



GFWC – Charlotte

# CLUB COMMUNICATOR

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## November 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting . . .

**BOB HOFFMAN**, speaker  
An ePIFany Worth Passing On  
("Pay it Forward")  
Dealing with random acts of kindness.



**Zephie Kineman** shared a song from "Beauty and the Beast" and encouraged us all to come to the CPAC to see the CHS production.



### **Courtney Carlson, MyLeads**

Learned to "step out of her comfort zone." She gave an excellent recap of her experience and thanked us for sponsoring her.

**Mary Stafford** brought her therapy dogs and told how they are used. GFWC is partnering with Canine Companions for Independence.





## Board Talk – Margie Carter



What an inspirational meeting we had in November. Thanks to all who helped all members leave with a new spring in their step and thinking of how we can all do small things to help others and “Pass It Forward.”

The SIREN/Eaton Tea included 28 tables that were all beautiful. Our table’s theme was, “O Holy Night” which was awarded “Best in Show.” Thanks to Jo Gager for the beautiful crystal. The food was outstanding and we all had a great time.

GAM is up and running at Parkview with a whole new group of kids. We are making a difference with these kids so if you haven’t gone to help out or just watch, I will send you the winter schedule for January, February, and March as soon as I receive it. It is always Tuesday and Thursday (weather permitting) and we meet at Parkview at the gym at 2 p.m. You’re done by 3. It is wonderful.

Hope you all read your email that reminded you to bring your Volunteer Hours Sheet, found in your yearbook, to the December meeting. I use these sheets to write the Annual Report (about 27 pages of everything we do as a GFWC Club plus volunteer hours within our club). If you haven’t turned in your Report Forms for 2011, I would like them at the next meeting, also.

Lap Robe bee will be on December 1 (Thursday) in the Michigan Room of the Library. Bring yours or come and tie one of mine.

Happy Thanksgiving to all my GFWC-Charlotte sisters. You are the best!



**Veteran, Ruth “Mike” Pawli**, was honored at the meeting. Her daughter, Mary Remenak read “Mike’s” remembrances of her years while serving our country.



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

Linda Foster, 316 Beech St., Charlotte, MI 48813; 543-3041;

[ed@fosterdvm.com](mailto:ed@fosterdvm.com)

**ALSO REMEMBER THERE IS NO ISSUE IN DECEMBER!**

**“Language evolves.” As such, GFWC has dropped the hyphen from the term “e-mail” so that it will now be referred to as “email”**



## Rake in New Members This Season

*GFWC – Charlotte New Member Orientation Meeting*

### *"Rake in New Members"*

On behalf of the general membership of GFWC-Charlotte,  
we request the honor of your presence on

**Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

**12:00pm - 1:30pm**

**at the**

**First Baptist Church**

*Hosted by: 2011-2012 Membership Committee*

*All members are welcome. Make this your way to  
reconnect with your service organization, GFWC-Charlotte.*

*\*Please RSVP no later than Monday, November 14th\**

*Be sure to bring your yearbook binder to the meeting!*



*RSVP with Jessica Edel at:  
(269) 744-5417 OR [jes\\_edel@yahoo.com](mailto:jes_edel@yahoo.com)*

Contact Jessica ASAP if you can come. All members are encouraged to attend.



# Mini Trips Update

## **Grand Rapids Symphony & Coffee AND Frederik Meijer Gardens**

*Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup> cost is \$25 plus lunch*

*carpool @ 7:45 a.m.*

This is a 2-for-one day! We will begin with the Grand Rapids Symphony Coffee Classics. We will enjoy coffee, pastries and conversations with friends before the one-hour performance of Bernstein & Copland of which begins at 10:00. We will then move on to the Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park where we will start with lunch at the Café and then a tram ride through the outdoor areas and a guided tour of the indoor spaces.

For more information see [www.meijergardens.org](http://www.meijergardens.org) & [www.grsymphony.org/concerts/edward-jones-coffee-classics-series/bernstein-and-copland](http://www.grsymphony.org/concerts/edward-jones-coffee-classics-series/bernstein-and-copland)

## **W. K. Kellogg Manor House – Christmas Tea**

*Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> cost is \$30*

*carpool @ noon*

What better place to enjoy a Holiday Tea than a beautiful, stately Manor House. Located on Gull Lake, near Kalamazoo, the house will be decorated for the holidays with décor available for purchase (don't forget your check book).

