



GFWC – Charlotte

CLUB COMMUNICATOR

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“Be Kind”

In recognition of 50 years of continuous membership and active involvement in club activities, **Linda Foster and Sandy Maatsch** have been awarded **Honorary membership status**.



Linda has served as club president three times and held various District and State-level positions, currently as secretary for both. She is the club parliamentarian and communications chair (which includes doing the monthly newsletter), active in chorus and book club, is the club Education Foundation Chair, and serves on the GFWC MI Ed Foundation Scholarship Committee. She has been named Club Woman of the Year, Ms. Federation and been a Jennie Award nominee.



Sandy served as club president two times. She is active in chorus and the book club, and has been one of the club's remembrance co-chairs for many years. She has been named Club Woman of the Year and Ms. Federation.



In Memory...



Mary Stafford – member since 2010 died June 1, 2015

- Did GFWC-Charlotte program with her therapy dogs; took them to Medical Care Facility & Sensations and active in the Therapy Dog Program
- Mobile Meals driver
- She was a retired accountant.
- Served on the Charlotte Community Library Board, member of St. John's Episcopal Church, member of the Art Guild
- Survived by two daughters, Susan Lynn Stuart Richardson of FL and Karen Lee Endres of Wrangell, Alaska and five grandchildren
- Preceded in death by her husband, Horace "Bud" Stafford
- Her hobbies were reading, hiking, kayaking, harp, needlework, gardening, art, genealogy and woodworking.



Ruth "Mike" Pawli – member since 1968 died August 13, 2015

- Five adult daughters: Mary, Christine, Frances, Anne and Jane
- Preceded in death by her husband, Frank Pawli
- Was a member of the US Marine Corps and worked as a clerk/typist & where she meant Frank
- Worked as a switchboard operator and later was an office administrator and bookkeeper
- Earned her GED in 1972
- Loved to cook, work with stained glass, candle making, gardening, outdoor activities, sewing, quilt making
- Active at St. Mary School and Altar Society, Girl Scouts and GFWC-Charlotte



Resignations: Ana Basterra, Sunny Becker, Katie Dornbos, Wendee Morse



Board Talk – Dianna Rabey



Our first meeting will be held on September 18, 2015 at the Eaton Area Senior Center. This is one of my favorite meetings! It is our **Information Fair** and members and guests can see what we are involved in and sign up to help or become involved in an area that interests you.

According to an article I read recently, we should all be healthier because of what we do. Generosity, both volunteering your time and making charitable donations, benefits us by lowering our blood pressure, having a lower risk of dementia, experiencing less anxiety and depression, all which reduces cardiovascular risk and increases overall greater happiness. If you are having any problems in these areas, we have a sign-up sheet just for you!

I am so excited about our **Lifestyles of Charlotte Home Tour 2015**. The committee and the owners of the featured homes have been working very hard to make this a very special event. Be sure to mark Sunday, October 4, 2015 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on your calendar. If you would like more tickets, contact Pam Rinkey, Ticket Sales Chairperson. To volunteer, call Jeana Rohrs, Home Tour Chairperson. Both ladies will be happy to help you.

The success of the **Home Tour** is very important since it is our main money maker for two years and supports most of our programs and projects. I have enjoyed going to the meetings and appreciate all of the work this committee has put into this project. I respect and appreciate the past committee for all they did in years past. Keeping good notes and documenting well makes it easier for the next group to put their own twist to an outstanding project. Don't hesitate to thank both new and past committee members for all of their time and effort and please plan to volunteer since it is good for your health too.

My theme for this year is still **KINDNESS**, but with encouragement to GROW OUTSIDE YOUR COMFORT ZONE. If we can't try something new to expand our horizons in this supportive group, where can you grow? Believe me, it is never too late to grow.

See you September 18!

Dianna



Please inform us of information—happy, sad, and concern so that we can include it in *The Communicator*. **IF YOU DO NOT WANT INFORMATION INCLUDED, CONTACT LINDA FOSTER BY 9/30/15! (543-3041 OR ed@fosterdvm.com)**

EATON AREA FURNITURE & CLOTHING CENTER NEEDS SHEETS, TOWELS AND BLANKETS!





