



GFWC - Charlotte

CLUB COMMUNICATOR

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Virtual meeting

SPEAKER: CHARLOTTE PUBLIC SCHOOLS SUPERINTENDENT, DR. MANDY STEWART

- SCHOOL BOND 2020 HIGHLIGHTS:**
- *ZERO INCREASE TO CURRENT TAX RATE
 - *SAFETY & SECURITY UPGRADES
 - *OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY & INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADES
 - *IMPROVEMENTS TO LEARNING SPACES DISTRICT-WIDE
 - *EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM ENHANCEMENTS

**INSTALLATION OF 2020 BOARD:
Conducted by Fran Fuller
Candy Bar Theme**



Chris

Linda

Patty

Val

Barb

Ginny

Pam



Julie

Sherry

Amy

Donna



Absent: Pat Campion and Pam Jarvi

Chris presented a tin Santa that she made as a thank you gift to Julie.



GFWC MI LOGOS AND THEMES:

CHRIS' THEME Soar with the Wind –
reaching new heights with GFWC-Charlotte



Support our GFWC-Charlotte Recycling Project!



Please continue to save the following items: ink cartridges, beverage can pull tabs, and box tops for education (or scan on your phone). You can turn them in the first time we meet in person. However, if you really want to get rid of the things you've collected, call me at (517)449-6274 and leave a message. We can arrange to meet in town so I can get them.

The beverage tabs go to the Ronald McDonald House in Lansing. Ink cartridges are given to the library and the box tops are taken to Parkview school.

Please Note: On newer containers, the Box Tops for Education are not clipped, you will need to scan your receipt within 14 days of purchasing an item. Here is what you need to do:

1. On a smart phone download the Box Top App. On a computer go to BTFE.com
2. Register and select the Charlotte school you want your box tops to be sent to
3. Scan your sales receipt within 14 days of purchase
4. In November report your total to Sara Biskie to include in the annual report

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



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 9/30/20! (543-3041 OR ed@fosterdvm.com)**



Remember to sign up with respective chairs for the activities and projects in which you are interested. Chairs are listed in the Yearbook and in the imembers database.



**Committee
Chair**



Green, Lorraine

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



From the Archives - Club Histories

1887 - The Ladies Literary Club was organized November 19, 1887, with a Membership of forty-two (42). The first program bears the quotation "Better to try all Things and find all empty, than to try nothing and leave your life a blank". This was a serious Study Club from the beginnings. One condition of membership states. "No one shall be eligible for Membership, unless willing to take part in Literary exercises. Any lady having a topic assigned her will be held responsible for said topic, unless excused therefrom by the Chairman."

After two years the name of the Club was changed to "Woman's Club of Charlotte"

(This summer of 2020, we have all been substituting various social media methods for face-to-face companionship. We've become dependent of all of our electronic gizmos. Here's a bit from a time when that was not the case.)

1917- Mrs. Thomas President - March 30, 1917: A Musical treat that year was when Mrs. Adams presented a paper on 'Canned Music' and Mr. and Mrs. Heffner loaned the Club their Victrola and records. The new contraption was enjoyed by all.

1925 – There were 65 active and 32 associate members. Meetings were held every other week in the Community Rooms which were above a bowling alley men's game room where the Country House Interiors store is now located, which at one time was the Consumers Power office. Frequently public dances were held in this room above the game room.

Stained glass window article in The Ledger p. 4

Stained Glass Window

Commissioned by the GFWC for the "Michigan House" at the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition held in Chicago, this beautiful piece bears the name "Charlotte". At the end of the exhibition the window was returned to the club. After the 1894 fire that irreparably damaged the building the window was installed on the ground level south/west corner of the courthouse. It was removed and restored by Vernon King in 1977 and under his recommendation was relocated to its permanent home above the archway entering the 1885 Courthouse Circuit Courtroom. King explained the glass reflects light the way it does as when the old glass makers made glass, they added gold and silver dust to the panels. The iconic window is registered with the Michigan Stained Glass Census as is the rotunda ceiling.



Dean Park – looking good!
Photo, Donna Leahy



Jean Bearup 100th birthday 8/28

Jean has been a GFWC-Charlotte member for 72 years!
She sang in our chorus for many years. Below is an article that appeared in
The County Journal recently.



GFWC-Charlotte October Program

Capitol Women – Val Marvin

The General Federation of Women's Clubs-Charlotte will hold its monthly meeting on **Friday, October 9, 2020** either at the Eaton Area Senior Center, 804 S. Cochran or via Zoom, or both. The deadline for luncheon reservations is **12:00 noon, Saturday, October 3**. 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. Social time begins at 11:30 a.m. with lunch and meeting following at 12:00 noon. We have to wait until October 1st to see what the Governor of Michigan mandates. If we have to do Zoom only, the meeting will start at 1:00 p.m. **Watch your email for updates.**





Board Talk – Chris Reist



Good Morning, All,

Jim and I have been in the U.P. for the last week. We have had sunny days only on the days we have packed up to move to our next site. But yesterday was different, there was a bright, blue sky and it was a gorgeous, sunny day. We spent the day on Mackinac Island. My sister-in-law was with us and we had a grand day. I hope that each of you are finding hidden gems of Michigan this summer.

