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Jessica Edel – Domestic Violence



Jessica Edel, a member of GFWC-Charlotte, spoke at our March meeting about “Domestic Violence” and how helpful it is to have community members educated on this social problem. She covered what it is and basic facts, what the signs are, what to do as a friend or family member, where to go for help, etc. Since GFWC-Charlotte supports the work of SIREN/Eaton Shelter, the information was timely and appropriate.

Jessica is an advocate and activist for survivors of domestic violence and rape and has been doing domestic violence research for over five years, presenting her work around the country at academic conferences. Right now she is finishing a Ph.D. at Western Michigan University where she specializes in domestic violence and social psychological effects of battering, and is currently working on a publication examining these effects. For four months this past year, she documented women's stories of survival and is currently using this information for her dissertation. Finally, she volunteers as an on-call first response crisis counselor for domestic and sexual assault

victims with C.A.R.E. (an organization that works with the Lansing Police Department).

Lori Pray – Support United Way and Designate to Mobile Meals . . .

Mobile Meals was a project started by GFWC-Charlotte in 1971. Meals are prepared by Hayes Green Beach Hospital and are delivered on a daily basis to those who have a medical need. Since 1975, United Way has helped to keep the cost as low as possible by subsidizing a portion of the meal cost. As we celebrate 40 years of service to the community, in addition to volunteering as drivers, coordinators and board members, it is time to rededicate ourselves to this cause and help support the program financially by donating to United Way and designating it to Mobile Meals.

Thank you for your continued support!!! Contact Lori for more information and forms.





Board Talk – Margie Carter



The snow returned with a vengeance on Saturday afternoon/evening just as I was coming home from the Palace in Auburn Hills. My daughter was driving but I was terrified nonetheless. We made it with lots of praying and caution. The Board agreed to support the GFWC initiative of calling attention to the dangerous situations caused by using a cell phone while driving. Please think about turning cell phones off while in the car or at least pulling over to answer it.

I am still hoping that one of you budding authors, or someone who is devoted to writing for students, will volunteer to chair this valuable project for the next GFWC year. Since the Christine Wonch writing initiative is over, we really need to begin something that will call attention to writing in the public schools. Let me know.

Mini trips are now beginning again as the weather permits. Let Jo Vandersteldt know if you can go on the Amish Day Trip scheduled for April 5 at a cost of \$40. Limited space is available.

Don't forget to sign up at the next meeting for the Rotary luncheon for April 19, cost is \$10 and Mary Sensabaugh from Girlstown will be the speaker.

Bay Cliff donations are due by April 1 and will be taken this summer.

Spring is right around the corner and I see daffodils, hyacinths, and tulips in the stores which really puts me in the mood. They are a promise of better things to come and new beginnings.

Remember to get your articles in by the 15th of each month for *The Club Communicator* to:
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GFWC-CHARLOTTE & CHARLOTTE ROTARY JOIN TOGETHER FOR:

- GFWC-Charlotte is invited to attend the April 19 Rotary meeting in support of Mary Sensabaugh, Girlstown Director. Margie Carter will be letting Bruce Hart, husband of Marilyn Monroe Hart, our final count. (Cost is \$10 per meal.) Bruce is on the Board of Directors for Girlstown. The time is noon, and the luncheon begins at 12:15 p.m. at the Masonic Temple. We hope to have at least five members going. Linda Foster and Margie will be there and Sandy Maatsch and Jeannette Sommer are members. Anyone else interested in going should let Margie know by the April GFWC-Charlotte meeting.
- Put June 14th, Tuesday, on your calendar to attend the Lugnuts' game in Lansing. The choir and some Rotarians will be singing the National Anthem. Cost is \$10 per ticket. (See flier.)



General Federation of Women's Clubs- Charlotte & Charlotte Rotary Club night!

Lansing Lugnuts vs. South Bend Silver Hawks

Tuesday June 14th, 2011 7:05 pm

oh say Can you see...

Come out early and see members of our group perform the National Anthem before the start of the game!

booms & bangs!

What better way to conclude your night than LAFCU Fireworks! Stick around after the game, sit back and enjoy as crowd-pleasing fireworks fill the sky to classic rock favorites and music that reminds you it's summer! [LAFCU](#)

sit with a bunch of your lugnuttiest friends!

