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OCTOBER MEETING HELD AT THE 1885 COURTHOUSE



SPEAKERS

Christi Dutcher



Dave Smith



Joy Mogg



Julie Kimmer



Macey Kenneman, MyLeads



MEMBERSHIP

The membership committee would like to thank all of the members



for supporting the membership drive this fall. All of the new faces at our meetings have been wonderful! We have had a total of 13 guests at our first two meetings this year, with two guests coming to both meetings. Without our members sharing the positive aspects of our club we will not grow and continue to evolve in the future.

Current sponsors please encourage your potential new member to turn in her membership application with other specific items by the October 23rd deadline to membership chair Cheryl Jackson. All new members generated during the Fall Membership Drive will be formally introduced during the November 6th general meeting.

Mark you calendars for the New Member Orientation Meeting Thursday, November 19th 12:30pm - 1:30pm at the Charlotte Public Library-Spartan Room (note corrected time there was an error in club yearbook and small green booklet list of programs). Please join us so you can connect with and show support to our newest members.

DUES ARE DUE NOW. ACTIVE \$40, ASSOCIATE \$50. MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: GFWC – CHARLOTTE, MAIL TO P. O. BOX 464, CHARLOTTE, MI 48813

Epsilon Sigma Omicron, ESO: ESO is an honorary reading society open to all GFWC members, as part of the Education Department. **The purpose of ESO is to promote a commitment to lifelong learning and self-improvement through reading.** It is intended to offer a path to self-enrichment and personal growth for members. Approximately one-fifth of our Charlotte GFWC members have pledged to ESO. Members may read from an ESO published list (available at www.GFWC.org/ESO) or they may choose alternate titles. Reading records are kept by each member and pledging ESO is the first step to achieving reading certificates. All the details for pledging and recording are on the website at www.gfwc-charlotte.com. For more information, contact Brynda Filkins, 541-3698.



Please join us for Tea and Tomes on October 27. Our book discussion for October will center on the true-life memoir of Jeannette Walls, *The Glass Castle*. This memoir of a deeply dysfunctional and uniquely vibrant family will cause you to marvel at the resilience and intelligence of the Walls children. When sober, the brilliant and charismatic father captured his children's imagination. When drunk, he was dishonest and destructive. The mother was a free spirit who abhorred the idea of domesticity and didn't want the responsibility of raising a family. *The Glass Castle* is permeated by the intense love of a peculiar but loyal family. Jeannette Walls is a regular contributor to MSNBC.

We meet from 1:00 to 2:30 pm in the Spartan Room of the Charlotte Community Library. Refreshments and tea will be served, or you may bring your own beverage, if you prefer. You will enjoy this book and the discussion. New members are always welcome.

Sneak Peek for November 24: *The Prize Winner of Defiance, Ohio* by Terry Ryan.



NOMINATIONS NEEDED FOR 2009-2010 WOMAN OF ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Please take advantage of the October general membership meeting to fill out a nomination form for the 2009-2010 Woman of Achievement Award. The deadline for nominations is October 16, 2009.

This is your opportunity to help recognize one of our club members for her contributions to our club and our community. Who would you like to see honored? Who do you think has made a difference in our club? All you have to do is fill out a simple nomination form available at the September and October club meetings and give it to Kim Capps, committee chairman (245 N. Wheaton, Charlotte, MI 48813) or any other committee member: Sue Berger, Kim Byrens, Sharon Adams, Mary Remenak or Fran Fuller on or before October 16th.

The award will be presented at the December 4th Christmas Tea.

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



BOARD TALK – MARY REMENAK



A special issue of *GFWC Clubwoman Magazine** arrived in the mail recently. An article entitled “Friend Raising, why friendships matter to women” caught my interest. Two studies featured in the article, found that friendships between women help us live longer and live better. A Harvard Medical School study stated that the more friends women have, the less likely they are to develop physical ailments as they get older and the more likely they are to lead a “joyful life.” Social ties reduce blood pressure, heart rate and cholesterol. As I see it, belonging to GFWC-Charlotte is like a pain free workout!