For more information about this event go to [www.kbs.msu.edu/visit/manor-house/events/teas](http://www.kbs.msu.edu/visit/manor-house/events/teas)

All trips will carpool from the Charlotte Country Club · All trips can accommodate only a limited number of participants, spaces will be filled first come first serve · Non members are always welcome to join us on our mini trips

Any ideas for future trips please let me know

Jo Vanderstelt, Mini Trips Chairperson, 517-281-1301 or [jovanderstelt@yahoo.com](mailto:jovanderstelt@yahoo.com)

**Kaleidoscope – Friday, April 13, 2012** – Elliott Engel kick-off speaker on Author, L. Frank Baum (“Wizard of Oz”); keynote speaker TBA. Contact Linda Foster for more information 517-543-3041 or [ed@fosterdvm.com](mailto:ed@fosterdvm.com)

# Membership Memos . . .

New emails:

Jo Gager [raymond.g.gager@gmail.com](mailto:raymond.g.gager@gmail.com); Diane Joppie [diane.joppie@gmail.com](mailto:diane.joppie@gmail.com)

Beth Fry's phone # in booklet should be 543-2723

Ieva Inglis was inadvertently left out of the booklet. Please add her: 4111 E. Packard Hwy., Charlotte, MI 48813, 543-4499, [inglisi@cooley.edu](mailto:inglisi@cooley.edu)

Delete Kim Freiburger, move Ann Garvey to Associate and Cynthia Siarny to Honorary.

Remembrances: Connie Miller – brain tumor; Virginia Lowe – health issues; former member Doris Ballard – gall bladder surgery (address for cards: 2103 Hereford Dr., Kings Pt., Sun City Center, FL 33573-6354)

**We are now on Facebook: GFWC-Charlotte, MI.**  
**Go to it and “like” us. When a minimum of 25 have done so, we can get a shorter URL.**

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

### November – last half of month

19 Nathalie Weseman (90!)  
26 April Brooks  
28 Brynda Filkins

24 Katie & Jeff Dornbos  
28 Jo & Ray Gager

### December

08 LeAnn Green



21 Stormi Stuler

22 Chris Fleischmann  
22 Irene Young  
28 Patty Retzer  
29 Jan Harms  
30 Mary Stafford

06 Okja & Hak Kim  
11 Sherry & Fred Myers  
11 Darlene & Doug Freeman  
15 Dyna & Jerry Lehman  
16 Karen & Jim Elsesser  
19 Patty & Gerald Retzer  
19 Sharon & Jerry Kubica

21 Peg & Mark Cameron

### January – first half of month

01 Carol Monroe  
04 Fran Rush  
06 Cheri Smith  
07 Shirley Rann  
08 Bobbie Kane  
11 Jessica Sommer  
15 Nancy Oliver  
15 Elizabeth Siler  
15 Beth Wildern  
17 Sharon Adams

01 Marilyn & Bruce Hart  
04 Jessica & Gerald Sommer

14 Elsie & Jim Wiltse

The Education Foundation Scholarship Application is available in writeable format on the [www.gfwc-charlotte.com](http://www.gfwc-charlotte.com) website. Contact Linda Foster for more information

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## GFWC Helps You Keep Your Toes Warm



As the weather turns chilly, make sure you keep warm with the new [GFWC Slippers](#). Featuring the GFWC Emblem on white terry cloth, these one-size-fits-all slippers are exactly what you need to shuffle around the house on crisp mornings. Find these and other offerings from the GFWC Marketplace at [www.GFWC.org/Marketplace](http://www.GFWC.org/Marketplace).

