



# GFWC Big Rapids Newsletter



September, 2021

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

Hello Ladies,

The bluebirds and most robins have disappeared and the leaves are starting to change. Fall is coming and along with it our monthly meetings. Hopefully, all the CSP's have had a chance to meet and can share your agendas for the coming year. We already have some events scheduled and hope that you are able to participate. Please read your newsletters and emails to keep up with things.



*Ann*



**OUR NEW CLUB YEAR BEGINS!**

**Tuesday, September 14**

**Meeting begins at 6:30**

**There will be no refreshments**

**Wearing a mask is suggested**



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**Sending our care,  
concerns and hugs to:  
Jennifer Houttiker  
Katelynn Bechaz recovering  
from auto accident**



**Joan Boroff 9/21**

**Beth Martz 9/21**

**Ruth York 9/22**

**Pat Rossi 9/29**



Our 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the 2021/2022 club year

**Tuesday, September 14th**

**6:30pm at The Elks**

**The business meeting will begin at 6:30,  
there will be no refreshments.**

**Wearing a mask is suggested**



Things to bring:

We will be collecting our annual dues of \$65

You will be receiving your new Pink book

Your CSP plans for the year if possible

**WINTER WEAR NEEDED:**

We are asking for donations of any winter coats, scarves, hats, mittens, & boots for any age to be given to community members in need. September ONLY.



We are continuing to collect:

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



**HAS YOUR CSP MET TO MAKE PLANS FOR  
THE YEAR? Please bring your plans  
to the meeting!**

**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  
Ann Stellard  
Celeste Szczerowski  
Linda Telfer

**Health and Wellness CSP**

Sue Bean  
Mary Bechaz  
Mary Beth Vanderlist  
Vickie Vogel





HERE ARE SOME HIGHLIGHTS FROM OUR SUMMER PICNIC



Linda & Ann



Linda, Dee, Celeste, Ann, Sue J. & Melanie



Beth & Sue B.



Celeste, winner of lei toss & Beth, winner of flip flop toss



Jerena & Dee



Pam, Ann & Linda



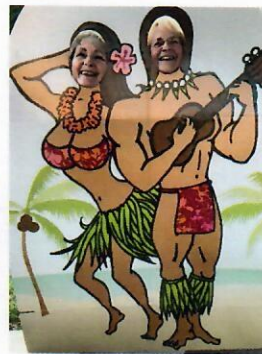
Pam & Carrie



Pat & Ann



Pat & Ruth



Sue J. and Melanie



Celeste & Linda with the winning toss





## A few More from the Summer Picnic



Pam, Sue, Mary Beth, Joan & Sue B.



Joan & Jennifer



Mary Beth & Celeste



## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN GFWC MICHIGAN?



### Great Lakes Region Conference

Oct. 7—10 Lisle, IL Double Tree Hilton



### Northwest GFWC District Meeting

Sat. Oct 16, Mecosta



### GUIDING HARBOR Annual Auction

Sat., Nov. 20 Livonia, MI

Our Club, GFWC Big Rapids is creating a gift basket for the auction. If you have anything that you would like to contribute to the basket, please bring it to the meeting.

More information is on the next page.



# GUIDING HARBOR Annual AUCTION Information:


PLEASE JOIN US AT THE

## MAGICAL MASQUERADE



AN EVENT TO SUPPORT GUIDING HARBOR  
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2021  
6:00-10:00PM  
MARRIOTT DETROIT LIVONIA  
17100 N LAUREL PARK DR. LIVONIA, MI 48152

TO PURCHASE TICKETS:  
[WWW.GUIDINGHARBOR.ORG](http://WWW.GUIDINGHARBOR.ORG)



## WEAR A MASQUE OR A MASK

*Enjoy the Magic of Guiding Harbor's 36th Annual Auction*

EVENT TICKETS ARE \$75  
OR A TABLE OF 8 FOR \$560  
(EARLY BIRD TICKETS PURCHASED BEFORE OCT 20, 2021 ARE \$70 EACH OR TABLE OF 8 FOR \$520)

DINNER, DESSERT, OPEN BAR AND  
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT  
BY COMEDIC MAGICIAN CAMERON ZVARA

GUIDING HARBOR IS A PRIVATE, NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION THAT  
PROVIDES CHILD CARING AND CHILD PLACEMENT SERVICES FOR  
ABUSED AND NEGLECTED CHILDREN.



## ONGOING DONATIONS :

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## 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

**Mana Pantry:** Needs volunteers . If you can help once a week or once a month, it would be appreciated. Contact: Bonnie Clark at 231-408-2940

**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.