Our November 6, 2009 meeting will be held at the Westside Fire station at 911 W. Shepard. In addition to our program, featuring a talk about Prescription Drug Awareness, musical numbers from South Pacific will be sung by CHS student performers. Be sure to make your reservations by October 31.

Be sure to sign up for our “Girls Just Want to Have Fun...Again” night on November 13, at 7:00 at the Charlotte Community Library.

Thank you to our members who attended the Great Lakes Regional Conference. A special thanks to Nola Buck for delivering my talk.

*I will have subscription forms for the *GFWC Clubwoman Magazine* at the November meeting for your convenience.

Girls Just Want to Have Fun...Again!!

November 13, 2009

7:00pm to 11:00pm (or beyond!!)

Charlotte Community Library, Spartan Room

Come enjoy each other's company and support Bay Cliff Health Camp!

Schedule of Events

7:00pm Arrival and Registration

7:30pm Bay Cliff Health Camp Presentation

8:00pm-10:00pm Fun Evening Activities

Crafts – Make & Take – Learn to make cards with Sharon Kubica-all materials provided!!

Gourmet treats/appetizers-Learn how to prepare and serve just in time for the holidays!!

Mary Kay Makeovers – Spa treatments! % of Mary Kay sales will benefit Bay Cliff Health Camp!

Operation Smile Dolls – Bring your own fabric scissors.

Paraffin dips –Come soften your hands and enjoy a massage!

Yoga – Bring a yoga mat, or blanket, and prepare to chill!!!

SURPRISES!!! SURPRISES!!!

10:30pm **Sundae Bar**-made without calories!!

Special drawings-Surprise! Surprise!

Cost-\$10.00 plus a donation to Bay Cliff Health Camp. Suggestions: underwear-all sizes, boys and girls, PJs-all sizes, boys or girls, arts and crafts materials. Monetary gifts are also a great idea!

Signup today!!

REMEMBRANCES

*Barb Curtis, c/o Boomgaard, 11230 Lakeshore Dr., Grand Haven, MI 49417 -
ongoing health issues*

Carol Idalski - back problems

Pam Ingalls - respiratory problems (We miss you in chorus!!!)

Vivian Flower - death of her sister

Sue Farlin - death of her husband, Ed

"Mike" Pawli, Mary Remenak & Fran Fuller - death of Frank Pawli



Birthdays

Late October

Anniversaries

19 Laurel Pray
20 Donna W. Johnson
22 Connie Fast
23 Diane Joppie
28 Shirley Hirt

29 Elizabeth & Steve Siler
31 Mary & Richard Remenak

Early November

01 Mary Taylor
19 Nathalie Weseman

01 Jan & Kris Kelley
09 Pam & Larry Ingalls
15 Carolyn & Jeff Maier
18 Lori & Rich King

Please remove /Toni Small & Mary Beth Wiechert from your
directories.

New emails: Patty Retzer: pat.retzer@yahoo.com

OPERATION SMILE – NEED DONATIONS OF MUSLIN OF ALL COLORS AND FILL MATERIAL

Cash for Clunkers...

If my Body were a Car, this is the time I would be thinking about trading it in for a newer model. I've got bumps and dents and scratches in my finish, and my paint job is getting a little dull. But that's not the worst of it. My headlights are out of focus, and it's especially hard to see things up close. My traction is not as graceful as it once was. I slip and slide and skid and bump into things even in the best of weather. My whitewalls are stained with varicose veins. It takes me hours to reach my maximum speed. My fuel rate burns inefficiently. But here's the worst of it: almost every time I sneeze, cough, or laugh, either my radiator leaks or my exhaust backfires. Cash-for-Clunkers? I qualify; how about you? I'm sure to pocket some of that \$3 billion for my old body. It's trade-in time!

[Submitted by Marilyn Monroe Hart.]



Dinner hosted at Sharon & Larry Adams' home.

