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**President Mary Remenak
passes the president's pin
to Margie Carter**



**CODY EDGERTON WINS
SCHOLARSHIP**



**Pictured with Cody are Senior Class Advisors
Carol McAttee and Ben DeHoog**

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Speaker, Sue Carter, displays her outfit
worn on her ski trip to the North Pole.

CODY EDGERTON – won the \$1,250 scholarship provided by our Club to an outstanding Charlotte High School Senior. Judging is based on leadership, school and community involvement, initiative and academic achievement. Cody is valedictorian of his class, been active in his church, Peer Assistance Leader, Freshman Mentor Program, Math & Reading tutor, MSU concessions worker, Supervisor at Washington & Weymouth Holiday & Spring Fling Carnival, served at the Community Dinner, Special Olympic Volunteer, and Relay for Life Volunteer. Cody Has been in Marching and Symphonic Band all four years, earning a varsity letter, and been in CHS Productions for 11th and 12th grades. He has many academic awards, National Honor Society, and received the Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen Award. He will be attending Michigan State University, majoring in music.

SUE CARTER – is a professor of journalism at MSU, where she recently served as the Secretary of the Board of Trustees and Executive Assistant to the President. She challenged the students to be passionate with whatever they choose to do with their lives. She shared her passion to be on an all-women ski expedition to the North Pole in 2001.



SENIOR TEA . . .



**ENJOYED BY ALL – INCLUDING SOME
“HAMMING IT UP” BY THE COMMITTEE.**



**28 GFWC-CHARLOTTE KALEIDOSCOPE ATTENDEES
4-16-10**





Mini Trips Update

Southern Exposure – Holiday Decorating on a Shoestring

We have the opportunity to reserve a spot for our group to attend the Holiday Decorating evening at Southern Exposure. Whether or not we reserve this spot now is dependent on how much interest we have now as last year this event sold out in August. This is a very popular event that many of our members have enjoyed in the past and it sells out fast! The cost will be between \$35 and \$40. We can reserve Tuesday evening, November 9th or Wednesday evening, November 10th. If you are interested in going please contact me this week and let me know if you have a preferred date. If we have enough interest I will set this up.

We have no trips planned for the summer. Please let me know what you'd like to do in the fall.

Jo Vanderstelt, Mini Trips Chairperson, 517-281-1301



TEA AND TOMES: Please join us on **Tuesday, May 25**, for our discussion of *Three Cups of Tea: One man's mission to promote peace...one school at a time*, by Greg Mortenson and David Relin. *Three Cups of Tea* is the true story of one of the most extraordinary humanitarian missions of our time. Mortenson, a former mountain climber and drift-about, makes a vow to build a school in a remote village of Pakistan. He stumbles upon his life's mission and to date, he has constructed fifty-five schools in Pakistan and Afghanistan. The war-torn mountains of this region--appearing in the news as breeding grounds for Al Qaeda terrorists camps--are seen through the eyes of the villagers who desperately want education for their children. *Three Cups of Tea* shows how one man's promise might be enough to change the world. We meet in the Spartan Room of the Charlotte Community Library from 1:00-2:30. Refreshments will be served.



Sneak Peek: Tea and Tomes Book Discussion Group takes a break for the summer months. We will meet again on September 28, 2010.

Membership Memos . . .



- to **Dee and Cheri Smith** at the recent loss of their daughter, Ruth Sook "Ooche" Pridgeon.
- to **Sue Pruden** on the death of her father-in-law, Jack.

Get well wishes to **"Mike" Pawli** – injured ribs and prayers for Cynthia Siarny battling cancer

Congratulations to **Jan Day/Bill Wight** who were married on April 10, 2010!

New email for Sue Pruden: prudenfarms9@hughes.net

Correct Darlene Freeman's email to: djb403@yahoo.com



NECKLACE CRAFT

Six women of the GFWC went to the bead necklace craft class Thursday April 22. A great time was had by all. They will be showing off their necklaces at the Brain Storming meeting at Margie Carters house and throughout the year as fashion statements accessories. We are looking forward to next month's polymer bead class. Stormi Stuler, Chairman

Pictured: Sandy Maatsch, Joan Hasselback, Carol Rossio, Nancy Holtz, Margie Carter

EDUCATION FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS AVAILABLE

As of April 1, 2010 and until July 1, 2010, all remaining allotted monies for this year to the various districts were pooled and are available for all Michigan GFWC members to access, provided they meet the eligibility requirements. \$2,805.27 was still available as of May 6th. Contact Linda Foster, if you need more information. Applications are available on the website.

