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GFWC MI CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

April 24-26, 2009 at Clare, MI



Linda Foster, GWC MI President Sherry Wellman, Margie Carter, Mary Remenak, GFWC President Rose Ditto, Nola Buck **CLUB OF THE YEAR AWARD FOR CATEGORY 4 & "BEST OF THE BEST"**

Margie Carter, Linda Foster, **Nola Buck (Ms. Federation), Marilyn Monroe Hart (Ms. Federation), Sherry Wellman, Jenny Lamb (Woman of Achievement), Mary Remenak**





The UP invites us to Iron Mountain next May 14 – 16 for the GFWC MI Convention

Opening of their Transportation Museum featuring the glider

Southwestern District President Fran Leonard addresses the group.



Marilyn Monroe Hart and Nola Buck (Ms. Federation)
Jenny Lamb (Woman of Achievement)



Bruce Hart was a convention speaker on 501 (C)(3) status for clubs





AWARDS!





AWARDS RECEIVED AT THE 2009 GFWC MI CONVENTION

- >Southwestern District Club of the Year
- >GFWC MI Category 4 (100+ members) Club of the Year
- >“Best of the Best” = overall best GFWC MI Club of the Year
- >GFWC MI Club Newsletter Contest winner
- >Membership – (#4) – 1st
 - “Best of the Best”
- >Arts in the Community (category 4) – 2nd
- >Conservation – Beautification (category 4) – 1st
 - “Best of the Best”
 - Resource Conservation(category 4) – 1st
- >Education – Community (category 4) – 2nd
 - Literacy (category 4) – 2nd
- >Home Life – Helping Hands in the Community (#4) – 1st
 - Focus on Health (#4) – 1st
- >Public Affairs – Citizens in Action (#4) – 3rd
 - Focus on Community Safety (#4) – 3rd
- >Special Projects:
 - Domestic Violence (#4) – 1st
 - Fundraising (#4) – 3rd
 - Leadership (#4) – 1st
 - Legislation & Public Policy (#4) – 2nd
 - Communications & Public Relations (#4) – 1st
- >Women’s Historical... – (#4) – 1st
- >Photography:
 - South Haven Sunset – Mary Jean Baker – 2nd
 - Operation Smile Dolls – Mary Remenak – 3rd
 - Great States... – Mary Remenak – 3rd
 - State Capitol of MI – Shirley Rann – 3rd
 - Red Barn Reflecting... – Shirley Rann – 3rd
 - Antigua Cactus – Fran Fuller – Honorable Mention
- >Arts and Crafts:
 - Holiday Decorations – Mary Jean Baker – 3rd
 - Quilts – Mary Jean Baker – 3rd
- >Memory Scrapbook – Lori King – 1st (blue) ribbon





Jo Vanderstelt and Stormi Stuler at Meijer's Gardens - April 15th
Mini Trip to the **Butterflies Are Blooming exhibition**

Mini Trips Update

Future Trips Ideas

Michigan Women's Historical Center & Hall of Fame
Day of Antiquing
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)



BOARD TALK – MARY REMENAK



Dear Club Members,

What a proud moment it was for us at the Annual State Convention, when GFWC-Charlotte was named the Category IV Club of the Year! We were also the only club recognized for our Membership program! Congratulations to each of us!

This recognition came to us because of you! You value your membership and the goals of our club. You give your time and enthusiasm. You care about your community, your club "sisters" and the world around you. It is an honor to know and to serve you.

Have a glorious summer!

With affection,
Mary



TEA AND TOMES: Was Thomas Wolfe right when he said "You can't go home again."? Thirty-eight years have passed since Father Tim Kavanagh left his Mississippi hometown, determined not to return. Then he receives a handwritten note postmarked Holly Springs. Cryptic and unsigned, it says only *Come home*. These two words compel him to make the most disturbing journey of his life. They also lead him to a truth that will change forever. Please join us on Tuesday, May 26, from 1:00-2:30 as *Home to Holly Springs* by Jan Karon. This first novel of the series explores the themes of family and forgiveness. We meet in Room of the Charlotte Community Library. Southern hospitality refreshments will be served. An evaluation of this year's Tea and Tomes will be taken by members of the group.



his life-- we discuss Father Tim the Spartan and Tomes will



New GFWC sign put up on N. Cochran at the north end of town.