**KALEIDOSCOPE 2015 – DR. ANTONIO DAJER, M.D.
KEYNOTE SPEAKER; ELLIOT ENGEL KICKOFF SPEAKER**





TEA AND TOMES We resume our reading year on Tuesday, September 29, with a discussion of *Cannery Row* by John Steinbeck, one of the greatest storytellers of the twentieth century. His fascinating, realistic cast of characters--often those eking out a living on the margins of society--weaves a story of love and pain. *Cannery Row* presents a slice of the lives of the men and women who populate a strip of sardine canneries after the workers go home. Their relationships, hardships, and friendships form the backbone of the story. Please join us from 12:45 to 2:30 in the Spartan Room of the Charlotte Community Library. All are welcome; refreshments are served, and we promise--no sardines. Join us!



Sneak Peek: October 26, *Go Set A Watchman* by Harper Lee. Book Box available.

ESO

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“Enlighten your own pathway”

ESO is an honorary educational society open to all GFWC members. 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 all members, not just those who participate in a book discussion club.

GOALS:

- To encourage clubwomen's pursuit of higher education
- To create an additional means to unite women in volunteerism
- To develop a support network for women returning to school
- To improve current and develop new study skills
- To stimulate systematic home reading and study with minimum supervision
- To encourage the establishment of home libraries and greater use of public libraries
- To encourage the formation of reading/study/discussion groups

RESPONSIBILITIES:

ESO members are encouraged to participate in club programs such as

- Reading
- Participating in reading/study/discussion groups
- Working to achieve higher ESO levels
- Continuing to pursue self-improvement through personal study

Reading is, of course, the main responsibility of an ESO member. Our book discussion group, Tea and Tomes, is a separate entity; one does not need to be in the book group to pledge ESO. Members may read from an ESO published reading list (available at GFWC.org/ESO) or they may choose alternate titles. A report form must be maintained by each member and forwarded to the local chairperson, who, in turn, will forward report totals to the state ESO chairperson. Reporting is done in late-December of each year. State ESO chairs will issue certificates and awards based on report forms received. A pledge form must be completed to enroll as an ESO member (download available at www.gfwc-charlotte.com). Brynda Filkins is the local chairperson; call her with questions at 541-3698. Every GFWC member is encouraged to pledge.



Ladies of the GFWC,
I would like to thank you,
again and again, for the
kindness you have shown me.
Whether it was sharing my
experiences at MyLead with
you, or accepting your
scholarship, you ladies have always
been so generous, welcoming,
and gracious towards me. I
am so grateful to you, not
just for the way you have
blessed my life, but for the ways
in which you bless our community
through all that you do. You
are invaluable! Thanks for
embodying goodness in Charlotte,
and for knowing that life begins
outside your comfort zone.
Best,
Kirstin Anderson

MY LEAD SEMINAR AT MSU



Julie Dartt and Fran Fuller worked the MyLead registration at MSU in the spring. Pictured is Ariana Beutler, (sponsored by GFWC-Charlotte), one of the four CHS students that attended. The other students were Claire Lupini, Justin Anderson and Kristoffer Hulsebos.

Membership Memos

Remembrances . . .

Pam Rinckey – knee surgery
Cheryl Jackson – death of her mother, Alma Eckert
Charamy Cleary – death of her father
Beth Wildern’s husband, Jeff – heart surgery
Kathy Tomlanovich’s, husband, Jon – heart surgery (Kathy is a former member.)
Margie Carter – broken femur
B. D. Colson – former long-time member, died 9-9-15.

