



GFWC – Charlotte

# CLUB COMMUNICATOR

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**Urn planters:** Margie Carter, Lori Pray, Joyce Sparks, Sylvia Colles, Santa Sandy Maatsch, Linda Foster, Betty Crandall, Peg Cameron, Nola Buck, Stormi Stuler, Nancy Holtz, Jim Crandall, Doug Buck, Mary Sloan, Ken Sparks, Sally Jewell





## Mini-trip to GR Symphony & Meijer Gardens (Carolyn Maier got the composer to pose with us! Then she closed her eyes.)

**Note the Chihuly above the lunch room.**

Attendees: Mary Remenak, Shirley Hirt, Lorraine Green, Carol Rossio, Patty Retzer, Jo Vanderstelt, Donna W. Johnson, Stormi Stuler, Jan Day, Sylvia Colles, Judy MacInness, Margie Carter, Peggy Nichols, Linda Foster, Carolyn Maier, Connie Fast





Courtesy Photo

The **Siren Shelter Holiday Tea** 2011 was held on Sunday, November 13 at St. Mary's Church. Of the more than 20 decorated tables, the GFWC-Charlotte table themed "O Holy Night" took best of show. Seated at this table were: Sally Jewell, Sylvia Colles, Dianna Rabey, Jan Olin, Rhonda Burl, and Margie Carter. There was also a silent auction, food, and the Grand Ledge HS Chorale. Margie says, "The table was a little over the top, but the judges liked it." A good time was had by all.



### **Board Talk + Australia Trip Margie Carter**



Hope this New Year is looking like a banner year for you and your loved one. Australia was amazing. Three days in Perth, temps. 80 in day and 60 at night, 3 days in Cairns (pronounced cans), upper 80 and upper 60, 7 days in Sydney, upper 70 and lower 60. Sunned on the oceans and Tasman Sea, train trips, sky rails, mono rails, busses, my daughter and the young ones walked the super structure of the Sydney bridge, toured the Opera House, Aquarium, Museum, kids surfed, shopped, all but 2 held a koala, pet kangaroos and wallabies, saw a wombat, sharks, sting rays, eels, snorkeled on Great Barrier Reef, and ate new foods. Very expensive living in Australia and quite an experience.

The downtown urns were given tender loving care by Stormi S. and Nola B. and their spouses. Thanks loads, they look much better. SIREN/Eaton Shelter donations were delivered on Tuesday, December 6. Eighty-seven dollars in items were received from generous members for their clients. Twenty-two lap robes were delivered to the Eaton County Medical Care Facility on Friday, December 9. It was the same day that they were having their bazaar and one of the shoppers asked me how much the blankets cost. When I told her that they were being donated to the Facility, she replied, "Pity. You could have made a lot of money on them. They're lovely." Thanks to all who made them. Beth West was very gracious and thankful when receiving them. About 3 pounds of broken crayons were sent in on Friday also. Thanks to all who contributed.

Remember to bring a \$1 and purchase a Valentine for the Vets. **Wear red for Valentine's Day** and Women's Heart Health Month to our next meeting. Look forward to seeing you there. Don't forget to make your reservation.

Remember to get your articles in by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month for *The Club Communicator* to:  
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# Membership Memos

Be sure you have updated your pictorial directory and booklet . . .

Delete: Carole Barnett-Stopper, Kim Freiburger, Diane Hudson, Cynthia Siarny and Amy Zemke

## Remembrances . . .

**Carolyn Maier** – knee surgery

**Connie Miller** – chemo & radiation

**John Thiel** – **Barb's husband** – heart issues

**Virginia Lowe** – rehab – back home now

**Fran Rush** – son, Cooper, chosen as Gatorade Michigan MVP as a quarterback

**Carol & Lee Monroe** – received the Rotary Community Service Award for their dedication and work at the Eaton Clothing and Furniture Center.