KIND NEWS

Dear ladies,

Thank you for the **outstanding** response to the request for KIND News classroom sponsorships! We currently have 19 classrooms funded, up from 8 last year, with 3 additional classrooms interested in receiving KIND News who haven't a sponsor as yet. If you are interested in providing KIND News to a classroom next year, but haven't done so, please contact me by calling 543-4172 or by email at cjrossio@hotmail.com by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, May 21st. (I can get the money from you a little later, but need to know by Friday if you are interested in participating.)

Thank you,
Carol Rossio

P.S. I recently received updated information indicating the cost next year will be \$22.00 per year, which will provide 5 issues of KIND News. Their research indicated that teachers would prefer to receive the pamphlet every other month, rather than every month, thus the reduction in cost. I will be in contact with those who paid the higher price (\$25.00) and arrangements to get the overage to you will be made.



RE-DEDICATION OF BENNETT PARK TREE MEMORIAL GARDEN

Several members attended the Re-Dedication. Mayor, Dee Smith, presented a certificate to GFWC-Charlotte and thanked us for our continued support of the Tree Memorial Garden.



SUMMER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

JUNE

BIRTHDAYS

02 CONNIE BAZAIRE
05 LORRAINE GREEN

08 MARILYN MONROE HART

09 ALICE HAYES
12 VIRGINIA LOWE

19 KAREN ELSESSER
19 SUE BERGER

27 SONNIE CODY

30 OKJA KIM



ANNIVERSARIES

04 Cheri & Dee Smith
04 SHIRLEY & AL HIRT
06 Mary Jean & Daryl Baker
07 MONA & ED ELLARD
08 CHARLENE & BILL SUTHERLAND

18 CHRIS & FRANK FLEISCHMANN
18 LOLA & JIM WILSON
18 IRENE & EVERETT YOUNG

19 LINDA & ED FOSTER
19 DOROTHY & BOB LEESER
19 BARB & JOHN THIEL
20 ANA & JOHN BASTERRA-SUNDQUIST
20 NANCY & DANIEL PICK

23 CHERYL & MOE JACKSON
23 SHERRY & BOB PABST
24 CONNIE & KEITH BAZAIRE
26 LORRAINE & DAVID GREEN
28 BOBBIE & FRANK KANE
28 JOY & RICHARD ST. JOHN

JULY

03 JEANNETTE SOMMER
03 JESSICA EDEL
05 KIM FREIBURGER
08 CAROLE BARNETT-STOPPER
15 EILENE CHRISTENSEN
16 JO GAGER
24 MARGIE CARTER
25 "MIKE" PAWLI
27 ANN GARVEY

01 BRYNDA & DAVID FILKINS
11 JOYCE & KEN SPARKS
12 BETH & JEFF WILDERN
14 LEEANN & CHARLIE GREEN
20 KIM & DAN BYRENS
21 JESSICA & ERIK EDEL
24 MARIAN & BOB JOHNSON
25 DANA & TYLER PRAY
27 MARY & RAYMOND KROODSMA
30 KIM & STEVE CAPPS

AUGUST

01 NOLA BUCK
03 NANCY PICK

11 VIVIAN FLOWER
13 SHARON KUBICA
16 MARY LEE FALIK
16 SUSIE MOORE
19 JAN KELLEY
20 MARY REMENAK

21 SHERRY PABST
22 IEVA INGLIS
22 DONNA M. JOHNSON
24 JO VANDERSTELT
26 BARB THIEL
28 JEAN BEARUP



01 ALICE & DAN HAYES
01 JACKIE & KEVIN CARR
06 JUDY & OWEN WHITKOPF
11 NOLA & DOUG BUCK
11 NANCY & GARY HOLTZ
17 Stormi & Barry Stuler

