



GFWC – Charlotte

CLUB COMMUNICATOR

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10-7-11
meeting at
AL!VE



Speakers:
Dr. Seneca Storm, Medical Director of AL!VE,
and Maureen Hillary, Chief Nursing Officer at HGB

Donna W. Johnson gives a Membership Moment - She has been in GFWC – Charlotte for 56 years.



Connie Bazaire gave a tribute to 25-year member **LeAnn Green**

Remember to get your articles in by the 15th of each month for *The Club Communicator* to:
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TEA AND TOMES: You are invited to join our book discussion on Tuesday, October 25, at 12:45 pm at the Spartan Room in the Charlotte Community Library. We will be traveling with the Benzini Brothers Most Spectacular Show on Earth. It is a world filled with freaks and clowns, wonder and pain, anger and passion. *Water for Elephants* by Sara Gruen is a surprising, poignant and funny look at a Depression-era traveling circus.



Sneak Peek for November: *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot.



Board Talk – Margie Carter



ALIVE certainly is coming along. We are a lucky community to be able to offer this facility and participate in its many facets. Good work HGB. The GFWC-Charlotte Board has decided to form a committee to research communication options and will report in October. In addition to the Feng Shui programs in November, we will be entertained by the CHS Drama Club's preview of "Beauty and the Beast," and hear a report from CHS MyLead participant 2011, Courtney Carlson.

Remember to purchase your fleece to make a lap robe for the Medical Care Facility. We will display them at the December meeting and take them the next week. Keep knitting and making Smile Bags. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Recycling news: Your Campbell soup labels this year are being donated to the Eaton Rapids VFW Children's Home. They will be using them to purchase a bus. Ladies who received a form to fill out describing their part of our overall program, please remember to bring them to the November meeting. I will also be handing out your Volunteer Hour forms for the different programs which will be due by the December meeting.

As I heard a long-time member of GFWC-Charlotte, of which I totally concur, say, "When I go to meetings and see what all those wonderful members are doing, it makes me proud to be a woman." This Club is a real asset and I cannot thank each of you enough.



Knitters, are you ready for a challenge? Last year we made 16 skull caps that were sent to troops. Can we top that this year? It's up to you. Keep those needles clicking. If you need a pattern or want help in making the cap contact Sara at (517) 543-0815 or slbiskie@sbcglobal.net

Hand to Hand

The goal of *Hand to Hand* is to create a network of members willing to lend support to a fellow club member in a time of need.

The Club response at the Information Fair was gratifying! If you did not sign up, and are interested, please contact Mary Remenak, lovetthousedesigns@yahoo.com

We are looking for volunteers willing to:

Drive*	Prepare a meal*	Bake
Visit	Lend an Ear	Read
Run an Errand		

*Looking for additional volunteers



WISH LIST FOR SIREN/EATON SHELTER

Donations can be dropped off at SIREN's Office from 9:00am - 5:00pm, Monday through Friday.

Household Items

Towels (any kind)
Pillows (new only)
Blankets (clean used or new)
Paper Towel/Toilet Paper
Zip Lock Bags
Aluminum Foil/Plastic Wrap

Personal Needs Items

Kleenex
Sanitary Products
Shampoo & Conditioner

Cleaning Supplies

All types of Laundry and Household Cleaning Supplies

Miscellaneous

Phone Cards (any amount)
Gas Cards (any amount)
School Supplies/backpacks
Flashlights
Mittens- gloves-hats (any size, including adult)
Children's Card Games
Flash Cards

Baby Items

Diapers (All sizes)
Formula
Food (all types but cereal)
Wipes

Non-perishable food items, especially fruit, chunky soup, and microwave meals for families housed in a motel.



SWD CONVENTION



Southwestern District Officers are installed by
GFWC MI President, Chris Burns at

the SWD Annual Meeting and Convention on October 6, 2011.

Kim Lauck, President; Becky Devanny, 1st VP; Mary Remenak, 2nd VP; Linda Foster, Secretary; Sue Miller, Treasurer; Pat Kreple, Girlstown Representative.



GFWC MI President, Chris Burns with GFWC-Charlotte attendees:

Marilyn Monroe-Hart, Linda Foster, Mary Remenak, Sylvia Colles and Margie Carter



Girlstown Basket for Auction
Done by Carolyn Maier

Donna Brown, SWD President calls the meeting to order.



GFWC-Charlotte traveled to Grand Rapids to see ArtPrize entries on September 22, 2011. Pictured from l to r are: Carol Idalski, Connie Fast, Ana Basterra Sundquist, Jo Vandersteldt, Patty Retzer, Margie Carter, and Stormi Stuler.



