroit Institute of Art (DIA) & Pewabic Pottery

This day of art will start with a visit to the DIA for the Art of Norman Rockwell exhibit, lunch, and a trip to Pewabic Pottery. This bus trip is on Saturday, March 28 and costs \$62 which includes a \$10 lunch voucher and is being offered by Nancy Conn at The Hen House, 543-6454. The bus will leave the Hen House at 8 am and return at 5 pm. Only 2 tickets left!

Future Trips

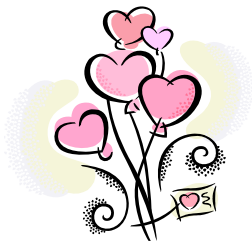
Please let me know of any future trips you might be interested in.

Jo Vanderstelt, Mini Trips Chairperson
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KALEIDOSCOPE — we have 23 members signed up for this Friday, April 17, 2009 event being held at Kellogg Center on the MSU campus in East Lansing. **We will meet at the Charlotte Country Club at 7:15 a.m. to car pool.** Registration, breakfast and shopping at the Emporium is from 8-9 a.m. (Remember, 10% of the profits go to fighting domestic abuse.) The cost is \$60 for MSU Alumni Members and \$75 for non-members. Elliot Engel is the kick-off speaker, followed by two seminar sessions, lunch, and keynote speaker, Chris Hansen. We will be home by about 3:30 p.m. Questions? Contact Linda Foster, 543-3041 or ed@fosterdvm.com (Those interested in trying for scholarships should go to www.gfwc-charlotte.com and download an application form.)

“Creating a Community: The Early Women of Lansing,” reception and book signing, Sunday, March 8, 1-4 p.m., Michigan Women’s Historical Center & Hall of Fame, Lansing



Remembrances . . .

Barb Curtis - shingles

Marilyn Monroe Hart - ulcers

Charlene Sutherland - heart tests

Christine Waugh Fleischmann - broken right hand

Birthdays and Anniversaries

LATE FEBRUARY

21 Linda Foster

25 Barb Fulton/Richard Butman

26 Dorothy Leeser

EARLY MARCH

08 Dyna Lehman

06 Ieva & Doug Inglis

08 Sue Pruden

09 Shirley & Dick Rann

10 Charlene Sutherland

12 Fran Fuller

12 Darlene Freeman

17 Toni Small

18 Sue & Gary Pruden

17 Susan Davis

NEW EMAIL FOR JACKIE CARR: kenjicarr@gmail.com

MyLead Conference Attendees

Alana Retzer, daughter of Patty and Gerry Retzer, will attend the MyLead Leadership Conference at MSU, May 16-18. Alana's application stood out among the many that were submitted. Alana is involved with the Symphony Band, Junior Varsity Basketball, Varsity Track and Cross Country. She also plays keyboard in a Youth Praise Band, and has done mission work in three states. Alana's career goal is to be a middle school or high school social studies/history teacher and she enjoys her AP history classes. She is looking forward to going with one of her best friends, Maizie Kineman, who received the GFWC-Charlotte sponsorship.

Yogurt Lids – new program

Save the gold colored "Pound for Pound" Yoplait Yogurt Lids. Wash and dry them and turn them in to Sue Pruden at each meeting. General Mills will donate 10 cents to Feeding America per lid received by December 31, 2009 up to \$275,000!

Tea and Tomes Book Discussion Group



Please join us on Tuesday, February 24, to discuss *March* by Geraldine Brooks. Ms. Brooks, a former Wall Street Journal writer, is known for her careful period research, and vivid, passionate retelling of historical events. In the book, *March*, she explores the devastation and moral complexities of the Civil War through her brilliantly imagined tale of Mr. March, the absent father from Louisa May Alcott's *Little Women*. We meet for discussion, tea, and refreshments from 1:00-2:30 in the Spartan Room of the Charlotte Community Library. The book can be obtained through inter-library loan.

Sneak Peek: In March, we will read and discuss the 2005 Pulitzer Prize Winner for Fiction, *Gilead*, by Marilynne Robinson.



ESO INFORMATION

Our club has 15 women currently pledged to ESO, the honorary reading society open to all GFWC women. The purpose of Epsilon Sigma Omicron is to promote a commitment to lifelong learning and self-improvement through reading. If you are interested in joining ESO, you may download the pledge form and information on www.gfwc-charlotte.com

If you have already become a member of ESO, it is time to report your reading lists to Brynda Filkins. She needs 1.) the titles and authors of the books you have read since pledging and 2.) the total number of books finished. Certificates are issued according to levels attained and are presented at the GFWC State convention in late April. (You need not attend to receive your certificate.) Certificates are issued after you have read a total of 16, 40, 64 or 100 books since pledging. So, if you need to push to finish a book or two to reach those levels, begin speed-reading!

Please send your information to Brynda via email (brynda@usa.net) or postal mail (1209 S. Sheldon St.) **by March 15**. Thanks to all the ESO members for their diligent reading through the year!

For Valentine's month, Brynda Filkins shares this with us. . .

What Is Love?