Thanks to Doug Buck and Gary Holtz for doing the physical labor to get it up.



Lots of good ideas came from the "Brainstorming" Meeting May 1st.



RICHARD BUTMAN WAS THE GUEST NIGHT SPEAKER MAY 1st His topic was guitar making. Over 50 people enjoyed the evening at the Charlotte Country Club.

Jim Crandall was thanked for letting us use the Cochran Center for meetings.





SUMMER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

JUNE

BIRTHDAYS

02 CONNIE BAZAIRE

08 MARILYN MONROE HART

09 ALICE HAYES
12 VIRGINIA LOWE

19 KAREN ELSESSER
19 SUE BERGER
24 NICOLE LUTES
27 SONNIE CODY

30 OKJA KIM



03 JEANNETTE SOMMER
08 CAROLE BARNETT-STOPPER

15 EILENE CHRISTENSEN
16 JO GAGER
24 MARGIE CARTER
25 MIKE PAWLI
27 ANN GARVEY
29 MARYBETH WIECHERT

01 NOLA BUCK
11 VIVIAN FLOWER
13 SHARON KUBICA
16 MARY LEE FALIK
16 BETTY GEARY

16 SUSIE MOORE
19 JAN KELLEY
20 MARY REMENAK

21 SHERRY PABST
22 IEVA INGLIS
22 DONNA M. JOHNSON
24 JO VANDERSTELT
HASSELBACK
26 BARB THIEL
28 JEAN BEARUP

08 CAROLE FRANSISCOTTY

EARLY SEPTEMBER

ANNIVERSARIES

04 Cheri & Dee Smith
04 SHIRLEY & AL HIRT
06 Mary Jean & Daryl Baker
07 MONA & ED ELLARD
08 CHARLENE & BILL SUTHERLAND

18 CHRIS & FRANK FLEISCHMANN
18 LOLA & JIM WILSON
18 IRENE & EVERETT YOUNG

19 LINDA & ED FOSTER – 50th
19 DOROTHY & BOB LEESER
19 BARB & JOHN THIEL
20 ANA & JOHN BASTERRA-SUNDQUIST
20 MaryBeth & Pat Wiechert

23 CHERYL & MOE JACKSON
23 SHERRY & BOB PABST
24 CONNIE & KEITH BAZAIRE
28 BOBBIE & FRANK KANE
28 JOY & RICHARD ST. JOHN

01 BRYNDA & DAVID FILKINS

11 JOYCE & KEN SPARKS
12 BETH & JEFF WILDERN
14 LEEANN & CHARLIE GREEN
20 KIM & DAN BYRENS
24 MARIAN & BOB JOHNSON
27 MARY & RAYMOND KROODSMA
31 JENNY & JIM LAMB

JULY

AUGUST

01 ALICE & DAN HAYES
01 JACKIE & KEVIN CARR
06 JUDY & OWEN WHITKOPF
11 NOLA & DOUG BUCK
11 NANCY & GARY HOLTZ
17 Stormi & Barry Stuler

18 LORI & JOE E. PRAY
18 LAUREL & JOE E. PRAY
19 Kathy & Jon Tomlanovich
20 ANN & JIM GARVEY
22 MARLENE & FRED DARIN
24 SUSIE & LARRY SEVITTS
28 JOAN & KELLY

29 NANCY & KEVIN OLIVER

10 SYLVIA & GARY COLLES
14 LEE & DON FALIK

MEMBERSHIP MEMOS . . .

>GFWC-Charlotte members who would like to receive e-mailed **copies of approved minutes** should contact Sharon Kubica at smkubica@sbcglobal.net.