## Kind News Update

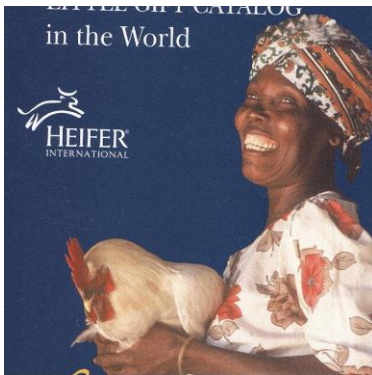
The school year is in full swing and I'm pleased to report that all of our classrooms have received their first issue of *Kind News* and enjoyed it very much. This year, through the generous support of the following GFWC-Charlotte members, approximately 900 students in 30 classrooms from 6 schools are the grateful beneficiaries. Thank you to the following contributing members: Nola Buck, April Brooks, Margie Carter, Marlene Darin, Lee Falik, Sue Farlin, Connie Fast, Linda Foster, Fran Fuller, Lorraine Green, Carol Idalski, Sally Jewell, Roberta Kane, Sharon Kubica, Sandy Maatsch, Carolyn Maier, Marilyn Monroe-Hart, Ruth Pawli, Lori Pray, Sue Pruden, Mary Remenak, Carol Rossio, Fran Rush, Kathy Tomlanovich, Nathalie Weseman, and Lola Wilson.



Connie Fast, Linda Foster, Mary Remenak, Carol Rossio, and Margie Carter led by Stormi Stuler. The group first met to place grape, rhubarb, and squash leaves over bowls and cover them with cement thick enough to hold together as flowerbed art. A second meeting allowed members to paint their art and then seal them so they can be placed in flowerbeds. Pictured are Linda, Stormi, Carol & Mary.

### *ARTS & CRAFTS*

# Heifer International



Fellow members, please try to remember to **bring money or a check** for the **Heifer International** project to the December meeting. **This is one of our projects that keeps on giving, as monetary contributions provide gifts of livestock and training which reap rewards well into the future. It is a 501(c)(3) organization, so your contribution is tax deductible. Make checks payable to Heifer International** Last year we were able to raise over \$300 for them and I think we can do better this year I'll have envelopes at the front tables and try to remind about them at the meeting. I appreciate all the support for the project.

Dyna Lehman

## Fair Trade & Organic Coffee Fundraiser



If you enjoy a cup of fresh ground quality coffee, the GFWC-Charlotte Coffee Fundraiser has a product for you! Once again 16 oz. bags of ground Regular and Decaf and whole bean Regular and Decaf coffee will be on sale for \$12 per bag at the November general meeting – a great value for the quality and quantity. Thanks to those of you who have purchased coffee at previous meetings. We know you are enjoying the great taste. Consider sharing that great taste by giving a bag of coffee along with the traditional wine gift when you dine with friends during the holidays. You'll create a smile every time they enjoy this quality coffee.

Orders can also be placed with Marlene or Sharon for pickup at a future meeting or delivery anytime since we have a supply of coffee on hand at all times. You can place an order by calling or emailing Marlene at 543-5873 ([darins@voyager.net](mailto:darins@voyager.net)) or Sharon at 231-3204 ([smkubica@sbcglobal.net](mailto:smkubica@sbcglobal.net)).

Funds raised will help finance some of the many club activities and programs that support the students, families, and organizations in the Charlotte community.

As you plan ahead for holiday use or possible gifts to friends and family, please consider supporting this fundraiser.

# SALE!

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# BOOKS FOR SALE!

The GFWC Board members have graciously allowed the Tea and Tomes book discussion group to "adopt" the used book table at our monthly meetings. Tea and Tomes will be responsible for collecting, displaying, and selling the used books. Donations are always welcome; simply bring your used books to the meeting and one of the book club members will be glad to set them out for purchase. We are asking you to peruse the table and pick out a book to take home. The price for paperbacks is 50 cents and hardbacks are \$1. What a deal!

Tea and Tomes will be donating the proceeds from the sales to our Community Library's Adult Programming staff member. She will be using the money to purchase Book Boxes (sets of 8 identical titles) to be made available to book clubs. Our goal is to donate \$150 by May of 2012. We are hoping that you will help us Pass It Forward!



