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MARY SENSABAUGH, GIRLSTOWN BOARD PRESIDENT FEATURED SPEAKER AT OUR OPENING MEETING.

She is pictured here with Carolyn Maier (left), Club Girlstown Chair, with the basket to donate for the upcoming Girlstown Auction on November 7th. The Auction theme this year is “Tools.” Our basket contains “Picnic Tools” – including ants on the card.

Mary is from Farwell and also serves as the GFWC MI webmaster.

She gave an historical background on Girlstown and explained the needs of the girls it serves.

Donations will still be accepted – monetary or goods. (Checks should be made out to GFWC-Charlotte with a notation that it is for Girlstown in the memo section.)



INFORMATION FAIR KICKS OFF OUR YEAR



70 members signed up for areas of interest and service. If you missed out on a sign-up, look in your Yearbook for the chair and contact her.

The GFWC-Charlotte Chorus entertained us with, *My Guy, My Favorite Things, and Hey, Look Me Over*, followed by a delicious lunch at the Charlotte Country Club. Mary went over the committees and departments and introduced the chairs. The proposed budget was approved, as were the By-law revisions.



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



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 9/30/08! (543-3041 OR ed@fosterdvm.com)

2009 *Innisbrook* Fundraiser

Distribution of catalogs:
First meeting, September 18



First orders due: October 2nd meeting
First orders delivered: November 6th meeting

Second orders due: November 6th meeting
Second orders delivered: December 4th meeting

Do not include sales 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 a **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 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 1lb. bags. They are great for baking, snacking, and gift giving. The prices remain much like last year. You will receive the brochures at the Sept. meeting, and place your first order in Oct. with delivery in Nov. Order again in Nov. with delivery in Dec. Let's make this our best sales year ever. **SELL, SELL, SELL!!!!!!**

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 BUY/SELL AT LEAST FOUR HOME TOUR TICKETS.

This is a two-year fundraiser for the club, so that is just \$20/year/member which enables us to provide scholarships, mentor children, fight drug prescription abuse, beautify the city, fight domestic abuse, support GFWC projects, and much more!

OCTOBER 4, 2009 – 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

PRAY APARTMENTS



PHILLIPS



KLAISS



DORNBOS



NEW HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH



SPEAKS



1885 COURTHOUSE





BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP: Tea and Tomes, our GFWC book discussion group, is open to all members interested in meeting together to discuss a common book. We meet once a month, on the 4th Tuesday, in the afternoon at the library. Plan to join us, if you can.

For our kick-off meeting on September 29th (the 5th Tuesday this month), there will be a general meeting with items of interest to all members. The roster of books for the coming year will be presented. Reading reminders and requirements for ESO, the honorary reading society of GFWC, will be outlined. There is no "assigned" book for September. If Tea and Tomes members wish to add to the general discussion, two books will be highlighted. Randy Pausch's *The Last Lecture* and Bich Nguyen's *Stealing Buddha's Dinner*, will be featured. We invite any who have read these books to join us--even if you don't plan to join us on a monthly basis. You may also view Pausch's last lecture on YouTube and Nguyen's book, which is The Great Michigan Read for 2009-10, is readily available from the library.

Tea and Tomes meets from 1:00-2:30 pm, on September 29th, at the Charlotte Community Library. It would be great to see you there!

Sneak Peek: For October, *The Glass Castle* by Jeanette Walls, will be featured. Multiple copies will be available at the September meeting.



BOARD TALK – MARY REMENAK



Dear Members,

It was so good to see so many of you at our first GFWC-Charlotte meeting of the new club year. I hope you took the time to visit the Information Fair and have decided which projects you will take part in this year. If you are still deciding, contact the committee chair, she will be happy to sign you up!

Mary Sensabaugh gave a very informative talk about Girlstown and its long history with GFWC. We support this project with the Girlstown basket that we fill each September. Also, Carolyn Maier prepares a basket for their annual auction. Their annual auction will be November 7, 2009 at the Crowne Plaza in Grand Rapids. If you have items to donate, please contact me. If you wish to attend, please join me for a great event!

If you have not contacted the Home Tour Committee to volunteer for this most important fund raiser, now is the time. The success of this event is very important to club's financial future for the next two years. We rely on this event to fund our many projects, especially our scholarships. It is important that each of us give of our time. Contact: Karen Elsesser (517) 857-2727, Nola Buck 543-2681, or Sharon Adams 543-5428.

