



# GFWC Big Rapids Newsletter



November, 2020

*"Words have no meaning until they are put into Action."*

Hello Ladies!



Well, November has arrived in a flurry, literally! I am not ready for snow yet and thankful it will be in the 60s this coming weekend.

I would like to thank all the members for their generous giving. We were able to brighten many residents' days at Altercare. Also, thank you for the book donations. They will brighten many children's days.

Hope everyone was able to vote. We have many women to thank for this right.

Please print out the last page of this newsletter and keep it handy for volunteer and donation opportunities.

Remember to give thanks for all our blessings, not only this month but each and every day.

*Ann*

**"We must find time to stop and thank the people who make a difference in our lives."**

*J. F. Kennedy*



**General Meeting**  
**Tuesday, November 10th**

**Our Business meeting begins at**

**6:30pm**

**Big Rapids Elks**

**Program: Health & Wellness CSP**



**Sending our care, concerns  
and hugs to:**



**Mary Sue Hansen**

**Bonnie Jacoby**

**Jennifer Houttiker**

**Judy Irvin**

**Carl Boroff**

**Bruce Fredrick**



**Linda Telfer 11/5**

**Mary Sue Hansen 11/5**

**Pam Muccio 11/18**

**Mary Bechaz 11/20**

**Ann Stellard 11/26**



**Don't Miss!**  
**Tuesday, Nov. 10th**  
**6:30pm Big Rapids Elks**

We will be at the Elks where we will be able to practice social distancing and encourage everyone to wear a mask if possible. The business meeting will start at 6:30 since we will not be able to serve refreshments.

For those who are not able to attend in person, you will be able to attend via ZOOM. The link will be emailed to you.

We will be deciding if we want to have our annual Christmas party.

*Please bring any of the following:*

Can Pull Tabs

Batteries for recycle

Quarters or check for Heifer International

Items for gift bags for women Veteran residents

Nail Polish & Remover    Chap Stick

Hand Lotion (small)    Shoe Horns, long handle

Note Pads, Stationary    Magnifier glass

Repair kits for Glasses

Ongoing Collection of Recyclable clean pop cans or bottles to help the Big Rapids Scouts camp fund — Drop donations at Sue Johnson's office

## TALK ABOUT IMPRESSIVE!!!



THANK YOU TO EVERYONE who contributed to the making of 73 gift bags for the residents of Altercare. The staff was so excited to receive our generous gifts. You each have helped to brighten the day of many residents at Altercare. Way To Go!!!



## A Magical Evening

**Guiding Harbor's  
Annual**

**Virtual Charity Auction**

Nov.7th 7:00—9:00pm

Here is the Raffle box that  
has been donated on behalf  
of GFWC BR

Thanks to Dee and Bruce for  
their donation of golf and gifts  
from St. Ives and Tullymore .

If you would like to “attend”, go to  
the website to the right to register  
and bid on items.



[one.bidpal.net/guidingharborauction/welcome](http://one.bidpal.net/guidingharborauction/welcome)

Education & Libraries CSP has delivered slightly used books to 3 locations.  
**Thank you for donating these books for the kids of our community.**

Please remember we collect books all year.



Joyce, Celeste & Angie Peters Director at Head Start.

BOOKS...



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Leslie Parish and Joyce at Our Brother's Keeper.



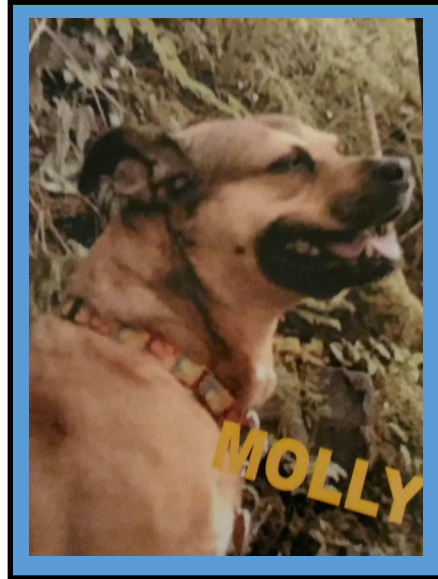
WISE staff member with Celeste.

And MORE BOOKS!





## Meet Molly Houttiker, Our Canine GFWC Ambassador



Hopefully it won't be too long before Molly and Jennifer will be able to go to school to be with the students as they enjoy reading.



Joan, Jennifer & Molly

## ONGOING DONATIONS :

Greeting Cards for all occasions

Children book donations of nearly new books

Bottle and Cans for BR Scout Fund

Pop can tabs for Ronald McDonald House

Used batteries for recycle

Foster Child Suitcase items

Used shoes for Soles for Souls

Quarters or check for Heifer International

Plastic grocery bags to be crocheted into sleeping mats for the homeless



## UPCOMING PROJECTS:



Flower arranging for Fall and Christmas arrangements for friends and shut-ins: Nov. 16th 6:00pm Sue Johnson's home

Gift Bags for Women Veterans—list is on page 3 To be delivered in Nov.

Mitten Tree at Artworks : new hats, mittens, scarves  
Nov. 16 - Dec. 7

Operation Smile Kits: Dee has kits for distribution Nov. thru April

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:



**Project Starburst** : Looking for a volunteer to pick up a weekly Friday evening donation of breads, etc. from Panera

Looking for help assisting in the pantry or shopping

Contact Diane Long at 231-79-5342 [br@projectstarburst.org](mailto:br@projectstarburst.org)

**Our Brother's Keeper**: Looking for volunteers to assist at the dinner hour with guests—no cooking required

Other opportunities may be available on an as needed basis

Contact Lila Ecker at 231-629-8033