**Mary Remenak** - pneumonia

**Grandma Cheryl Jackson** -

Kara Noelle Campbell 1/2/12



## Welcome new member, Pam Rinckey

(See separate email for contact information and bio.)



### BIRTHDAYS

19 Shelby Butler  
19 Gloria Wilson  
21 Lori King  
26 Cheryl Jackson  
27 Norma Curtis

### LATE JANUARY

02 Marian Johnson  
03 Eva Crandall  
03 Lola Wilson  
04 Barb Fulton  
05 Carol Idalski  
05 Jackie Carr  
15 Mona Ellard

### EARLY FEBRUARY



### ANNIVERSARIES

07 Bev & Dick Trumley  
09 Betty & Jim Crandall

16 Jo & Dan Vanderstelt



## PAST PRESIDENTS HONORED AT DECEMBER TEA



**Present were: Mary Rmenak, Cheryl Jacson, Bev Trumley, Joyce Sparks, Donna W. Johnson, Lori Pray, Norma Curtis, Jo Gager, Shirley Rann, Marilyn Monroe Hart, Jeannette Sommer, Sara Biskie, Linda Foster, Sandy Maatsch, Marian Johnson, Nola Buck and Karen Elsesser**

## 2011 NEW MEMBERS HONORED



**Jessica Edel, Membership Chair; Sylvia Colles sponsor for Mary Sloan; Lorraine Green sponsor for Pat Greene; Dianna Rabey sponsor for Pam Rinckey; Shirley Hirt sponsor for Norma Curtis; Margie Carter, President**

## LOLA WILSON NAMED WOMAN OF ACHIEVEMENT



Lola taught first grade at Parkview, is a member of Phi Delta Kappa, active in First Congregational Church & Kids Hope USA mentoring program.

She has been a GFWC-Charlotte Board member, chaired the Woman of Achievement Award Committee in the past, and co-chaired the Senior Tea Committee. She joined in the 1970s and rejoined in 2000.

Lola has been married to Jim for 51 years and has two children.

## **CHORUS PRESENTED MUSICAL PROGRAMS AT TEA, ROTARY, & MEDICAL CARE FACILITY**



**Nancy Hoskins, piano; Carolyn Maier, director; Jan Harms, Marlene Darin, Pat Greene, Dorothy Leeser, Barb Thiel, Lori Pray, Joyce Sparks, Sandy Maatsch, Jo Vanderstelt, Vivian Flower, Carol Rossio, Peg Nichols, Linda Foster, Jeannette Sommer, Sally Jewel, Joan Hasselback**



### **LAP ROBES DONATED TO THE MEDICAL CARE FACILITY**



Brynda Filkins, Sylvia Colles, Dyna Lehman, (pictured above) and Margie Carter met at the Charlotte Community Library for a Lap Robe Bee. Others who contributed lap robes include Sharon Kubica, Marlene Darin, Kathy Tomlanovich, Linda Foster, Dianna Rabey, Mary Remenak, and Mike Pawli. Twenty-two were delivered to the Medical Care Facility on December 9<sup>th</sup> by Margie, Sylvia, Linda & Mary. Some were hand tied or sewn and some had pockets. They are colorful and warm and this fulfills a two-year commitment to our community. (Last year, 15 were donated to Hope Landing.) [If I missed some lap robe makers, let me know and I'll list you next month.]





## MINI-TRIP TO KELLOGG MANOR HOUSE DECEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>



It was a beautiful sunny day. All the decorations in the house are for sale. A wonderful tea including fresh fruits, scones, black bean soup and truffles, and various teas were served. We were also entertained by Kellogg Community College choir.