Birthdays



Anniversaries

Late September

17 Bev Trumley
19 Betty Crandall
25 Nancy Holtz
27 Dianna Rabey

18 Shelby & Scott Butler
18 Eva & Eric Crandall

28 Beth Fry

27 Sue & Paul Berger
29 Carol & Lee Monroe
30 Fran & Dave Fuller

Early October

01 Judy Whitkopf
02 Suzette Weaver
05 Sandy Maatsch
13 Lori Pray
14 Joy St. John
15 Marlene Darin

02 Sharon & Larry Adams
05 Donna W. & Richard Johnson

15 Donna S. & Leonard Johnson

TWO NEW MEMBERS:

YVONNE HANNOLD RIDGE

My name is Yvonne Hannold Ridge and I have lived in Charlotte since 1968. I graduated from Charlotte High School in 1980. I am married to Wayne Ridge and we have five wonderful adult children and two adorable granddaughters.

I have a Bachelor of Science Degree from Spring Arbor University and am currently enrolled in the Masters in Public Administration program at Northern Michigan University. I have worked for Eaton County for over 20 years. I also work for the Charlotte Public Schools where I have been the Varsity Cheerleading Coach for over 13 years. Prior to being the Varsity Cheerleading Coach, I was the Charlotte Junior Oriole Cheerleading Commissioner as well as the President of the organization for 10 years.



I serve as a council member for the City of Charlotte, representing the citizens of District 1. As a Council Member, I serve on the Charlotte Area Recreation Cooperative and the Local Development Financing Authority. I am a Can Do board member and serve on the Hayes Green Beech Development Council. In addition, I serve on the Michigan High School Athletic Association Rules Committee and the Finance Advisory Board for the Michigan Municipal League.

I enjoy being active and I love my community!

CINDY MILLER-HOLLEY

Cindy was born in Eaton Rapids, Michigan to Mother, Midge Holley; Father Lester Holley; and four siblings: Lester III, Patricia, Vicki and Rhonda. She attended Eaton Rapids Public Schools then transferred to and graduated from Olivet Public Schools. After graduation, Cindy attended Central Michigan University, then transferred to Olivet College, where she studied French, French literature and Spanish. She has worked the majority of her career in the non-profit sector. She served as Regional Director of three counties for the Easter Seal Society, Division Director of six counties for the March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation and - for the past

10 years, here in Charlotte as Executive Director for the Eaton Area Senior Center. Cindy has five amazing children: sons Casey, Jason, Jeremy and Blake; daughter Quinn; seven (7) perfect grandchildren: Les, Garrett, Brett, Tyler, Marissa, Cecelia and Lila Mae.

When asked why she wanted to join GFWC, Cindy responded with, "Because this service club does some pretty amazing things for our community." Her hobbies are: writing, reading, ice skating, swimming and wine tasting.



I inserted Mike's picture earlier in this issue, and it magically appeared here, as well. No matter what I do, I can't get it to move. I guess her spirit is still with us.



NEW CO-CHAIRS: SARA BISKIE AND BETH FRY

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

Contact Sara 543-0815, slbiskie@sbcglobal.net or Beth, 517-667-6213, beth.ann.fry@gmail.com



USED BOOKS FOR SALE! Are you looking for a reading bargain? Look for our Used Book table at every GFWC meeting. The prices of 50 cents and \$1 can't be beat! We welcome your purchases and your donations. The money collected is used by the members of Tea and Tomes for book related projects. This past year, money from the used books and donations from generous Tea and Tomes members, was given to the Charlotte Community Library for the purchase of sets of books. These "book box" sets are used by our members and by several other book clubs in the community. So, grab a good read for a good cause!

June 24, 2015. Tea and Tomes Book Club recently made a donation of \$230 to the Charlotte Community Library for use in purchasing book box sets for patrons of book clubs. Tea and Tomes is a book discussion group of the General Federation of Women's Clubs-Charlotte. The group regularly uses book box sets in their monthly meetings. Each month, GFWC women are encouraged to donate and purchase used books and other media; the receipts from these sales are given as a donation to the library. Pictured above is Karen Lewis, library Adult Programming staff member (left), Brynda Filkins, Facilitator of Tea and Tomes Book Club, and James Oliver, Director of the Charlotte Community Library. The book box sets are available for community use.



EDUCATION FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

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. Call me for an application or download one from our Club website! www.gfwc-charlotte.com

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CHECK THESE OUT...

www.gfwc-charlotte.com

(THIS SITE ALSO HAS DIRECT LINKS
TO THE GFWC MI AND GFWC WEBSITES.)