HOME TOUR HOSTS 2009



NEW HOPE CHURCH



BOB & JAN PHILLIPS



JEFF & KATIE DORNOS



CHRISTINA JACKSON

PRAY APARTMENTS:



TYLER & DANA PRAY



BETTY SPEAKS



NEIL & LEILA
KLAISS





SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT CONVENTION

OCTOBER 1, 2009 GUN LAKE, MI



**GFWC PRESIDENT, SHERRY WELLMAN
INSTALLS
SWD
BOARD
(Linda,
Secretary)**



**MARILYN MONROE HART
LINDA FOSTER
MARY REMENAK
MARLENE DARIN
MARGIE CARTER**

SWD President, Fran Leonard

Speaker, Peggy Kline, with Queens for a Day



**GREAT LAKES REGION CONFERENCE
OCTOBER 10, 2009 – GRAND RAPIDS, MI**

ATTENDING:

Marilyn Monroe Hart

Barbara Fulton

Lind Foster

Sharon Kubica

Nola Buck

Marlene Darin



GFWC MI President, Sherry Wellman



2009 *Innisbrook* Fundraiser

Delivery of first orders: November 6th meeting – 2nd orders due November 6th

Delivery of 2nd orders: December 4th meeting. DO NOT INCLUDE TAX ON *INNISBROOK* ORDERS.

When you turn in your order, please include a check for the **total amount** of your order. Unless you are paying with cash, please make your **check payable to: GFWC-Charlotte**. Your check will be cashed when the orders arrive.

If you did 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 *The Linen Chest*.

Questions? Call Lee Falik at 543-6729. **Thank you for participating in this fundraiser!**

T W E N T Y - F O U R T H A N N U A L
♥ **Girlstown Auction** ♥



Saturday, November 7, 2009

Silent & Basket Auction: 5:30 p.m.

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Sit Down Dinner: 6:30 p.m.

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Live Auction: 8:00 p.m.

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Tickets: \$30.00 per person
(pre-paid) until Saturday, October 31, 2009

See your Club President for Ticket Forms and Donor Forms



CROWNE PLAZA
GRAND RAPIDS
5700 28th Street, S.E. • Grand Rapids, MI 49546
(Exit 43B - East on 28th Street to second stop light then turn right)
• 1.877.270.1412 or 1.616.957.1770


**WAYS
YOU CAN
HELP!**

**Attend! • Bring a Friend! • Bid High & Often! • Sell Tickets!
Solicit Items for the Auction & Door Prizes! • VOLUNTEER TO HELP!**

Donations of Goods & Services Can Be Made by October 17, 2009

By mail: Please fill out the Auction Donor Commitment Form (included in this packet) completely and send to Peg Christopher Fell, 205 Katherine Ct., Ionia, MI 48846 before October 17, 2009.

Online: Please register all donations with Peg Christopher Fell pegchr@charter.net or GirlstownAuction.com. Complete form online and submit before October 17, 2009.

 **NOTE:** You may bring your items to any event sponsored by GFWC MI and save the shipping cost. Avis White will collect all items.

You Can Be a Girlstown Auction Booster!

Donate \$5.00 to Support the Girlstown Auction • Your Name Will Appear in the Official Auction Program

Name / Group _____

Address _____ City / State / Zip _____

Please complete form, attach check and mail to: **Joy Bisping, 18573 Cree Ct., Spring Lake, MI 49456**
Phone: 616.847.4087 or GirlstownAuction.com - complete form online and submit
(One form per name please. Make additional copies of form as needed.)



Mini Trips Update

W. K. Kellogg Manor House – Christmas Tea



What better place to enjoy a Holiday Tea than a beautiful, stately Manor House. Located on Gull Lake, the house will be decorated for the holidays with décor available for purchase (don't forget your check book). We have filled our reserved space for the Holiday Spice Tea on Wednesday, December 9. We will be carpooling from the Charlotte Country Club at noon. Cost is \$25 and includes the food, service, taxes and gratuity. For more information about this event go to www.kbs.msu.edu/visit/manor-house/events/teas Call Jo at 517-281-1301 for any questions

or to be put on the waiting list.

Please let me know if you have any future trips you might be interested in.

Jo Vanderstelt, Mini Trips Chairperson 543-3133 jovanderstelt@yahoo.com



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Happy  Halloween