Attendees: April Brooks, Joan Mason, Linda Foster, Sally Jewell, Dyna Lehman, Lori Pray, Rosalie Eishen, Joyce Sparks, Chandré Eishen, Peg Nichols, Jo Vanderstelt, Pam Idalksi, Joan Hasselback, Lorraine Green, guest, Shirley Rann



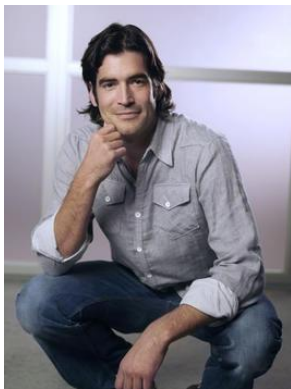


Following the 70th anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor, **Tea and Tomes** will be reading the story of a WW II Army Air Corp bombardier and survivor. Please join us for a discussion of *Unbroken: A WW II Story of Survival, Resilience, and Redemption* by Laura Hillenbrand. While researching her bestseller, *Seabiscuit*, Hillenbrand kept coming across the name of Louis Zamperini. Lou was an Olympic track star who endured an amazing odyssey in World War II. Louis Zamperini's life, as told in *Unbroken*, is a tale of daring, defiance, persistence, ingenuity, and the ferocious will of a man who refused to be broken. Tea and Tomes meets in the Spartan Room of the Charlotte Community Library on **January 24, at 12:45 pm**. Refreshments and refreshing discussion will be served.

**Sneak Peek** for February 28: *Fahrenheit 451*, by Ray Bradbury

**ESO: Epsilon Sigma Omicron.** ESO is an honorary educational society open to all GFWC members. We encourage all clubwomen to pledge and become members and January is a great time to start. The purpose of ESO is to promote a commitment to lifelong learning and self-improvement through reading.

Members may read from an ESO published reading list (available at [www.GFWC.org/ESO](http://www.GFWC.org/ESO)) or they may choose alternate titles. All the information you need is on our website at [www.gfwc-charlotte.com](http://www.gfwc-charlotte.com) or you may call our local chairperson, Brynda Filkins at 541-3698. Join with other ESO members this month!



## **Kaleidoscope Keynote Speaker:**

Carter Oosterhouse – carpenter and actor; hosts Home & Garden TV's *Carter Can* and *Red Hot and Green*. Born & raised in Traverse City, MI. Attended CMU.

If you haven't done so already, sign up for Kaleidoscope with Linda Foster (543-3041; [ed@fosterdvm.com](mailto:ed@fosterdvm.com)) now!

**FRIDAY, APRIL 13, 2012; \$70 NON-ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MEMBERS & \$60 FOR MEMBERS.** make check out to Linda Foster. (Includes breakfast, two speakers, lunch and two break-out sessions. 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Car pool from Charlotte Country Club at 7:15 a.m.

Kick-off speaker is Dr. Elliott Engel talking on, “L. Frank Baum and the Wizard of Oz.”

## GFWC-Charlotte PHOTO INTEREST GROUP



Black and White photography was the topic explored at our Photo Interest Group December's meeting. After traveling to Jackson this past summer to see Ansel Adams: Masterworks, our group wanted to learn more. Carol Rossio presented a program featuring the life and work of Adams. The advantages of Black and White and suggestions for taking quality pictures was given by Mary Remenak. The challenge for this month's Photo Sharing was photographing something "mysterious or fascinating." The winners were Lorraine Green-1<sup>st</sup> place and Mary Remenak 2<sup>nd</sup> place. The topic for our February 9 meeting is: Close-up of your favorite thing--one color print and one black & white print.

It is never too late to join us! At our February meeting, we will be taking "Still Life" photos in a "hands-on" activity. We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month at the Charlotte Community Library @ 12:30-2:00. (There is no January meeting)

1<sup>st</sup> Lorraine Green



2<sup>nd</sup> Mary Remenak



## Cynthia Siarny Dies

After a long battle with cancer, Cynthia died on 12-31-11. She was only 63 years old. She joined our club in 2001 and was an active participant in the book club. She is survived by her husband, Bill, mother, four children, four grandchildren and eight siblings.





Knitters: Sara will be at the February meeting so it will be a good time to turn in any skull caps you have finished and/or ask any questions you may have about the project. If you want to arrange a time with Sara to figure out how to knit a skull cap, we can do that. If you can knit and purl, you can do this project.