We are ready to start our 2020-2021 GFWC Club Year. Of course, there are many changes in how we are meeting, socializing, going to the store, speaking to one another, just having a somewhat normal day, etc. Our lives are changed in ways none of us could imagine. However, GFWC – locally, at the state level, nationally and internationally are coming up with ideas on how to move forward.

Our Southwestern District Board has met twice via Zoom. On Friday, October 2, we will have our SWD Annual Meeting hosted by Three Rivers via Zoom. Lots to hear at that meeting on what GFWC MI's goals for this administration are, and what other clubs are doing. Our first local meeting will be Friday, September 18th via Zoom. Our own Dr. Mandy Stewart will be our guest speaker. Patty Greene and her committee have great speakers lined up for the year. You aren't going to want to miss a one!

Thank you to Fran Fuller for handling the installation of the 2020-22 officers at the September 18th meeting. Also, thank you to Julie Dartt for her leadership for the past two years. She is a great resource for me.

Tea and Tomes book club is being led by Brynda Filkins this year. She has already sent out a booklist to those who have indicated an interest in this group. If you would like to join, be sure to let her know. The first meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 29th, via Zoom.

At this time, we don't know how the October 9th meeting will be handled. Keep watching your email for updates. We do so want to meet together again, but need to do so safely.

Thank you to those who have paid their dues promptly. A special thanks to those who have also included a donation to our projects, including our high school scholarships.

Remember, you are a member of a sisterhood like no other. Each of you is an outstanding individual. I'm so happy to be a part of our GFWC-Charlotte club with you.

Enjoy fall in Michigan,

Chris





TEA AND TOMES: is our GFWC-Charlotte book discussion group. All members are welcome to join! We meet once a month, generally the 4th Tuesday at 1:00 pm. This year, for now, we will be meeting on Zoom. If you would like to connect with other members over a wide selection of books (fiction, non-fiction, and classic literature), this group is for you! Please contact Brynda Filkins at brynda@usa.net to be added to our roster of reading women and to receive this year's list of book selections.

September 29, 2020. Votes for Women. Winifred Conkling. Available as a Hoopla ebook. Conkling covers not only the suffragists' achievements and politics, but also the private journeys that fueled their passions.



Sneak Peek for October 27, 2020. The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek. Kim Richardson. Available as a Hoopla audiobook and ebook and as a library hardcover book. 1936. We meet Cussy Carter, blue skinned, a librarian with the Pack Horse Library Project of Kentucky.



ESO

EPSILON SIGMA OMICRON

Epsilon ten sautou hoden

“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.

EPSILON SIGMA OMICRON (ESO)

The objective of ESO is to "Enlighten Your Own Pathway" by reading books and supporting literacy in our community. Currently, we have 25 pledges from our Charlotte GFWC. We are always looking for new members and joining is easy! If you would like to pledge ESO, information and downloads for applying are on www.gfwc-charlotte.com Call Brynda Filkins at 541-3698 with questions. Join us.



The Southwestern District Annual Meeting is on October 2 and will be held virtually.

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

**SIREN/EATON SHELTER
– MONETARY
DONATIONS ARE
ESPECIALLY
APPRECIATED**

SIREN WISH LIST

- Handheld can openers
- Alarm clocks
- Sheets (any size)
- Pillows (new only)
- Blankets
- Towels
- Batteries
- Kleenex
- Cleaners
- Shampoo & conditioner
- Triple antibiotic cream
- Cold Medicine (all kinds)
- Laundry & cleaning supplies
- Paper towel/toilet paper
- Baby diapers (all sizes) & wipes
- Baby formula & food
- Gas & phone cards (any amount)
- Laundry vouchers
- Clothing
- Hats, gloves, mittens & scarves
- Flashlights
- School supplies/backpacks

Any & all non-perishable food items.

**SIREN HOLIDAY TEA IN PARTNERSHIP WITH GFWC-CHARLOTTE
Cancelled in 2020 due to Covid-19 Virus Restrictions**





GFWC MI ARTS AND NURSING SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE



Male or female, young or mature, current or re-entering students in the community are eligible to apply for a \$500 scholarship to pursue a career in the field of Nursing or in the Arts. These scholarships are provided by the General Federation of Women’s Clubs Michigan and are in addition to the scholarships that GFWC-Charlotte awards each year to graduating seniors at Charlotte High School. GFWC-Charlotte has been successful in having endorsed several winning applications in the past, and would be pleased to again submit qualified local applicants to continue that tradition.