18 LORI & JOE E. PRAY
18 LAUREL & JOE E. PRAY
19 Kathy & Jon Tomlanovich
20 ANN & JIM GARVEY
22 MARLENE & FRED DARIN
24 SUSIE & LARRY SEVITTS
28 JOAN & KELLY HASSELBACK
29 NANCY & KEVIN OLIVER

EARLY SEPTEMBER

10 SYLVIA & GARY COLLES
14 LEE & DON FALIK
14 CAROL & RAY IDALSKI



GFWC MI ANNUAL CONVENTION MAY 14-16, 2010 IRON MOUNTAIN, MI



**GFWC-Charlotte
Attendees: Linda
Foster, Marilyn
Monroe-Hart,
Mary Remenak,
and Margie Carter
with outgoing
GFWC MI
President, Sherry
Wellman (2nd from
right)**

**Attendees
pictured with
International
GFWC
President-
elect,
Carlene
Garner and
GFWC MI
President-
elect, Chris Burns**



**Inspiring message by Bay
Cliff Camper, Rayna
Sherbinow, pictured with
Camp Director Tim
Bennett**

CONVENTION AWARDS

SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT CLUB OF THE YEAR!



**A BLUE RIBBON ON OUR SCRAPBOOK –
JOB WELL DONE BY CAROL IDALSKI!**

We are in Category IV, which means we compete with clubs of 100 or more members.

1st place – Membership, Resource Conservation, Home Life Focus on Health, Public Affairs Focus on Community Safety, Communications and Public Relations, Leadership, WHRC & 1734 Society (also “Best of the Best”), Honors Score Sheet Gold Award and *Kind News* certificate.

2nd place – Conservation Beautification, Literacy, Legislation & Public Policy.

3rd place – Arts in the Community, Helping Hands in the Community, International Affairs Reaching out Internationally, Fundraising, Community Improvement Program

Arts & Crafts:

1st place – Homemade Cards – Mary Jean Baker; Bracelet – Stormi Stuler;

2nd place – Holiday Decorations – Mary Jean Baker;

3rd place – Surprise Category – Mary Jean Baker

Honorable Mention – Surprise Category – Stormi Stuler

Photography: (Mary’s 1st place photos go on to national competition!)

1st – World in Pictures: Natural History, *Roman Pine* – Mary Remenak; Scenic, *Monks Motel* – Mark Remenak; Feature, *Macellaia The Butcher* – Mary Remenak

**2nd Place – World in Pictures: Natural History, *Sun Flowers* – Fran Fuller; Scenic, *Ponte Vecchio* – Mary Remenak; Feature, *Solitude* – Mary Remenak
Honorable Mention – Natural History, *Appleblossoms* - Fran Fuller**



BOARD TALK – MARY REMENAK



Dear Friends,

After staring at my yellow pad for the last half an hour, (no, I have not progressed to composing in Word - I prefer my bed and lots of pillows.) I have decided what I am NOT going to write about in my final Board Talk: the convention - we are still number 1!; awards - lots & lots!; special recognitions - we got them; competitions - lots of ribbons; or what's new for GFWC - new national and state administrations and Community Service Programs instead of Departments! I simply want to say, "THANK YOU."

Two years ago I began a journey that was more challenging than you and I imagined. We met our expectations together. Your support your encouragement, your HARD WORK, and, most of all, your friendships are a part of who I am.

Our club year is nearly over and I am thinking about September and our Opening Meeting. What projects and committees will I work on? See you in the fall!

Mary

PLEASE TAKE NOTE

Hello GFWC-Charlotte Member,

One of my duties as your new Vice-President is to work with the Program Committee to plan the meetings for the 2010-2011 year. I'm trying something new to help with that task.

Please click on the link below and you will open a survey that I have created. The survey is fun, very easy and very short. The link is to a very safe site. Your email address will not be added to any lists so you will not receive any junk mail or other communications as a result of the survey. The link will not allow any viruses to invade your computer.

Please click on the link below and complete the survey before June 4. If you are an "email buddy" for someone, you can click a second time and complete the survey for them.

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/C83S998>

Thanks, Sylvia Colles

The next issue of “*The Club Communicator*” will be in September. Please be sure to let me know during the summer if you have an address, phone, or email change.

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Have a great summer. Please say, “YES,” when asked to serve!



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