We've reserved a block of seats especially for our group, and ordering together is the only way to join us! Fill out the order form below and submit it to guarantee you get to enjoy the game with all your buddies!

you might be a winner!

Someone from our group will win a special Lugnuts gift in the group raffle! Ask your group leader for your raffle form before you head to the game! Winners will appear on the scoreboard in the 7th inning!

dollar deal day!

It's Dollar Deal Day every Tuesday where hot dogs, ice-cream sandwiches and fountain drinks are only \$1.00 all game long! Join us to enjoy a new Lugnuts tradition and have all the hot dogs you can eat!

say lugnut!

A Luggie's Moments photographer will  find our group in the stands and take our picture! You can download the complimentary keepsake on the Lugnuts' website 2 days after the game!

ticket order form

Order Deadline: Friday May 13th

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ # of Box Tickets: _____ @ \$10.00= _____

Email: _____

Please return this form with payment to: Linda Foster
Hurry! ...The absolute last day to order is: Friday May 13th
Please make checks payable to: GFWC-Charlotte
For more information please call: Linda Foster @ (517) 543-3041





Tea and Tomes: "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times..." is the highly quotable opening line from *A Tale of Two Cities* by Charles Dickens, our selection for Tea and Tomes this month. Published in 1859, with over 200 million copies sold, it ranks among the most famous works in the history of fiction. The novel depicts the plight of the French peasantry in the years leading up to the French Revolution. The peasantry has been demoralized by the aristocracy and in retribution, brutally terrorize and murder the former aristocrats. London, too, is characterized with many unflattering social parallels during the same time period. The lives of Dr. Manette and his daughter, Lucie; Charles Darnay and Sydney Carton are the most notable main characters. The themes of love, sacrifice, and redemption as well as envy, murder, and revenge are evident and will be discussed. Join us for the discussion of this classic novel on Tuesday, March 22, at 12:45pm. Tea and Tomes meets in the Spartan Room of the Charlotte Community Library. New members are always welcome.



Sneak Peek for April 26: *Remarkable Creatures* by Tracy Chevalier

GFWC Fair Trade/Organic Coffee Fundraiser



Coffee, coffee, coffee. Let's hear it for a great cup of coffee! Don't miss out on a chance to have a quality cup for a reasonable price – and support the GFWC-Charlotte activities by participating in this club fundraiser.

Both Regular and DeCaf 16oz bags in whole bean and ground will continue to be available at the general membership meetings for immediate purchase through the remainder of the year. A supply of coffee is also on hand and available for purchase by calling Marlene Darin at 543-2810 or Sharon Kubica at 517-231-3204 between meetings. Bags sell for \$11.

If you haven't taken the opportunity to taste this great coffee, we encourage you to do so. We think your family and friends will enjoy it too.



CALLING ALL KNITTERS:

Challenge yourself to knit at least one skull cap to turn in at the April meeting. Knitting is a great way to spend a winter day and our soldiers need them! If you want a pattern or need help with your knitting, contact Sara Biskie at slbiskie@sbcglobal.net.



Remembrances . . .

Linda Foster – lumpectomy
Cynthia Siarny – on going health issues
Barb Curtis – cataract surgery

Membership Memos

Birthdays

Late March

19 Susie Sevitts
28 Sara Biskie
28 Joan Hasselback
29 Carolyn Maier
31 Ana Basterra-Sundquist

Anniversaries

Early April

06 Sherry Myers
09 Kathleen Rathbun
11 Joyce Sparks
14 Diane Hudson

05 Sara & Fred Biskie
10 Jan Day/Bill Wight



New email: Char Sutherland – csutherland@broadstripe.net



GFWC has an annual focus on **Women's Health** which involves various ways to focus on staying active. If we get up and get moving during the winter months, we maintain better health all year long. This year, there are two ways to accomplish this. One has been recording our points with a simple tracking of MOVING (1 point for each 15 minutes) and LEARNING about women's health (1 point for each hour.) Our Charlotte club undertook this initiative between November 5th and March 5th. The deadline to turn in your tracking sheets (or whatever you used to track your points) is April 1st. Please turn them in at the April GFWC-Charlotte meeting, or you can drop them off at Hayes Green Beach, to the attention of Barbara Fulton. We'll tally everything up and have a drawing from those who turn in their sheets.