Our October meeting is coming soon! Remember to make your reservations by September 26. We will meet at the 1885 Eaton County Courthouse. If you have not visited lately, prepare to be pleasantly informed. With their exceptional director and dedicated staff, our Courthouse is a treasure right in our own backyard!

Orders for Uncle Al's Pecans and Innisbrook papers will be collected at the Oct. meeting - think gifts!

I am look forward to another wonderful year with all of you! See you in October!

Calendar: Board meeting - September 23, 2009
 SWD Convention - October 1, 2009
 GFWC – Charlotte Club Meeting – October 2, 2009
 Great Lakes Regional Conference - Oct. 9-11, 2009
 Girl Just Want to Have Fun ...Again - Nov.13, 2009

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.

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!

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Join us in attending the Southwester District Convention coming up Thursday, October 2nd, in Three Rivers. Let Mary Remenak know if you would like to go. (We will be car pooling.)

MY LIVING WILL

Last night my daughter and I were sitting in the den and I said to her, 'I never want to live in a vegetative state, dependent on some machine and fluids from a bottle to keep me alive. That would be no quality of life at all. If that ever happens, just pull the plug.'

So she got up, unplugged the computer, and threw out my wine. I didn't think that was very nice of her.

(Compliments of SWD President, Fran Leonard. Thanks for the laugh.)

Membership Memos

IT'S NOT TOO LATE... to ACT in OCT'09

Thank you to all of the members who brought guests to our opening meeting at the Charlotte Country Club. It was wonderful meeting new people and reconnecting with so many of our members. For our club to continue to grow, we need your help by bringing guests to our meetings. At our next meeting on October 2, bring a guest, share with them what our club does, and how we help the community. Guests are always welcome to our meetings.

This year the [GFWC National](#) membership theme is, "ACT in OCT 09." The goal is to encourage membership [through](#) October 2009. So let's recruit for GFWC-Charlotte.

"Recruit and Retain, we cannot remain the same" is the [GFWC Michigan](#) membership theme this year. There is so much truth in this statement. Without all of the women of our club and the infusion of new people, GFWC-Charlotte will not continue to be a stellar organization in our community and state. Continue to share with your friends and neighbors what GFWC-Charlotte does in and the impact our club has on the lives of those around us.



Late September

Birthdays

17 Bev Trumley
19 Betty Crandall
25 Nancy Holtz

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
12 Sandy Husted
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
08 Lisa & Scott Blakeney
15 Donna S. & Leonard Johnson



Mini Trips Update

Michigan Women's Hall of Fame & Historical Museum & Clara's

A real jewel right here in our own backyard. On Wednesday, October 7 we will leave from the Charlotte Country Club at 11:00 and start off at Clara's in downtown Lansing for lunch. We will then go to the museum for a fun & informative afternoon. Cost is \$2.50 and your lunch. Check it out at www.michiganwomenshalloffame.org RSVP to Jo Vanderstelt at 543-3133.

Holly Michigan – antiquing, shopping & lunch

Join Mary Jean Baker for a day trip to Holly. Explore great shops and numerous antiquing opportunities including several antique malls. We will car pool from the Charlotte Country Club parking lot at 9:00 am on Thursday, October 15 and be back by dinner. Please RSVP to Mary Jean at 543-3068.

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 reserved space at 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 RSVP to Jo Vanderstelt asap as we have reserved a limited number of spaces for this event.

Future Trips Ideas

State Capital
Kalamazoo Art Hop
Motown Historical Museum
Wine Tasting
Bus Trips ??

Please let me know if you have an interest in any of the above ideas OR any future trips you might be interested in.

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

Interesting Michigan Facts

The Mayor of Detroit can see a foreign country from his living room.

Detroit is known as the car capital of the world.

Alpena is the home of the world's largest cement plant.

Rogers City boasts the world's largest limestone quarry.

Elsie is the home of the world's largest registered Holstein dairy herd.

Michigan is first in the United States production of peat and magnesium compounds and second in gypsum and iron ore.

Colon is home to the world's largest manufacturer of magic supplies.

The state Capitol with its majestic dome was built in Lansing in 1879.

Although Michigan is often called the Wolverine State there are no longer any wolverines in Michigan . (However, one was spotted in 2007, so there must be a few.)

Michigan ranks first in state boat registrations. (This was true till two years ago. The sagging economy now has Florida a little ahead of Michigan .)

The Packard Motor Car Company in Detroit manufactured the first Air-conditioned car in 1939.

The oldest county (based on date of incorporation) is Wayne in 1815.

CHECK OUT www.gfwc-charlotte.com

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

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



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