Check out our Facebook page and “like” it:

www.facebook.com/GFWCCharlotteMI



www.imembersdb.com

(user name = your email; password = your first initial and last name)

Contact Linda for help in registering for meetings online.

(543-3041)

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

Booklet Corrections:

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

If you don't get reminded of meetings, contact Sherry Myers 517-749-6762,
Sherry-myers@hotmail.com (Most communications will be in the form of email
except for those without it.)

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

Mini Trips Update



Trips carpool from AL!ve – park near the pavilion · All trips can accommodate only a limited number of participants, spaces will be filled first-come first-serve basis. · Non-members are always welcome to join us on our mini trips

➤ **SEPTEMBER 24, THURSDAY** **ARTPRIZE IN GRAND RAPIDS**

Leave AL!VE @ 8:30 a.m. Walking Tour of Artprize Venues; over 1500 works on display.
<http://www.artprize.org/> Cost: Your lunch and contribution to driver's gas

➤ **OCTOBER 10, SATURDAY** **EASTERN MARKET & HITSVILLE IN DETROIT**

Leave AL!VE @ 9:00 a.m Tour the Market, lunch your choice; Visit Motown Museum-Hitsville USA <http://www.easternmarket.com/> <https://www.motownmuseum.org/>
Dinner at Leonardo's Italian Grill, Romulus. Early car home available. Cost: Lunch/Dinner, gas, Motown Museum admission fee \$15 or \$10 Srs.

➤ **NOVEMBER 11, WED** **THE PURPLE ROSE THEATER IN CHELSEA**

Leave AL!VE @ 1:30 Enjoy the **3:00** performance of “**Casting Session**”, the hilarious world premiere comedy by Jeff Daniels that explores the lengths to which actors will go to get the part. **Dinner at Cleary's Irish Pub.** <http://www.purplerosetheatre.org/onstage/>
Cost: Play \$28, your dinner and gas

➤ **DECEMBER 11, FRIDAY** **KELLOGG MANOR HICKORY CORNERS**

Leave AL!VE @ 12:00 noon **Holiday Walk & Market Tour** of this beautiful home.
Shopping opportunity! And cookies and warm cider!
<http://www.kbs.msu.edu/visit/manor-house/> Cost: \$8/\$5 Sr admission, gas, your Christmas splurges.

WINTER AND SPRING MINI-TRIPS ON TAP:

GILMORE AUTO MUSEUM @ HICKORY CORNERS, HOLLAND TULIPS,
TURNER- DODGE HOUSE, MEIJER GARDENS JAPANESE GARDENS &
CHERRY TREES IN BLOOM.

Any ideas for future trips let us know –
Jo Vanderstelt 517-281-1301 jovanderstelt@yahoo.com or Jan Day 513-833-1246
jan_day@ymail.com

SWD Convention

September 10, 2015 at Gun Lake, MI

Speaker, Sister Sue Tracy – 5-time cancer survivor



Dianna holds a certificate for contributions to Guiding Harbor and GFWC MI Education Foundation.

