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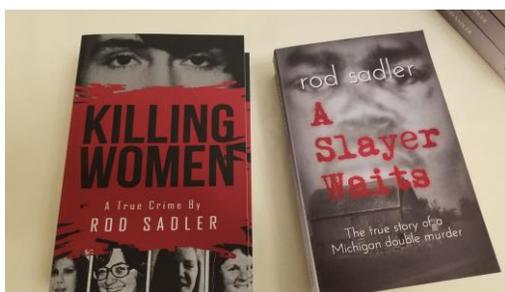


Centerpieces and a glimpse of the dessert –
Cheesecakes made by Chris Reist.



Guest night November 6, 2020

**SPEAKER: Rod Sadler, author &
His wife, Terri**



Rod gave us background for his books, especially his latest, "Killing Women," which tells of Don Miller who killed four women in the late 1970s. Miller is currently in prison, but eligible to get out in 2031.



These murders occurred in the greater Lansing area.

28 of us gathered with masks on and social distancing for a wonderful in-person meeting.





**Committee
Chair**



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Do you know of someone in our club who could use a hand – ride to appointments, meal brought in, receive a card, visitor, listener, shopper, etc.? Contact Lorraine .



Board Talk – Chris Reist



Another month slipping by. It just amazes me how fast the hours, days and months have gone by this year. Which, by the way, is just fine with me. It has been a difficult year for many of us. Nothing has seemed “normal” and yet we are just days away from Thanksgiving. We will be giving thanks for our many blessings.

Saturday morning, there was a group of GFWC-Charlotte women wearing layers of warm clothes, finding hats and mittens, and gathering up their planting tools, heading downtown and transforming the urns into Christmas displays. Thanks to Sherry Pabst for again putting everything we would need into bags and placing them by each urn. I noticed, too, the lights were on the trees, so it won't be long until we see Santa on the Courthouse lawn.

Our Christmas Tea is scheduled for Friday, December 4th, at 12:30 p.m. At this point, it looks as though we will have to be meeting via Zoom only. If so, a link will be sent to you a day or two ahead of time. We will be honoring our past presidents, new members, 25- and 50-year members, and announcing our Ms. Federation honoree. Choir Director, Patty Greene, has put together a sextet from our chorus group to provide some Christmas music, and Brynda Filkins will be doing a Christmas reading. **NOTE: DUE TO THE GOVERNOR'S MANDATE TONIGHT, THE BOARD WILL DECIDE THIS WEDNESDAY WHEATHER TO MEET VIA ZOOM OR MAYBE POSTPONE THE TEA UNTIL SPRING AND POSSIBLY HOLD IT OUTSIDE.**

Our guest night with speaker Rod Sadler was a great success. His wife, Terri, joined us also. A delicious meal was had by all. Rod spoke of a true crime case that occurred in the East Lansing area. His books were purchased by several members. (They will be my winter reading.)

Keep track of your sock donations to local charities. We're over 700 pairs already. Way to go!

Be sure to get your volunteer hours and reports into me by December 1st. A form is attached to this newsletter, and is also available on our website.

As I close, I wish each of you and your families a Happy Thanksgiving. May your blessings be many. Be safe, stay safe throughout the uncertain weeks ahead. Thank each and everyone of you for all you do for GFWC-Charlotte.

GOD BLESS YOU!!!

Chris



and





TEA AND TOMES: is our GFWC-Charlotte book discussion group. This month marks the 73rd wedding anniversary of Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip. Four days after their anniversary we will be discussing *The Gown* by Jennifer Robson. This historical novel details the making of the Queen's wedding dress and the fascinating women who made it. We will meet via Zoom on **Tuesday, November 24, at 1:00 pm**. A meeting invitation link will be sent to all who are interested. Brynda Filkins (brynda@usa.net) has a book box of *The Gown* with several softcovers available; Hoopla and the library have the audiobook available, and an ebook can be downloaded through the Hoopla app. Join us! Wish we could have wedding cake!

Sneak Peek for January 26, 2021: *The Alice Network* by Kate Quinn. Hoopla audio book and ebook. Library audiobook and hardcover.



DUES ARE DUE NOW. ACTIVE \$40, ASSOCIATE \$50. MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: GFWC – CHARLOTTE, MAIL TO P. O. BOX 464, CHARLOTTE, MI 48813 Only 5 not paid. Are you one of them?

WELCOME NEW MEMBER: Lori Kroll
(Contact information is in the attached New Member update.)



New Member Orientation

Scheduled for November 20, Friday at the Eaton Place at 1:00 p.m.





GFWC MI ARTS AND NURSING SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE



Male or female, young or mature, current or re-entering students in the community are eligible to apply for a \$500 scholarship to pursue a career in the field of Nursing or in the Arts. These scholarships are provided by the General Federation of Women’s Clubs Michigan and are in addition to the scholarships that GFWC-Charlotte awards each year to graduating seniors at Charlotte High School. GFWC-Charlotte has been successful in having endorsed several winning applications in the past, and would be pleased to again submit qualified local applicants to continue that tradition.

GFWC-Charlotte encourages any student planning a career in the Arts or Nursing to apply. Applications are available at the Charlotte High School guidance office, Sparrow Eaton Hospital administrative office on the second floor, and at the Charlotte Community Library. They may also be found in a fillable format on the GFWC-Charlotte website under downloads at: www.gfwc-charlotte.com Spread the word and encourage applying. Questions? Contact Nancy Gensel, nc.gensel@gmail.com

Completed applications should be preferably emailed to the sponsoring club president by **JANUARY 15, 2021**. Please email to: caureist@sbcglobal.net (or mail to: Chris Reist, P. O. Box 464. Charlotte, MI 48813).