Life, Death, and Immortality. These are the three sections of the book for this month's **Tea and Tomes** book discussion: *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*, by Rebecca Skloot. This is a work of non-fiction which took 10 years to write. The story chronicles the life of an uneducated woman of color who "donated" tissue cells which have never stopped reproducing. Her cells have been used for research on diseases such as polio, cancer, and Parkinson's, and have contributed to discoveries in gene mapping, in vitro fertilization, chemo, and influenza. Her cells have affected your health care, yet Henrietta's children cannot afford health insurance. Please join us on November 29 (the 5th Tuesday of the month) in the Spartan Room of the Charlotte Community Library. We meet from 12:45 until 2:30. Refreshments are provided. Note: Tea and Tomes does not meet in December. See you next year!



Sneak Peek for January: *Unbroken: A WWII story of survival, resilience, and redemption* by Laura Hillenbrand.



**Social time was enjoyed by all at the November meeting.**



## JUST FOR FUN . . .

When you have to visit a public bathroom, you usually find a line of women, so you smile politely and take your place. Once it's your turn, you check for feet under the stall doors. Every stall is occupied. Finally, a door opens and you dash in, nearly knocking down the woman leaving the stall. You get in to find the door won't latch. *It doesn't matter, the wait has been so long you are about to wet your pants!* The dispenser for the modern "seat covers" (invented by someone's Mom, no doubt) is handy, *but empty.* You would hang your purse on the door hook, if there was one, *but there isn't* - so you carefully, but quickly drape it around your neck, (Mom would turn over in her grave if you put it on the **FLOOR!**), yank down your pants, and assume "The Stance."

In this position your aging, toneless (*I should have gone to the gym!!!*) thigh muscles begin to shake. You'd love to sit down, but you certainly hadn't taken time to wipe the seat or lay toilet paper on it, so you hold "The Stance".

To take your mind off your trembling thighs, you reach for what you discover to be the empty toilet paper dispenser. In your mind, you can hear your mother's voice saying, "*Honey, if you had tried to clean the seat, you would have KNOWN there was no toilet paper!*" Your thighs shake more. You remember the tiny tissue that you blew your nose on yesterday - the one that's still in your purse. (*Oh yeah, the purse around your neck, that now, you have to hold up trying not to strangle yourself at the same time.*) That will have to do. You crumple it in the puffiest way possible. It's still smaller than your thumbnail.

*Someone pushes your door open because the latch doesn't work.* The door hits your purse, which is hanging around your neck in front of your chest, and you and your purse topple backward against the tank of the toilet.

*"Occupied!"* you scream, as you reach for the door, dropping your precious, tiny, crumpled tissue in a puddle on the floor, lose your footing altogether, and slide down directly onto the **TOILET SEAT**. It is wet of course.

*You bolt up, knowing all too well that it's too late.* Your bare bottom has made contact with every imaginable germ and life form on the uncovered seat because YOU never laid down toilet paper - not that there was any, even if you had taken time to try. You know that your mother would be utterly appalled if she knew, because, you're certain her bare bottom never touched a public toilet seat because, frankly, dear, "*You just don't KNOW what kind of diseases you could get*".

*By this time, the automatic sensor on the back of the toilet is so confused that it flushes, propelling a stream of water like a fire hose against the inside of the bowl that sprays a fine mist of water that covers your butt and runs down your legs and into your shoes.*

*The flush somehow sucks everything down with such force that you grab onto the empty toilet paper dispenser for fear of being dragged in too*

*At this point, you give up. You're soaked by the spewing water and the wet toilet seat. You're e-x-h-a-u-s-t-e-d.*

*You try to wipe with a gum wrapper you found in your pocket and then slink out inconspicuously to the sinks.*

*You can't figure out how to operate the faucets with the automatic sensors, .....so you wipe your hands with spit and a dry paper towel and walk past the line of women still waiting. You are no longer able to smile politely to them.*

*A kind soul at the very end of the line points out a piece of toilet paper trailing from your shoe. (**Where was that when you NEEDED it??**) You yank the paper from your shoe, plunk it in the woman's hand and tell her warmly, "Here, you just might need this".*