The second way to stay healthy is to help Charlotte come in first place again in the community challenge, which continues through April 2nd. You can find the information online at www.walkingworks.com. We are participating in the Michigan Blue Cross Blue Shield community challenge and earning points for Charlotte. There is close competition this year, so be sure to log your points if you participate. Keep moving! Stay healthy!



Mini Trips Update

Amish Community Tour

Tuesday, April 5th cost is \$40

We have reserve this date for our group to attend this day-long adventure which I am sure will be fun and educational! The tour starts at 9:00 a.m. at Moo-ville in Nashville. From here we embark on a 30-plus-mile, day-long, back-roads adventure through our local Amish community. Included will be the MOO-ville creamery tour, coffee break at Stony Acres, an Amish cooked chicken dinner, many shopping opportunities, and stops at Amish homes/businesses, and MOO-ville ice cream at the end. \$40 includes all food and tour transportation. This is the perfect opportunity to include a friend in a fun GFWC activity! We will be carpooling from the Country Club to Moo-ville at 8:30 a.m. and will return at approximately 6:00 p.m. Spaces for this trip are secured by sending your \$40 check to me. Checks should be made out to Moo-ville. We can have a maximum of 20 for this trip – first come first serve.

Any ideas for future trips please let me know.

Jo Vanderstelt, Mini Trips Chairperson, 517-281-1301, 225 Van Lieu, Charlotte, MI 48813

KIND News Order Form

To adopt a teacher & classroom, complete this order form and return to Carol Rossio, 2233 S. Cochran Rd., Charlotte, by **April 15, 2011.**



Your Name _____

Address _____

City/Zip _____

Phone _____ E-Mail Address _____

_____ **Check here for your permission to give the teacher your name & address.**

Adopted Teacher Name _____ Grade _____

Name of School _____

_____ Check here if you've adopted this teacher previously

_____ Check here if you don't know a teacher/classroom to adopt and I will select one for you.

Please enclose a check for \$22.00 payable to GFWC-Charlotte for each classroom adopted.

Questions? Contact Carol Rossio at 543-4172 or cjrossio@hotmail.com.



GFWC-Charlotte program on Container Gardening

The General Federation of Women's Club-Charlotte will hold its monthly meeting on Friday, April 1, at the First Lutheran Church. Member Sylvia Colles will present a program on Container Gardening with advice on containers, design, planting, and maintenance.

The deadline for reservations is 12 noon, Saturday, March 26. Reservations can be made at Christensen's Furniture or HGB Hospital Gift Basket. Members may also email their reservation to Sylvia Colles by that same deadline. Cost is \$10.00. Social Time is at 11:30 a.m., followed by a lunch/meeting at 12 noon.

Photography Interest Group

Picks of the month for photo sharing:

Loneliness – Mary Remenak

tie with

Lorraine Green



Winterscape – Carol Rossio



Spring is coming!! Are our "snowbirds" on their way? At April's meeting, our speaker will share her knowledge and experiences photographing flowers and butterflies. This meeting will help prepare us for our field trip in May to Southern Exposure. Join us April 14 at 12:30 in the Spartan Room of the Charlotte Community Library. Our April Photo Sharing topic is portraiture. Bring in your best photo of your family member, friend, or pet!



KALEIDOSCOPE PARTICIPANTS: Friday, April 29th; car pool from Charlotte Country Club 7:15 a.m. to MSU's Kellogg Center in East Lansing.

**ALUMINUM FOIL TIPS
FROM THE INTERNET:**



- Hardened brown sugar – wrap in aluminum foil, put in oven 300 degrees for five minutes.
- Dry clothes with a piece of aluminum foil instead of a fabric softener
- Ironing board – put aluminum foil under the ironing board cover. When one irons a garment, it does both sides at once.
- When scissors become dull, use several layers of foil & cut them several times
- Make a grilled cheese sandwich – wrap in foil – iron both sides until toasted



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