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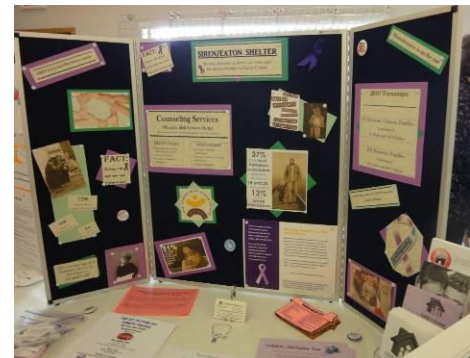
September, 2011



**INFORMATION FAIR
OPENS
THE GFWC – CHARLOTTE
YEAR**



**FORMER MEMBER &
PAST PRESIDENT
ARDEL NELSON
JOINED US. SHE
NOW LIVES IN FL**



**BARBARA FULTON
PRESENTS GFWC MI
NURSING AWARD TO
OUR NOMINEE, ASHLEY**



Membership Memos

Congratulations to Elizabeth & Steve Siler on the birth of Audrey Kay born August 31, 2011 who joins brother, Joe. (8# 7 oz, 20 “)

Our sympathy goes out to those who lost loved ones this summer:

Lori King's husband, Richard, on June 25, 2011

Marian Johnson's, husband, Bob in May, 2011

Gloria Wilson's father, July, 2011

Barb Curtis, member, August, 2011



New emails:

Lori King loriking2949@hotmail.com

Gloria Wilson gloriawilson50@gmail.com



BARBARA CURTIS DIED AUGUST 2011

Barb had been a member since 1968. She was active in the gourmet group and Mobile Meals. Her health prevented her from attending meetings in the last few years, but she always worked behind the scenes. She is survived by five children and several grandchildren.



Late September

Birthdays

17 Bev Trumley
19 Betty Crandall
25 Nancy Holtz
27 Dianna Rabey
28 Katie Dornbos
28 Beth Fry

Anniversaries

18 Shelby & Scott Butler
18 Eva & Eric Crandall
24 April & Joe Brooks
25 Gloria & Bob Wilson
27 Sue & Paul Berger
29 Carol & Lee Monroe
30 Fran & Dave Fuller

Early October

01 Judy Whitkopf

05 Sandy Maatsch

13 Lori Pray
14 Joy St. John
15 Marlene Darin

02 Sharon & Larry Adams
05 Donna W. & Richard Johnson
06 Cynthia & Bill Siarny
07 Diane & Ron Joppie

15 Donna S. & Leonard Johnson



SWD Board Meeting 8-24-11

Mary Remenak, GFWC MI Home Life Chair
Donna Brown, SWD President
Marilyn Monroe Hart, SWD Parliamentarian
Linda Foster, SWD Secretary
Margie Carter, GFWC-Charlotte President

**Join us in attending the Southwestern District Convention coming up Thursday, October 6, in Tekonsha. Let Margie Carter know if you would like to go.
(We will be car pooling.)**

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

➔ 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 9/30/11! (543-3041 OR ed@fosterdvm.com)**

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

LEADERSHIP DAY



Margie, Linda, and I recently attended Leadership Day, and one of the ideas that resonated strongly with each of us is that you can't shine your light brightly if you don't take time to fill your own lamp with oil. Our next meeting will focus on our physical health lamp.

The **October 7, 2011, meeting** will feature speakers on Women's Health Issues and will also offer a tour of AL!VE for any who have not already had the opportunity to visit there.

RESERVATION DEADLINE: Saturday, October 1, 12 noon. Reservations may be taken to Christensen's Furniture or the HGB Gift Basket. Please put your check in an envelope along with the names of those for whom you are making reservations. Alternatively, you may email sylviacollesmg@gmail.com and pay by check or exact change when you arrive at the meeting. In either case, the deadline is the same - October 1, 12 noon. **Please do NOT mail your reservations to the P.O. Box for this meeting.**
COST: \$10.