>We plan to go to **all email distribution** of *The Club Communicator* and other club documents next year. Please contact Linda Foster (543-3041) if you need a “buddy” to print off a copy for you. We would also like to hear from people who would be willing to be a “buddy” for someone. Below is a list of those to whom I have to “snail mail” copies and those who have said they would help supply copies:
Sharon Adams, Eilene Christensen, Sonnie Cody, Barbara Curtis, Zelma DeHaan, Sue Farlin – buddy is Sara Biskie, Vivian Flower, Betty Geary, LeAnnGreen, Janet Harms, Joan Hasselback, Nancy Holtz- buddy is Nola Buck (?), Sally Jewell, Bobbie Kane, Nancy Oliver, Wanda Powell, Kathleen Rathbun, Patty Retzer, Joy St. John, Jeannette Sommer – buddy is Margie Carter; Bev Trumley, Nathalie Weseman – buddy is Marilyn Monroe Hart; Beth Wildern, Elsie Wiltse, Irene Young,

Marian Johnson – new email: mwj652235@sbcglobal.net

Donna Mae Johnson – new email: dnljohnson@live.com

Delete: Christi Dutcher and Delma Smith

Remembrances . . .

Kim Capps' mother-in-law , Margery Capps, died April, 2009

Barb Curtis – systemic infection

Shirley Rann's husband, Dick – pneumonia

Bev Trumley & husband Dick – serious health issues

Congratulations to those who have children & grandchildren graduating!



JORI WINS SCHOLARSHIP



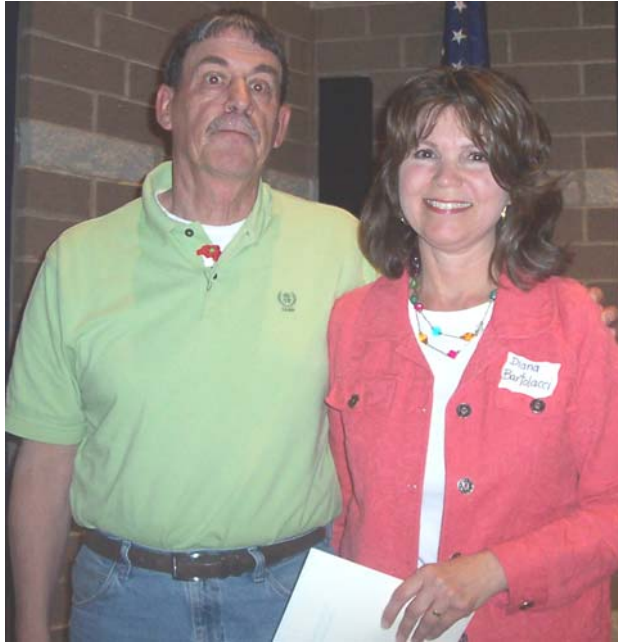
For the past 40 years, GFWC-Charlotte has taken great pride in bestowing an Educational Booster Grant to an outstanding senior. The amount this year is \$1250. This year's recipient is Jori Bartolacci, daughter of Diana and Joe Bartolacci. Jori was taking an AP exam, so her parents accepted it on her behalf. Jori is in the NHS, All-Academic for basketball and soccer, is a Special Olympics volunteer, Sunday School Teacher, Freshmen Mentor. She will attend Grand Valley State University and study nursing in the fall.

TRAVIS STOLIKER –

Marketing Director, Liquid Web, Inc. –

graciously stepped in with just two days notice to be our Senior Tea speaker, when Elaine Bickel had to cancel due to a pending death in her family. Travis talked on, “What I Wish I'd Known When I Was In High School.” He gave a dynamic presentation and was well-received by students and parents alike!

*JORI BARTOLACCI WINS SCHOLARSHIP
(ACCEPTED BY PARENTS)*



*SPEAKER:
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TEA HONORING CHARLOTTE HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS-5/8

The Miracle of Friendship

There's a "Miracle called Friendship"
That dwells within the heart
And you don't know how it happens
Or when it gets it's start...
But the happiness it brings you
Always gives a special lift.
And you realize that "Friendship"
Is God's most precious gift!
(Submitted by Fran Fuller)

The next issue of "*The Club Communicator*" will be in September.
Please be sure to let me know during the summer if you have an address,
phone, or email change.

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Have a great summer. Please say, "YES," when asked to serve!



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