



GFWC-Big Rapids Newsletter

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“Working for a Better Community”

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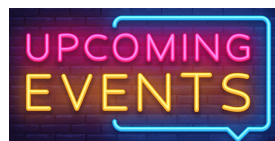
President’s Note

Well here we go sisters! I feel that we have been in cruise mode for the past two years even though we figured out how to accomplish some of our goals and even managed to have some events. Let’s put it in gear and get going this year. To begin with, are you ready to jump onboard and have some fun? Melanie Henry, 2nd VP, has been busy planning some social events for us which is an easy way to invite a friend that may be interested in joining GFWC. “People who serve are people who grow.” I’m looking forward to these events and we will be setting up a car pooling opportunity to cut down on expenses.

I would like the activity planning to begin soon. I would ask that each chair of a Community Service Program get together with their group and start brainstorming and come up with at least one new project that the entire membership has the opportunity to participate in. These events will be added to our club calendar. Some CSPs are well into the planning stage already. Yeah!!!!

I’m looking forward to this year but please take time to enjoy the summer and energize yourself. I need you on the GFWC Team this coming year.

*Linda Telfer,
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July 14—5:30 p.m. Gwin Girls Winery in Remus (carpool from City Hall parking lot. Please let Linda know if you would like to carpool.)

July 26—Coffee Talk—Three Girls Bakery 10:00 a.m.—Bring a friend

July 30—GFWC MI Advisory Board Meeting, 9:30 a.m., Midland (Invitation Only)

August 1—GFWC-Big Rapids Board Meeting 5:00 p.m.

August 9—Summer Picnic (more information coming)

August 23—Coffee Talk at Three Girls Bakery 10:00 a.m.

August 24—Young’s Farm Winery in Mecosta 5:30 p.m.

September 6—GFWC-Big Rapids Board Meeting 5:00 p.m.

September 13—GFWC Member Meeting @ Elk’s Lodge 6:30 p.m.

Welcome New Members



Shellee Behrend transferred into our club last year with her mother Judy Nicklaus. Shellee is a mother of three and a grandmother of ten. She loves to garden, crochet, make jewelry, and create different quilting projects. She is also an avid reader of all types of genres and enjoys the outdoors. Shellee joined GFWC in 2005 and has been involved with the Education Foundation and is currently a member-at-large. She was in the Michigan LEADS program in 2014; started the Allendale Woman's Club and Allendale Juniores Club; was honored as Ms. Federation in 2016, Women of Achievement in 2017, and elected West Central District President in 2018. She is quoted as saying, "I love volunteering and being a member of GFWC." Welcome Shellee, you have a lot of common interests with GFWC Big Rapids members.



Karin McKean has rejoined GFWC-Big Rapids after retiring from nursing (RN) and also counseling. Karin and her husband Ron mentor engaged couples as part of their premarital requirements at St. Mary/St. Paul parish. Karin is on the church's finance committee as well as serving as secretary of the St. Mary/St. Paul Ministries board and volunteers twice a week at the ministries store. Her interests include travel, reading, getting together with friends, photography, art, music and keeping up with current events. Her son was recently married and she is hopeful to become a grandma. Welcome back Karin and thank you Pam for your efforts in getting her back into the club.



Judy Nicklaus, transferred to GFWC Big Rapids with her daughter Shellee Behrend. Judy has been married for 67 years, is a mother of three married children, grandmother to eight, and great grandmother to 13. Judy first joined GFWC Evart in 2000 and has served in many leadership positions at the club level, district level and was a LEADS candidate in 2006. Her hobbies include gardening, music, fishing, sewing and raising Golden Retriever dogs. We are looking forward to your participation Judy.



July Birthdays



July 11 - Carrie Franklund
July 29 - Vickie Vogel

Members—Cares and Concerns

Joyce Iltis is continuing to heal from her knee injury and she is anxious to ride dirt bikes with her granddaughter.

Linda Telfer's new granddaughter (Clara James Telfer) arrived early. She was born on June 21 and weighed 8 pounds and was 20.5 inches long. Mom, dad and baby are doing fine as well as big sister Kendall.

Vickie Vogel is recovering from hand surgery.



Next Social Outing

Melanie Henry, 1st Vice President, has planned an evening at Gwin Girls Winery in Remus on July 14th at 5:30 p.m. Anyone wishing to carpool should let Linda Telfer know by texting 250-2088 and meet in the City Hall parking lot at 5:00 p.m.



Club Vests

The “GFWC at Work” vests, that were created by Ann Stellard, are now housed at Sue Johnson’s office. Club members are encouraged to use them when working on GFWC projects in the community. The vests should be returned to Sue’s office once the project is completed so that others may use them.



4Bs Fundraiser

Bags, Baubles, Bon Bons and Bites

It's not too early to start collecting purses and jewelry for our fundraiser as we are beginning with all new items this year. More information will be coming in the near future on this.



Just a reminder

Members should be using the gold notebooks for recording GFWC hours and information. These were distributed at the year-end banquet. First Vice President Pat Rossi will be discussing reporting at our first meeting so get ready.



Auction Update

The leftover garage sale items are being sold on Currie's On-line Auction Site. We should be receiving a little more money from this in the near future..



Coffee Talk

We had a great time meeting new friends at our Coffee Talk on June 28th at Three Girls Bakery. Please consider joining us on July 26th at 10:00 a.m. and bring a friend.

Community Gardens

The two community flower gardens that the Environment CSP maintains is starting to really bloom and take shape. Take a look as you drive into Big Rapids.





GFWC Banner

If you haven't noticed, our GFWC Banner is up and can be seen on Maple Street in front of Hometown Pharmacy facing west. Check it out.

CSP and Special Programs Assignments

2022-2023

(others will be listed in the Pink Book)

ARTS AND CULTURE - Jerena Keys, Ann Stellard, Linda Telfer

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH – Melanie Henry, Pam Muccio,
Mary Olshewski, Pat Rossi, Dee Van Horn

EDUCATION AND LIBRARIES - Joan Boroff, Joyce Iltis, Jerena Keys, Pam Muccio,
Celeste Szczerowski

ENVIRONMENT - Mary Bechaz, Sue Johnson, Beth Martz, Ann Stellard, Celeste
Szczerowski, Linda Telfer

HEALTH AND WELLNESS - Sue Bean, Karin McKean, July Nicklaus, Ann Stellard,
Mary Beth Vanderlist, Vickie Vogel

DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION—

Judy Nicklaus, Dee Van Horn