The club president will approve completed applications and forward to Linda Foster, Chairman, GFWC MI Arts/Nursing Scholarships by **FEBRUARY 1, 2021**.

EDUCATION FOUNDATION



AVAILABLE

Want to learn something new? Pursue a new skill or career goal?

GFWC MICHIGAN Education Foundation: A Scholarship Program for GFWC Michigan clubwomen. Each year, our Southwestern District is allotted monies for scholarships. These scholarships are available for active club members of at least one year to pursue the on-going adventure of learning. As continuing education is the key to knowledge, these scholarships can be used for developing or enhancing a career skill; for attending seminars, workshops or conferences; for discovering talents or areas of interest; or for updating academic course work. Application is easily done by email and forms and requirements are available on the Club website, www.gfwc-charlotte.com on the *downloads* tab. There is a helpful Education Foundation Fact Sheet under the *Education Foundation* tab on our homepage. Contact Nancy Gensel, nc.gensel@gmail.com or 517-980-1202 with questions or for more information.

The purpose of this Foundation is to help GFWC MI club women with continuing education. It does not mean one must be working toward a degree. Our scholarships are meant to support our club members in learning more about what is of interest to them and utilizing this knowledge for the benefit of club and community. The ability to pay is not a consideration. Several of our members have taken advantage of this opportunity in the past.

LINDA FOSTER (543-3041; ed@fosterdvm.com), GFWC MI Education Foundation Scholarship Committee Chair



Membership Memos

Remembrances . . .

Judy Whitkopf – knee surgery

Sandy Maatsch – heart issues

Birthdays

19 Carol Little
19 Nathalie Weseman
19 Val Reisen
28 Brynda Filkins

Late November

15 Carolyn and Jeff Maier

December

01 Chris Reist
02 Jane Fortino
02 Nancy Gensel
04 Lisa Jackson

01 Becky & Arnold Dolman

16 Judy MacInness

06 Okja & Hak Kim
11 Sherry & Fred Myers
13 Tammy & Dan Crandell
15 Dyna & Jerry Lehman
16 Karen & Jim Elsesser
18 Dawn & Tom Sneckenberg
19 Sharon & Jerry Kubica

28 Patty Retzer

Early January

01 Carol Monroe
03 Diana Bosworth
04 Fran Rush

04 Jessica & Gerald Sommer
04 Marianne & Steve Struckmeyer

07 Shirley Rann
08 Bobbie Kane
11 Jessica Sommer
14 Lauraine Paladino
15 Beth Wildern
15 Elizabeth Siler
15 Amy Smith
17 Sharon Adams

Booklet Changes & Corrections:

You get the booklet when you pay your dues. Proofread and let me know changes!

Change Yvonne Ridge's email to: yridge0701@gmail.com .

Urn cleaning/planting 11-14-20



Linda Foster
Judy Whitkopf
Fran Fuller
Peggy Nichols
Chris Reist
Lori Pray
Sylvia Colles
Pam Jarvi
Donna Leahy
Sherry Pabst (Chair)



Mini Trips Update 
On hold due to Covid-19

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

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

ed@fosterdvm.com

REMEMBER, NO ISSUE IN DECEMBER





December is the time to remember our GFWC Partnership with Heifer International. Since 1944, Heifer International has been providing livestock and training to bring hope and reduce hunger to families in impoverished communities around the world. Would you please consider making a donation to Heifer this season? Any financial contribution you can make goes a long ways towards improving the living situation for many people. Checks can be made payable to GFWC – Charlotte with Heifer International on the memo line. Honor Cards will be available to those desiring them for donations of \$10 or more. Please see Julie Dartt for cards or if you would like more information regarding Heifer International.



GFWC-Charlotte December Tea

Honoring Past Presidents and New Members

The General Federation of Women's Clubs-Charlotte will hold its Annual Christmas Tea on Friday, **December 4**, 2020 via Zoom. We will be honoring our Past Presidents, new member, 25- and 50-year members, Ms. Federation honoree, and entertained by a sextet from our choir and a reading by Brynda Filkins.

If you have any questions, please contact Patty Greene 543-7564.

NO MEETING IN JANUARY

RECYCLING:



Please continue to save the following items: ink cartridges, beverage can pull tabs, and box tops for education (or scan on your phone). You can turn them in at our December meeting. However, if you really want to get rid of the things you've collected, call me at (517)449-6274 and leave a message. We can arrange to meet in town so I can get them. WE ALSO COLLECT OLD CELL PHONES AND GIVE THEM TO SIREN.

(I forgot to mention that in the September newsletter) The beverage tabs go to the Ronald McDonald House in Lansing. Ink cartridges are given to the library and the box tops are taken to Parkview school.

Please Note: On newer containers, the Box Tops for Education are not clipped, you will need to scan your receipt within 14 days of purchasing an item. Here is what you need to do:

1. On a smart phone download the Box Top App. On a computer go to BTFE.com
2. Register and select the Charlotte school you want your box tops to be sent to
3. Scan your sales receipt within 14 days of purchase
4. BEFORE DECEMBER 1, please report your total boxtops to Sara Biskie so they can be Included in the annual report.



Mayor Michael Armitage said Charlotte Rising is pleased with the urn plantings done by GFWC-Charlotte yesterday.



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