



# GFWC Big Rapids Newsletter



April, 2022

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

Hello Ladies,



The end of winter is here (hopefully) as well as our club year. Congratulations to our newly elected board and thank you for stepping up. Please mark your calendars with our May Banquet on the 10<sup>th</sup>. We will have the installation of officers as well as our new member. Check the newsletter for donation requests (sorry!) as this will be the last general meeting until September. Sign up sheets will also be at the meeting for those who did not get a chance to sign up at the last meeting.

Hope you remember to register for the state convention, April 22-24. It's always a fun time.



*Ann*

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**Our next meeting is Tuesday, April 12**



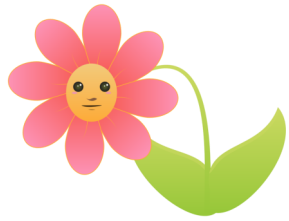
**6:30pm**

**At the Elks**

**Program presented  
by Environment CSP**

**hello  
spring!**

**Make sure you sign up for next year's CSP**



**There are NO APRIL  
birthdays!**



Sending our best wishes  
for speedy recovery to:  
Mary Olshewski recovering from  
knee replacement  
Lucy, Sue Johnson's grand  
daughter who had ear drum  
surgery



## Planting of the Pinwheels

Because of inclement weather, we have had to postpone the planting of the pinwheels until Tuesday, April 12th at 4:00. Please meet in the parking lot of the United Church to pick up a box of pinwheels to plant. After planting, we will meet for a quick dinner before our meeting at 6:30.



# Our General Meeting

Tuesday, April 12

6:30pm Elks



Program is presented by the Environment CSP.  
They have a Mystery Recyclable Project for us.

Mary Bechaz will be bringing brochures about the Dragan Trail to share with us.

## Things to bring to the meeting are:

**\$26 Check for the May Banquet (details on page 7)**

**Donations for:**

**Education Foundation Michigan product gift basket**

**Items for BayCliff — list is on page 5**

**Items for the Mecosta County Sheriff's PURSES FOR A PURPOSE project (email was sent to you on Wed.)**

**Can Pull Tabs**

**Batteries** for recycling

**Quarters or check** for Heifer International

Ongoing Collection of Recyclable **clean pop cans or bottles** to help the Big Rapids Scouts camp fund — Drop donations at Sue Johnson's office. If possible it would be appreciated if you indicate how many items are in the donation on the outside of the bag .

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

**Foster Care Suitcases items:** teen age books,



# 127th Annual State Convention

April 21-24

Double Tree Hilton Hotel  
Grand Rapids

We hope that you are able to come to the annual State Convention which is in Grand Rapids this year. If you are coming for one, two, or three days, please let Ann know. If you need transportation, also let her know because there may be others coming at the same time and you can carpool. We hope to have a good turnout. It is always fun to visit with other clubs in our state.

## Help Create a Michigan product Gift Basket for the Convention

As our NW District Rep (Education Foundation), I would like to make a basket of Michigan made products to be auctioned off at our state convention. Any items that our members would like to bring to the March meeting would be greatly appreciated!

The proceeds go to the GFWC Education Foundation Scholarship fund.

Thanks, Joanie



# BAY CLIFF WISH LIST

Dear Friends,

There are many ways to support Bay Cliff and donating gently used/new items is a great way to show your support! The following items are of particular importance in our ability to serve/value our campers. Items are prioritized below.

Of course many other items would be appreciated as well, but please contact Bay Cliff (906-345-9314; [baycliff@baycliff.org](mailto:baycliff@baycliff.org)) before you come to visit. We have very limited storage on camp and we can only accept those items that can be of **immediate use**. Thank you for supporting the children and adults who attend all of our various programs!

## HIGH Priority Need

- Bed and pillow protectors
- COTTON **twin** sheets sets (Extra long!)
- Boys and girls elastic-waist shorts (sizes 6 - adult)
- **Safety pins (2 inch)**
- LED light bulbs (all types)

## Priority Need

- Children's clothing (sizes 4-10)
- Women's clothing (sizes 14-20)
- Boys dress pants
- Boys ties
- Duct and painters tape
- Nature guide books

## Always Appreciated

- Arts and crafts supplies
- Children's underwear (sizes 4-10)
- Office supplies
- Balloons
- Sidewalk chalk
- Items for costume room





## SLEEPING MATS DELIVERED

Thanks to all who have created the sleeping mats for the homeless.

We were able to deliver 4 mats to Our Brother's Keeper along with personal size hygiene items and 8 mats to the Salvation Army.



## MOTHER'S DAY IS ON SUNDAY, May 8th.

Patterson's Flowers is in need of people to deliver bouquets on Saturday, May 7th. If you are interested in delivering, please let Melanie know.

Patterson's will pay our club \$5.50/delivery. We were able to make \$258.50 delivering Valentine flowers. What an easy way to make money for our many projects.



## Our May Banquet is on

**Tuesday, May 10**

**6:00pm Antlers Fireside Grill**

**Canadian Lakes**

The plans are under way for our annual Banquet. We will be celebrating our last year's accomplishments and installing our new slate of officers.

It is always a fun evening.  
Please plan on coming.

The cost for the evening is \$26

We would like to receive payment  
at our April meeting.



**COFFEE TALK IS**

**TUESDAY, April 26th**

**10:00am**

**Three Girls Bakery**

**Come visit with your GFWC sisters.  
Bring a friend too!**