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### ***Innisbrook Fundraiser***

Thank you to the members who purchased or sold *Innisbrook* products for our recent fundraiser. Our club's profit was \$231.93.

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## **GFWC-Charlotte will meet on: Friday, February 3, 2012**

**Program: Feng Shui**

**Social Time: 11:30 a.m.**

**Lunch: 12:00 noon**

**Location: Charlotte Community Library, Spartan Room**

**Cost: \$10.00**

**Reservation Deadline: Saturday, January 28, 2012, Noon**

Reservations may be made at Christensen's Furniture and at Hayes Green Beech Gift Basket – payment enclosed. Reservations may be emailed to [sylviacollesmg@gmail.com](mailto:sylviacollesmg@gmail.com) – check or exact change at door day of meeting.



You may have already given up on your New Year's resolutions, so here's a second chance for a fresh start. Our first meeting of 2012 will help you achieve energy, harmony, and balance. The English translation of Feng shui is "the way of Wind (feng) and Water (shui)" or "the natural forces of the universe." Our speaker, Lori Greer, will help us learn about the Chinese art of arranging buildings, objects, and space in the environment. Fun and informative!

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### **OPERATION SMILE BAGS**

Looking for something to do this winter? Why not sew some Operation Smile Bags. The bags are easy to make and you can choose cotton fabric from your own supply or purchase fabric. The only restriction on fabric is that no prints contain religious symbols or markings or are related to war or violence, such as guns, military action figures, etc. as these may offend the cultural beliefs of international patient's. Last year 18 club members donated 65 bags to the project. So far this year 9 members are involved. If you are interested and need instructions or have fabric you'd like to donate call me at 645-2573 or email me at [hobie7040@sbcglobal.net](mailto:hobie7040@sbcglobal.net) and I'll get the instructions to you or make arrangements to pick up your fabric. The project will come to a close at our April meeting so if you're out of state for the winter, return your bags as soon as possible after you return. Thank you for your continued support of this program.



# Layman's 10 Commandments . . .

- 1] Prayer is not a "spare wheel" that you pull out when in trouble,  
but it is a "steering wheel" that directs the right path throughout.
  
- 2] A car's WINDSHIELD is large and the Rear View Mirror is small. Why?  
Because our PAST is not as important as our FUTURE.  
Look Ahead and Move on.
  
- 3] Friendship is like a BOOK.  
It takes few seconds to burn, but it takes years to write.
  
- 4] All things in life are temporary.  
If going well, enjoy it, they will not last forever.  
If going wrong, don't worry, they can't last long either.
  
- 5] Old Friends are Gold! New Friends are Diamonds!  
If you get a Diamond, don't forget the Gold,  
because to hold a Diamond, you always need a base of Gold!
  
- 6] Often when we lose hope and think this is the end,  
GOD smiles from above and says,  
"Relax, sweetheart, it's just a bend, not the end!"
  
- 7] When GOD solves your problems, you have faith in HIS abilities;  
when GOD doesn't solve your problems HE has faith in your abilities.
  
- 8] A blind person asked God: "Can there be anything worse than losing eye sight?"  
He replied: "Yes, losing your vision!"
  
- 9] When you pray for others, God listens to you and blesses them.  
And sometimes, when you are safe and happy,  
remember that someone has prayed for you.
  
- 10] WORRYING does not take away tomorrow's TROUBLES;  
it takes away today's PEACE.

# THE OLDER CROWD

A distraught senior citizen phoned her doctor's office.

'Is it true,' she wanted to know,  
'that the medication

You prescribed has to be taken  
For the rest of my life?'

'Yes, I'm afraid so,' the doctor told her.

There was a moment of silence  
Before the senior lady replied,

I'm wondering, then,

Just how serious is my condition  
Because this prescription is marked  
'NO REFILLS'!



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