



# GFWC Big Rapids Newsletter



January, 2022

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

Hello Ladies,

Happy New Year! And you know what that means!! Reports are due. I know it's not the fun part but please take a few minutes to make sure your numbers are in. Thanks to all who have been sending in your reports after each event. It makes things much easier. Linda will let committees know if she is missing any. The other thing we need are hours not associated with an event and donations. Please get these to Linda Telfer no later than January 15th. Reports need to be turned into the state by February 1st.



Thank you!!!

*Ann*

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**Our next meeting is Tuesday, Jan. 11**

**6:30pm**

**At the Elks**



**Arts & Culture program: Valentine making workshop**



Please bring or email Your Personal Yearly Report to Linda Telfer.



**HOORAY!**

**Katelynn Bechaz is home  
from months of rehab.**

**Sue Johnson's arm is  
healing well**

**Happy Birthday!**

*Cathy Cooper 1/13*

**More Sleep  
More Books  
More Tea  
More Sunsets  
More Walks  
More Laughter  
More Dreams  
More Fun  
More Love**





# Our General Meeting

## Tuesday, Jan. 11

### 6:30pm Elks

To celebrate **Martin Luther King Day**, Arts and Culture CSP is having a Valentine making workshop to supply Valentines for Meals on Wheels.

If you have **any card making decorations**, please bring them. Some suggestions to bring stickers, small lace or trims, ribbon, rhinestones, felt pens, card stock, scissors, glue or anything else that you might have.

Our goal is to make 160 cards.

We are also asking for **paper donations for Our Brothers Keeper**. If you would like to contribute, they are in need of 12oz coffee cups, paper plates, microwaveable disposable bowls, and Tampons.



**Other things to bring to the meeting are:**

Your yearly **personal REPORT** of volunteer hours and donations.

**CSP project reports**

Other items to bring if you wish:

**Project Smile completed projects** (deadline April)

**Foster Care Suitcases:** teen age books, and cuddly blankets (They have everything else.)

Wear **BLUE** to acknowledge Human Trafficking Awareness Day

# Mitten Tree Donation to Angels of Action

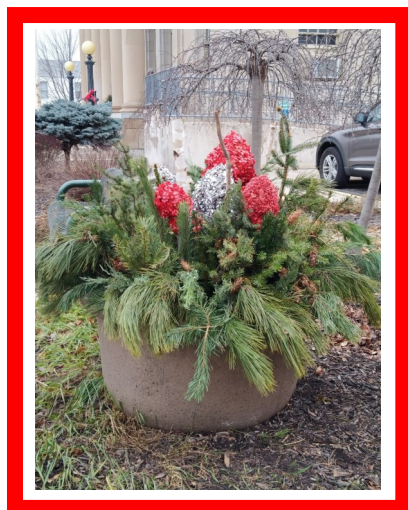
Our members were happy to donate 81 wonderful hats, mittens, scarves, and other winter items that included many were lovingly handmade items.

Kim Easler from Angels of Action is surrounded by Ann, Mary Beth, Vickie and Mary B.



SNOW  
PANTS

The committee also was able to buy snow pants and sweat pants for the elementary schools .



## 2021 Christmas Post Office Urn

Thanks to our Environment CSP, the Post Office garden is decorated for the holidays. What a wonderful way to help decorate our community!

## SHOPPING FOR THE WISE CHRISTMAS FAMILY



Our Christmas “elves” went shopping for our “adopted” WISE family. Thank you Sue B, Mary Beth, Ann, and Vickie.



They brought all the gifts to our Christmas party and we wrapped them for delivery.



# Our Christmas Party



Our Christmas Party Committee: Vickie, Ann, Sue, Mary, & Mary Beth provided a delicious meal and planned games and fun favors. Everyone enjoyed a relaxing evening of friendship!





## Haleakala National Park

As we explore another National Park, wouldn't it be fun to visit one in Hawaii right now. Specifically the Haleakalā (sounds like huh lay aa kuh laa) National Park. The information and pictures were all obtained from the National Parks Service website.

Hawaii Volcanoes and Haleakalā National Parks were founded as one park in 1916 and celebrated their 105<sup>th</sup> birthdays this year. Haleakalā became its own park in 1961 but there is a strong feeling between Hawaii Volcanoes and Haleakalā. Haleakalā National Park is home to the dormant Haleakalā Volcano and freshwater Pools of 'Ohe'o and is located in Kula, Maui, Hawaii. This park extends from the 10,023 foot summit of Haleakalā down the southeast side of the mountain to the Kīpahulu coast near Hana where swimming is not recommended due to safety concerns. These two sections of the park are not directly connected by road, but both can be reached from Kahului. There are no gas stations within the park. All areas of this national park are fairly remote – stores, services and lodging are all at least 30 minutes away.

On any given day, the temperatures in the park can range from a high of 80°F in Kīpahula to a low of 30° at the summit. In either area, clouds and rain can quickly replace warm sunshine. Weather in the high-elevation summit and wilderness areas of the park is highly unpredictable and changes often. Cool temperatures, intense solar radiation, and rapidly moving clouds are characteristic. On average, the temperature drops about 3°F for every 1,000 foot rise in elevation.

Haleakalā National Park is an international Biosphere Reserve that supports native ecosystems in a naturing volcanic landscape. Stewards of this park incorporate Native Hawaiian protocols and generational knowledge for the perpetuation of cultural resources, and implement traditional and modern methods for the preservation of natural resources.

Of particular interest would be Ethel Baldwin (*couldn't help but think that she should have been involved with GFWC J*), born in Hawaii in 1879, descendent of Congregational missionaries who had moved to Hawaii in 1842. Ethel attended Punahou School and spent her youth on the shores of Waikiki and Honolulu Harbor. At 17 she married Harry Baldwin, son of H.P. Baldwin, who was one of the co-owners of

Haleakalā Ranch, and they moved to Maui with her husband where he began a productive political career. Ethel became a community leader, serving as Executive Secretary of the American Red Cross Association during WWI and supporting families with relatives away at the war. She used her privilege to support her community and played a crucial role in establishing the Kula Sanitarium for tuberculosis patients in Maui, even paying for one ward of the hospital which is now the Kula Hospital. She would go on to set up a ranch-style USO (United Service Organization) center in Makawao during WWII, and spent time with the servicemen there every day.

In addition to being a generous philanthropist and community leader, Ethel was also a leader in the women's rights movement. In 1919, she was unanimously chosen as the President of the Maui Women's Suffrage Association and spoke passionately about the women's suffrage to different women's organizations across the island. Ethel was also an avid supporter of the arts and founded the Hui Noeau arts society, and was an inspired artist herself. After she passed in 1967, the Baldwin home, Kaluanui, was donated to Hui Noeau. Today it still serves as a center of the arts for the Makawao area residents. She was an exemplary leader for all the people of Maui, and she devoted her life to the communities of people living on the slopes of Haleakalā. What a woman!!

It is the knowledge, traditions, songs and stories shared by the people of today that give life to the Haleakalā landscape. Native Hawaiians have lived on and *mālama* (cared for) the land for over 1,000 years. Important cultural places and sites are found within the Summit and Kīpahulu areas of Haleakalā National Park and are spoken of in numerous Hawaiian *mele* (songs/chants) and legends. This special place vibrates with stories of ancient and modern Hawaiian culture and protects the bond between the land and its people. The park also cares for endangered species, some of which exist nowhere else. This is a special place that will renew your spirit amid stark volcanic landscapes and sub-tropical rain forest with an unforgettable hike through the backcountry.



Kīpahula District



Pools at 'Ohe'o