



GFWC Big Rapids Newsletter



August, 2021

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

Hello Ladies,

August has arrived (too quickly) and it's time for our summer picnic. Please read the newsletter for the details. Try to invite a guest. We need to increase our membership and this is a good time to get to know us. We had a great time playing Bunco last month. Several have said they would like to play again. We will let you know when arrangements are made. If you missed the first one, hopefully, you can join us for the next game.

Our general meetings will be starting up soon. Be sure to mark your calendars for the second Tuesday of the month.

Hope to see you all on Tuesday, August 12th.

Ann

Summer Time Activity

Tuesday, August 10th

SUMMER PICNIC 6:00



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Sending our care, concerns and hugs to:

Jennifer Houttiker

**Katelynn Bechaz recovering
from auto accident**



Diane Tatsak August 30



MARK YOUR CALENDAR:



Our new club year begins

Tuesday, Sept. 14th

6:30pm at The Elks



SUMMER PICNIC

with a

Hawaiian Twist

Tuesday, August 10th

6:00pm

St. Peter's Pavilion 408 Bellevue St.

Come enjoy a relaxing picnic with your
GFWC Sisters.

It will be a Potluck or you may
bring your own meal. Paper
plates, silverware and beverage
will be provided. Please contact
Ann if you can come and what
type of food you would like to
bring so we don't have lots of
duplicates.

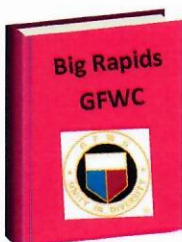
Call or text Ann at (224)210-9477





Ann hosted our first BUNCO Night. We had 9 members and 1 guest. We all had a great time. Thanks Ann!

IT'S PINK BOOK TIME!



Could you please check your personal info in this year's pink book directory and let Linda Telfer know if there are any changes in your phone number, email or address by Aug 13th?



Here are the committee sign ups for our new club year.

GFWC Big Rapids, Inc
Committee List 2021-2022

Arts and Culture CSP

Mary Sue Hansen
Jerena Keys
Linda Telfer

Civic Engagement and Outreach CSP

Melanie Henry
Pam Muccio
Mary Olshewski
Pat Rossi
Dee Van Horn

Education and Libraries CSP

Joan Boroff
Kathy Cooper
Jennifer Houttekier
Joyce Iltis
Jerena Keys
Pam Muccio
Celeste Szczerowski

Environment CSP

Mary Bechaz
Kathy Cooper
Carrie Franklund
Sue Johnson
Beth Martz
Mary Olshewski
Ann Stellard
Celeste Szczerowski
Linda Telfer

Health and Wellness CSP

Sue Bean
Mary Bechaz
Mary Olshewski
Mary Beth Vanderlist
Vickie Vogel

SIGNATURE PROGRAM:**Domestic and Sexual Violence Awareness and Prevention**

Mary Olshewski
Dee Van Horn

JUNIORS' SPECIAL PROGRAM**Advocate for Children**

Joan Boroff
Joyce Iltis
Sue Johnson

Bay Cliff

Mary Olshewski

Guiding Harbor

Sue Johnson

Budget Committee

Mary Sue Hansen
Beth Martz
Dee Van Horn
Mary Beth Vanderlist

Christmas Party

Sue Bean
Mary Bechaz
Ann Stellard
Mary Beth Vanderlist

Communication and Public Relations

Melanie Henry

Education Foundation

Joyce Iltis
Jerena Keys

Fundraising Ways and Means

Mary Bechaz
Linda Telfer

Holiday Family

Sue Bean
Mary Olshewski
Mary Beth Vanderlist
Vickie Vogel

Legislation and Public Policy

Mary Olshewski
Dee Van Horn

Memory Book

Mary Bechaz
Pat Rossi

Pink Book

Pat Rossi
Linda Telfer
Celeste Szczerowski

Report Writing

Linda Telfer
Pat Rossi

GFWC Big Rapids Website

Carrie Franklund
Linda Telfer



The Board is recommending that each CSP meet before our September meeting in order to plan any potential projects for the coming club year.

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

Quarters or check for Heifer International

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



YEARLY PROJECTS:



Foster Child Suitcase project: Collecting books, flashlights, night lights, plush animal, blanket, suitcases or duffle bags. Sue Bean is collecting donations.

Creating mats from plastic grocery bags for the homeless . Get your finished mats to Pat Rossi.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITES:

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

Contact Diane Long at 231-79-5342
br@projectstarburst.org

DRIVERS NEEDED: John Klever from DHHS expressed the need for the volunteer transportation program they have for individuals who need transportation to medical appointments and for CPS and Foster Care visits. Volunteers can work as many days a week as they choose and are reimbursed \$.56 a mile.

If you or someone you know are interested in volunteering for this, you should contact John Klever at 231-796-4312 and leave a message. This is his office number and he is still working from home.