Love is love's reward. John Dryden

Love is not to be trifled with. French proverb

Love is a many splendored thing. Paul Francis Webster

Love makes the world go round. French song

Love doesn't make the world go round. Love is what makes the ride worthwhile. Franklin P. Jones

Love knows its bounds. Anonymous

What is love? Five feet of heaven in a ponytail! Morton & Michaels

Love is blind. Chaucer

Love is the only game that is not called on account of darkness. Anonymous

Love is heaven and heaven is love. Sir Walter Scott

Love is the triumph of imagination over intelligence. H.L. Mencken

Love is all you need. The Beatles

Love is the irresistible desire to be desired irresistibly. Louis Ginsberg

Love is patient. Love is kind. Love never fails. St. Paul



BOARD TALK – MARY REMENAK



Dear Members,

It was good to see so many of you at our Annual Meeting. Even our speaker took note of the energy in the room!

Our speaker, Jack Jesse, from the Eaton County Substance Abuse department, gave an interesting and timely talk. He spoke of a need to educate our families and community about prescription drug abuse and proper disposal. Our Prescription Drug Abuse Awareness committee has been working on projects to meet this need. They will bring us up to date at our March meeting.

Our Annual Report was submitted in January. It is a source of pride for all of us. This is a sample of what we did: 32 committees & departments, 90 programs/projects, 6055 volunteer hours, and \$11,174.12 dollars & "in-kind" donations. In addition to our traditional activities, there are a few that I want to point out. Working in conjunction with Charlotte Rotary, the Dean Park landscaping project was completed. Under the leadership of Shirley Rann, our Photography Interest Group was formed. Operation Smile was rejuvenated and soon 75 dolls will be on their way to children awaiting facial surgery. Following State president, Sherry Wellman's lead, we selected Bay Cliff Health Camp and Prescription Drug Abuse Awareness as our special focus. We raised over \$500.00 for Bay Cliff at our "Girls Just Want to Have Fun" party and our Prescription Drug committee is working on projects that will create community awareness.

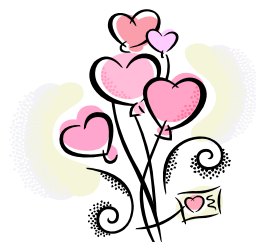
Congratulations to our Ms. Federation recipients, Nola Buck and Marilyn Monroe Hart. Ms. Federation recognition can be given to any member who demonstrates an avid interest and support of Federation goals and programs; sponsors a new member; and has attended a National, State or District event. We are fortunate these two women are among our members.

Karen Elsesser presented a lovely installation ceremony for our 2009-10 Board. We appreciate your inspirational words and the care you took.

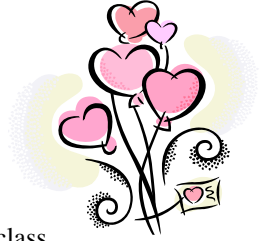
"Step For the Roses" has us motivated! We are walking and counting our steps. Thank you, Barbara Fulton!

See you March 6, 2009 at the library. Let's learn how to live greener!

Mary



Mayonnaise Jar & Two Beers...



When things in your life seem almost too much to handle, when 24 hours in a day are not enough, remember the mayonnaise jar and two beers.

A professor stood before his philosophy class and had some items in front of him. When the class began, he wordlessly picked up a very large and empty mayonnaise jar and proceeded to fill it with golf balls. He then asked the students if the jar was full. They agreed that it was.

The professor then picked up a box of pebbles and poured them into the jar. He shook the jar lightly. The pebbles rolled into the open areas between the golf balls. He then asked the students again if the jar was full. They agreed it was.

The professor next picked up a box of sand and poured it into the jar. Of course, the sand filled up everything else. He asked once more if the jar was full. The students responded with a unanimous 'yes.'

The professor then produced two beers from under the table and poured the entire contents into the jar effectively filling the empty space between the sand. The students laughed. "Now," said the professor as the laughter subsided, "I want you to recognize that this jar represents your life. The golf balls are the important things--your family, your children, your health, your friends and your favorite passions--and if everything else was lost and only they remained, your life would still be full. The pebbles are the other things that matter like your job, your house, and your car. The sand is everything else---the small stuff. If you put the sand into the jar first," he continued, "there is no room for the pebbles or the golf balls. The same goes for life. If you spend all your time and energy on the small stuff, you will never have room for the things that are important to you.

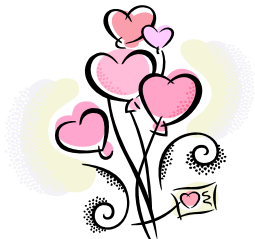
Pay attention to the things that are critical to your happiness. Spend time with your children. Spend time with your parents. Visit with grandparents. Take time to get medical checkups. Take your spouse out to dinner. Play another 18. There will always be time to clean the house and fix the disposal. Take care of the golf balls first---the things that really matter. Set your priorities. The rest is just sand."

One of the students raised her hand and inquired what the beer represented. The professor smiled and said, "I'm glad you asked. The beer just shows you that no matter how full your life may seem, there's always room for a couple of beers with a friend."

Anonymous from the internet

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

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GFWC MI LEADERSHIP DAY 2/10/09

**ATTENDED BY MARLENE DARIN,
MARGIE CARTER, MARY REMENAK
AND LINDA FOSTER
HELD IN GRAND LEDGE, MI**



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