LOCATION: AL!VE

TIME: 11:30 a.m Social Time; 12 noon luncheon



Board Talk – Margie Carter



The Board met in August to get us off to another wonderful year. For those of you who are bringing guests to the meetings, we have a new guest book for them to sign that will archive each person for future reference. Look for it at the name tag desk. We tried out the 1st Lutheran Church as our site for the Informational Fair and hope that it gave all members more room to get around, see what's new and old, and that you signed up for activities. Watch for the Gourmet Club Spinoff, GAM, and Hand to Hand. Feedback from you will be very useful. Thanks to all members who stepped up to take on some responsible position in or for the Club. Without you, we cannot be successful.

Remember: We are a volunteer organization. The Home Tour is coming up October 2. Sell your tickets! Hope you enjoy the homes. See you in October.

Margie Carter

CHECK OUT www.gfwc-charlotte.com

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

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.)

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!

LINDA FOSTER(543-3041 or ed@fosterdvm.com)

GFWC - Charlotte Coffee Fundraiser Begins



16 oz bags of Fair-Trade Nicaraguan Regular, Ground or Whole Bean and Columbian Decaf, Ground or Whole Bean will be available for purchase at the GFWC-Charlotte general meetings this year. Members who have purchased this coffee in the past will be glad to know that we are able to again provide you with the same coffee as in the past.

Coffee can also be purchased by contacting either Sharon Kubica (517-231-3204 or smkubica@sbcglobal.net) or Marlene Darin (543-5873 or darins@voyager.net) between meetings. We are willing to deliver!

Calling or e-mailing an order to us prior to each meeting is helpful in assuring we have enough coffee on hand to meet all your needs.

Due to the increase in all coffee prices over the past year, 16 oz bags of this quality coffee will be sold for \$12 each. Profits from this fundraiser help support a number of the club's annual projects.

We thank you all in advance for supporting this club fundraiser and hope you come ready to purchase at all meetings this year.

Back by Popular Demand: *Innisbrook* Fundraiser for 2011



Delivery of catalogs: September 16, Opening Luncheon

First orders due: October 7th Meeting

Delivery of first orders: November 4th Meeting

Second orders due: November 4th Meeting

Delivery of second orders: December 2nd Meeting

Please **do not** include sales tax on *Innisbrook* orders.

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.

Thank you for participating in the *Innisbrook* fundraiser!

The brochures for **Uncle Al's Pecans** are here and ready to go for another successful year. These tasty chocolates, fruits and nuts are packaged in 1 lb. bags. They are great for your baking, snacking, and gift giving. The prices remain much like last year. Brochures were distributed at the September meeting, and you may place your first order in October. Order again in November with delivery in December. Let's make this our best sales year ever. You may pick up catalogs and drop off orders at *Tea and Vintage Treasures*.



SELL, SELL, SELL!!!!!!

See if you can figure out what these seven words all have in common?

1. Banana
2. Dresser
3. Grammar
4. Potato
5. Revive
6. Uneven
7. Assess

Are you peeking or have you already given up? See last page for answer.



TEA AND TOMES: Please join us for our first book discussion group of the 2011-2012 year on Tuesday, September 27, at 12:45pm. We meet at the Charlotte Community Library in the Spartan Room. We finish at 2:30pm and we always enjoy seeing new faces around the table. Refreshments will be served.

This month we will discuss *The Madonnas of Leningrad* by Debra Dean. Bit by bit, the ravages of age and Alzheimer's are eroding Marina's grip on the present. The elderly Russian woman yields to the memories of the past, specifically the years of deprivation and fear known as the siege of Leningrad. Her achingly beautiful recall of the treasures of The Hermitage and her effort to save them among the ravages of war contrast with the loss of her present-day life.



Sneak Peak for October 25: *Water for Elephants*, by Sara Gruen.