ArtPrize was designed as a very different art competition, the goal is for the general public and artists to collide, exchange ideas and come away changed. It is a radically open art competition, giving away the world's largest art prize. Part arts festival, part social experiment - this international art contest is decided solely on a public vote. Art festival runs Sept. 21 through October 9, 2011. Awarding juried cash prizes of \$449,000, which are awarded to the top 10 artists based on a public vote, ArtPrize® 2011 has five additional juried awards and two Special Recognition Awards. It is worth the trip to Grand Rapids (downtown) to see this art show. Dean Hunt of *Charlotte* has an entry which is the BOB (big old building).

Photo from Margie Carter

This was part of our Mini Trips chaired by Jo Vandersteldt. It was a great day and very enlightening.

MEMBERSHIP MEMOS - - -

Remembrances –

Jo Gager – cataract surgery

Cynthia Siarny – ongoing health issues – in Sparrow Hospital

Lee Falik – broken foot

Shirley Rann’s husband, Dick - surgery

Happy Birthday

Birthdays

Late October

Anniversaries

20 Donna W. Johnson

22 Connie Fast

23 Diane Joppie

25 Jan Day

28 Shirley Hirt

30 Carol Rossio

30 Pam Jarvi

29 Elizabeth & Steve Siler

31 Mary & Richard Remenak

Early November

19 Nathalie Weseman

01 Jan & Kris Kelley

15 Carolyn & Jeff Maier

Booklet corrections:

Sue Berger’s email is bergerwoods@gmail.com

Betty Crandall’s phone number is 543-5078

New Address & Phone numbers:

Jan Day

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Eaton Rapids MI 48827

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GFWC - Charlotte Coffee Fundraiser Begins



Thanks to those of you who purchased coffee at the October general meeting. We know you are enjoying the great taste.

Once again 16 oz. bags of ground Regular and Decaf and whole bean Regular and Decaf coffee will be for sale at \$12 per bag at the November general meeting – a great value for the quality and quantity. 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 Sharon at 231-3204 or Marlene at 543-5873.

Funds raised will help finance some of the many club activities and programs that support the students, families, and organizations in the Charlotte community. Please support this fundraiser by planning to purchase for personal use as well as possible holiday or birthday gift ideas for family and friends.



It's Going to Be a GREAT One

**GFWC-Charlotte Meeting
November 4, 2011 – Spartan Room, Charlotte Community Library
Social Time is 11:30 a.m. and Lunch will be served at noon.**

Bob Hoffamn, founder of ePIFanyNow, will be speaking about his organization and explaining its goal. To give you an idea of what you will have the opportunity to learn about, here are some quotes from his website www.epifanynow.org.

- ePIFanyNow is all about being nice!
- What is Pass It Forward? What you give out, you get back! Give out goodness and get goodness back!
- The idea is to come together and create an energy of excitement; enthusiasm that creates continuous momentum! This isn't a fundraiser, or religious or political in nature. It's just you and me helping someone else who then, hopefully, will do the same.
- "It's not about money, it's not about any material things. It's about the one-on-one human connection — going up to someone and saying, 'I'd like to help you,' or saying something kind and saying it genuinely."

This is certain to be a very inspirational message and so appropriate to the goals of GFWC-Charlotte. Be sure to plan on attending. **The deadline for reservations is Saturday, October 29, 12 noon. Cost: \$10.** Please be considerate of our co-chairs and make your reservation by that date. Reservations may be made at HGB Gift Basket – please make sure your name is on the envelope or you are identified by your check. You may also make reservations by emailing: sylviacollesmq@gmail.com by October 29th, and pay your \$10 by check or exact change at the beginning of the meeting.



Mini Trips Update

Grand Rapids Symphony & Coffee AND Frederik Meijer Gardens

Friday, November 18th 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 & www.grsymphony.org/concerts/edward-jones-coffee-classics-series/bernstein-and-copland

W. K. Kellogg Manor House – Christmas Tea

Wednesday, December 7th 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

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



LOST & FOUND – left at the Lutheran Church after the September meeting. If they are yours, contact Connie Miller at 543-2539.

Innisbrook and Uncle Al's Fundraising Projects

Delivery of first orders: November 4 Meeting

Second orders due: November 4 Meeting
Delivery of second orders: December 2 Meeting

Please **do not** include sales tax on *Innisbrook* or *Uncle Al's* orders. Do not combine checks for these two fundraisers.

When you turn in your order form, please include cash or a check for the **total amount** of your order. Please make your **check payable to: GFWC-Charlotte**. Your check will be cashed when your order arrives.

If you do not receive a catalog at a luncheon, or if you are unable to turn in your order at a club meeting, you may pick up a catalog and/or drop off an order at *Tea and Vintage Treasures*, 141 S. Cochran.

Questions? Call Lee Falik at 543-6729 or Judy Whitkopf 543-6154



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