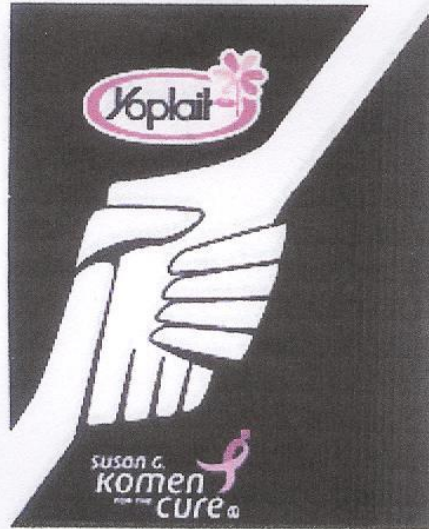
*As you exit, you spot your hubby, who has long since entered, used, and left the men's restroom.*

*Annoyed, he asks, "What took you so long, and why is your purse hanging around your neck?"*

*This is dedicated to women everywhere who deal with public restrooms (rest??? you've GOT to be kidding!). It finally explains to the men what really does take us so long. It also answers their other commonly asked questions about why women go to the restroom in pairs. *It's so the other gal can hold the door, hang onto your purse, and hand you Kleenex under the door!**

*A Friend Is Like A Good Bra....*

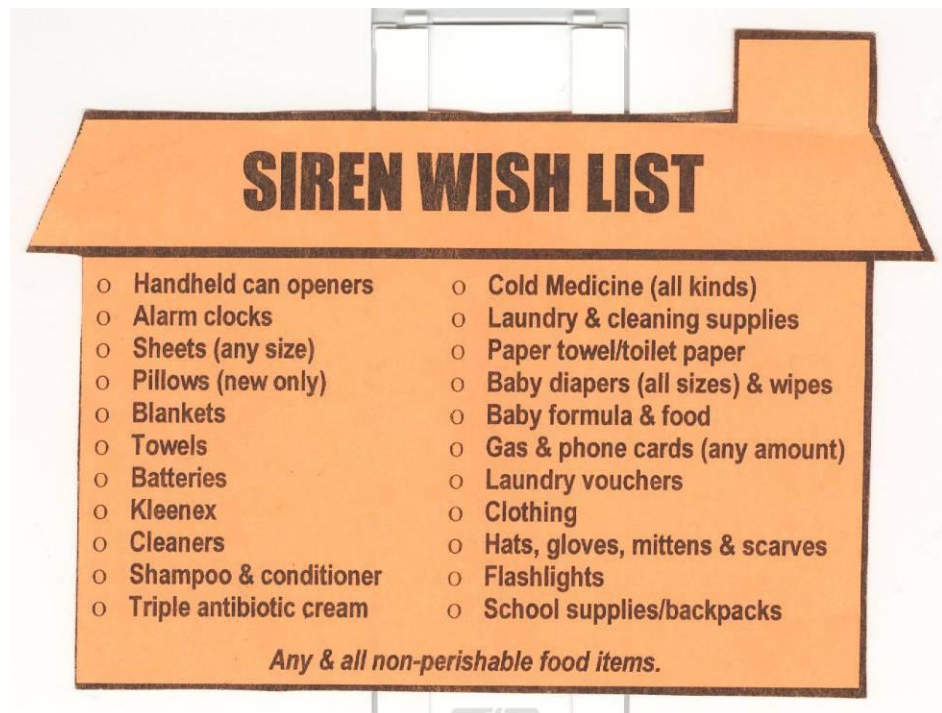
*Hard to Find...Supportive....Comfortable...Always Lifts You Up...Never Lets You Down, or Leaves You Hanging, and Is Always Close To Your Heart!!!*



**For every pink Yoplait lid, Yoplait® will donate 10 cents to Susan G. Komen for the Cure®, up to \$1.5 M.**

**Save ‘em, rinse ‘em and turn them in at the December GFWC-Charlotte meeting.**

**Take items to the December meeting or contact Margie Carter.**



## **BAY CLIFF WISH LIST . . .**

**Boys' clothing x-large, kids' dress clothes, black pants, white dress shirts, underwear (boys' 4 to men's; girls' 4-6), colored bath towels, wash cloths, twin blankets, twin sheet sets, tube socks, large safety pins.**

# Joyous Greetings of the Season



Our Annual Holiday Tea is on

*Friday, December 2, 2011*

Social Time 12:30 p.m. – Program 1:00 p.m.

Lawrence Avenue Methodist Church



*Come help us celebrate and honor past presidents and new members. Our wonderful choir will sing in the season.  
No reservations are needed.*



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