ESO
EPSILON SIGMA OMICRON
Epsilon ten sautou hoden - "Enlighten your own pathway"

ESO is an honorary educational society open to all per capita paying GFWC members. ESO is a permanent part of the GFWC 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.

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

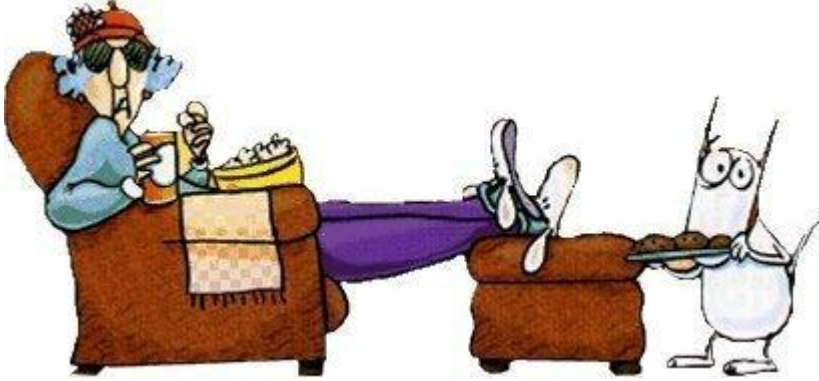
RESPONSIBILITIES:

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. Members may read from an ESO published reading list (available at www.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 usually done once per 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 (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!

HOW TO CLEAN THE HOUSE IN 2011



1. Open a new file in your PC..
2. Name it 'Housework.'
3. Send it to the *RECYCLE BIN*.
4. Empty the RECYCLE BIN.
5. Your PC will ask you,
'Are you sure you want to delete Housework permanently?'
6. Calmly answer, 'Yes' and press mouse button firmly...
7. Feel better?



*Works
for me!*

HOME TOUR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2011

10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

Buy/sell at least 4 tickets. This is a two-year fundraiser for the club which enables us to support our varied projects. (\$10 in advance; \$12 day of tour.

1. Dan & Staci Holmes,
1151 Narcisse Lane





2. 1885 Courthouse
100 W. Lawrence

3. 1st Congregational Church Annex
206. S. Bostwick St. (after
noon)



4. Tyler & Dana Pray
318 S. Sheldon St.

5. Jake & Christina Campbell
427 S. Sheldon St.



7. Jerry & Jessica Sommer
339 Maplevie Dr.

6. Howard & Chris Reist
351 Vansickle Dr.



Mini Trips Update



ArtPrize

Thursday, September 22nd cost is \$7 plus parking & lunch

carpool @ 8:45

ArtPrize is as a worldwide, open art competition hosted in Grand Rapids that showcase diverse pieces displayed though out the city both indoors & out. We will start our ArtPrize experience at the Grand Rapids Art Museum where we enjoy early admission to the museum which has on display 32 of the over 1900 ArtPrize works and will receive reusable ArtPrize tote bags. After our time at the museum we will have lunch and explore other areas of the city where art is displayed. The day will involve a fair amount of walking and being outdoors. Find more about ArtPrize at www.artprize.org

Grand Rapids Symphony & Coffee AND Frederik Meijer Gardens

Friday, November 18th cost is \$25 plus lunch

carpool @ 7:45

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).

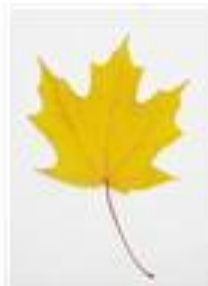
For more information about this event go to www.kbs.msu.edu/visit/manor-house/events/teas

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

**MARK FRIDAY, APRIL 13, 2012 ON YOUR CALENDAR
FOR KALEIDOSCOPE AT MSU – DAY FOR WOMEN**



WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER MARY SLOAN



Answer: In all of the words listed, if you take the first letter, place it at the end of the word, and then spell the word backwards, it will be the same word.



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