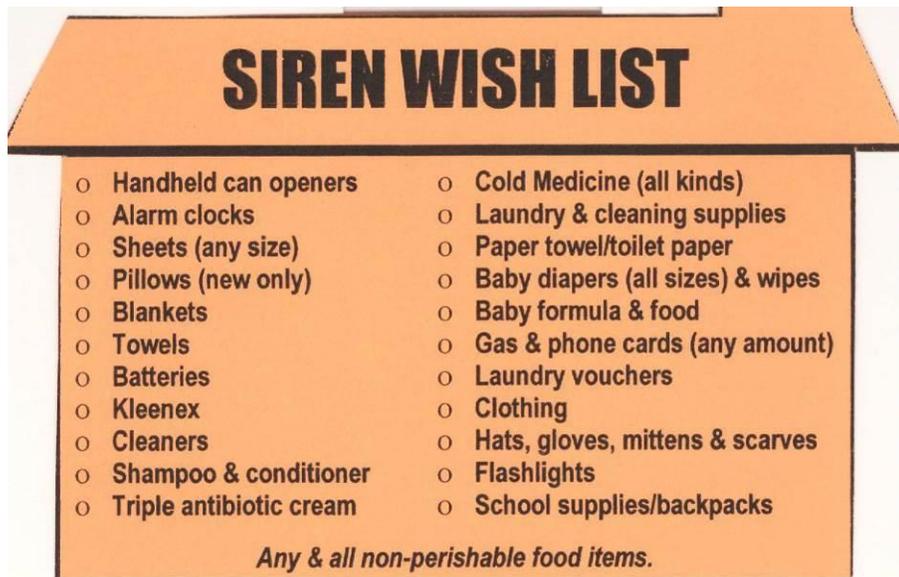


Attendees from our club: Linda Foster, Marilyn Monroe Hart, Dianna Rabey, Julie Dart, Fran Fuller



SIREN/EATON SHELTER – DONATIONS APPRECIATED.

Contact Jessica Edel for more information. Jes_edel@yahoo.com 517-213-9648



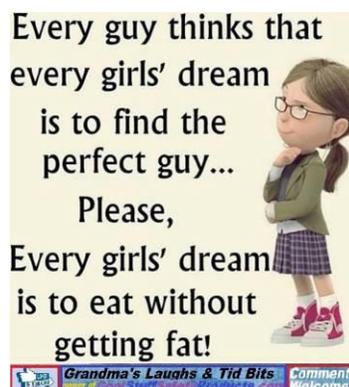
GFWC-Charlotte October Program

Diversity in Service Learning

The General Federation of Women's Clubs-Charlotte will hold its monthly meeting on Friday, October 2, 2015 at the Eaton Area Senior Center, 804 S. Cochran. The Rev. Michael Fales will be our speaker and will enlighten us on his involvement with Olivet College students' and their international service projects.

The deadline for luncheon reservations is **12:00 noon, Saturday, September 26, 2015**. Please register on-line by that day. If you need assistance please call Linda Foster and she will help you. The luncheon cost is \$10.00. We ask that you have the exact payment amount at the door. 'No Shows' are committed for payment unless their spot is resold. Social time begins at 11:30 a.m. with lunch and meeting following at 12:00 noon.

If you have any questions, please contact Fran Fuller at 517-645-2573.

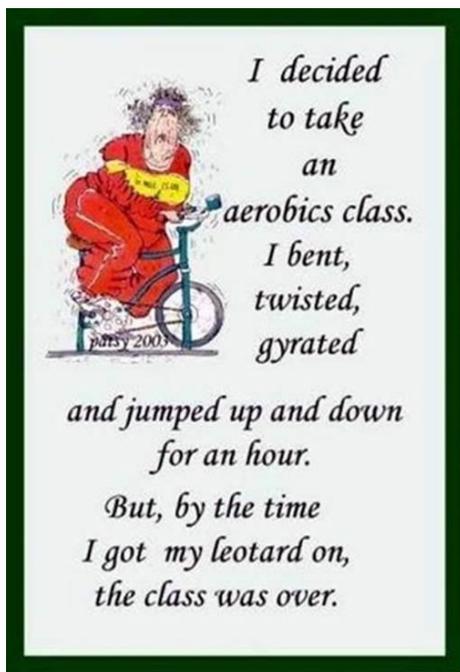


Support the Home Tour – it is our major fundraising project for two years!



Sunday, October 4, 2015
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
\$10/ticket
(Each member is responsible
for 4 tickets)





I am a Seenager. (Senior teenager)

I have everything that I wanted as a teenager, only 60 years later.
I don't have to go to school or work.
I get an allowance every month.
I have my own pad.
I don't have a curfew.
I have a driver's license and my own car.
The people I hang around with are not scared of getting pregnant and they do not use drugs.
And I don't have acne.

Life is great.

SUPPORT THE 4TH Annual Maple Hill Cemetery Tour Oct. 4th 2-4 p.m.



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