GFWC-Charlotte encourages any student planning a career in the Arts or Nursing to apply. Applications are available at the Charlotte High School guidance office, Sparrow Eaton Hospital administrative office on the second floor, and at the Charlotte Community Library. They may also be found in a fillable format on the GFWC-Charlotte website under downloads at: www.gfwc-charlotte.com Spread the word and encourage applying. Questions? Contact Nancy Gensel, ncgensel@gmail.com

Completed applications should be preferably emailed to the sponsoring club president by **JANUARY 15, 2021**. Please email to: caureist@sbcglobal.net (or mail to: Chris Reist, P. O. Box 464. Charlotte, MI 48813).

The club president will approve completed applications and forward to Linda Foster, Chairman, GFWC MI Arts/Nursing Scholarships by **FEBRUARY 1, 2021**.

EDUCATION FOUNDATION



AVAILABLE

Want to learn something new? Pursue a new skill or career goal?

GFWC MICHIGAN Education Foundation: A Scholarship Program for GFWC Michigan clubwomen. Each year, our Southwestern District is allotted monies for scholarships. These scholarships are available for active club members of at least one year to pursue the on-going adventure of learning. As continuing education is the key to knowledge, these scholarships can be used for developing or enhancing a career skill; for attending seminars, workshops or conferences; for discovering talents or areas of interest; or for updating academic course work. Application is easily done by email and forms and requirements are available on the Club website, www.gfwc-charlotte.com on the *downloads* tab. There is a helpful Education Foundation Fact Sheet under the *Education Foundation* tab on our homepage. Contact Nancy Gensel, nc.gensel@gmail.com or 517-980-1202 with questions or for more information.

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.

LINDA FOSTER (543-3041; ed@fosterdvm.com), GFWC MI Education Foundation Scholarship Committee Chair



Membership Memos

Remembrances . . .

Death of Steve Siler, Elizabeth's husband. Visitation and service to be held at Burkhead-Green-Kilgo Funeral Home on Saturday, September 26th.

Jean Bearup turned 100 on August 28th.

Brynda Filkin's daughter, Vanessa, serious health issues.

Birthdays

Late September

19 Betty Crandall
25 Nancy Holtz
27 Dianna Rabey

Anniversaries

18 Eva & Eric Crandall
18 Donna & Michael Leahy
18 Jessica & Nick Doman
19 Penny & Nahim Irish
27 Sue & Paul Berger
30 Fran & Dave Fuller

Early October

01 Judy Whitkopf
02 Marianne Struckmeyer
05 Sandy Maatsch
12 Ginny Baxter
13 Lori Pray
15 Marlene Darin

02 Sharon & Larry Adams

Booklet Changes & Corrections:

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

Delete Lori King. Moved.
Move Betty Crandall to Associate.
Move Sharon Kubica to Active
Mandy Stewart has a new address: 701 Katie's Way
Change Joni Risner's address to 1278
Board meeting is 9/23, not 9/25



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)

<http://m.imembersdb.com> = **Mobile App**

Contact Linda for help in registering for meetings online. (543-3041)

If you don't get reminded of meetings, contact Linda Foster, 543-3041,
ed@fosterdvm.com (Most communications will be in the form of email.)

Mini Trips Update



Co-Chairs: Hope Dixon – 517-490-7451; hopedixon@rocketmail.com ; Lisa Starr – 517-282-6088;
starlis@wowway.com Trips carpool from Al!ve – park near the road by 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.

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

Ladies, Summer is behind us and it's time to think about our annual Terri Lynn fundraiser with all the delicious nuts and mouth-watering sweet treats we've learned to love. With all the changes due to Covid-19, we would like to share the process we'll be following this year:

1. Judy Whitkopf, Peggy Nichols and Judy MacInness are the committee members coordinating this fundraiser. We will each have 4 brochures and order forms to use to help place your orders, although many of you already know your favorite Terri Lynn treat! (A price list is attached with this newsletter.)

2. Product Update:

*New for 2020 - GFWC Holiday Gift Tins. Nine varieties of nuts and candies, especially for us. Check out the great new products. Great gift ideas!! (Price list is attached with this newsletter.)

* Prices for all items remain the same except Black Walnut Pieces are now \$13 and Tropical Blend is now \$11.

*The following items are no longer being offered by Terri Lynn - Cocoa Almonds, Dark Chocolate Mint Patties, Wasabi Almonds and Chipotle Mixed Nuts.

3. Contact one of us to ask questions and/or place your order. We will complete the order form for you and give you your total. You can then mail or drop off your checks to us. Our phone numbers and addresses are:

Judy Whitkopf - 517-231-0678 or 517-543-6154

Address: 308 Plymouth Drive

Peggy Nichols - 517-543-6934.

Address: 227 N. Bostwick Street

Judy MacInness - 517-231-0388.

Address: 2655 Packard Highway

4. The deadline for our first order is October 9th. The Terri Lynn fundraiser is more important than ever since the Siren Tea fundraiser has been cancelled for this year. Please think about ordering some delicious treats from Terri Lynn, then call us to help you. We look forward to seeing everyone again when we can safely gather.

Judy, Peggy and Judy



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