

GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMAN'S CLUB

BIG RAPIDS NEWSLETTER



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"Working for a Better Community"

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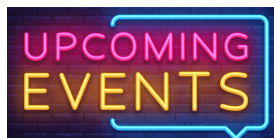
President's Note

Here we are in August already with our annual picnic coming up on August 9. I hope that you are all able to attend. Bring a dish to pass and **invite a friend** who might be interested in GFWC. The invitation was emailed on July 20th; however, the information can be found in this newsletter. It should be a fun night.

If you haven't been able to attend any of the social events this summer that Melanie has planned, you sure missed some good times. These provide an opportunity for you to **invite a friend** who might be interested in joining our club. The events after our picnic will be our Coffee Talk on August 23 at 10:00 in Three Girls Bakery then on Wednesday, August 24th at Young's Farm Winery in Mecosta; again **invite a friend**.

Then there is September.....with our first meeting of the year. Where did the summer go? Looking forward to your new projects this year. I will be meeting with the CSP chairs prior to our meeting to see what you have planned.

Linda Telfer, Club President & Newsletter Editor



August 9—Summer Picnic (see page 2)

August 23—Coffee Talk at Three Girls Bakery 10:00 a.m. (see page 2)

August 24—Young's Farm Winery in Mecosta 5:30 p.m. (see page 2)

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

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

September 20—4:30 p.m.—Riverfront Park in Newaygo and walk to Newaygo Brewing Company by 5:30 p.m.

September 29-October 2—GFWC Great Lakes Region Meeting in Brookfield, WI

October 15— Northwestern District meeting in Reed City at the Methodist Church

November 5—Michigan LEADS Conference @ Comfort Inn & Suites, Mt. Pleasant

November 12—Guiding Harbor Fundraiser at Marriott Livonia

UPCOMING EVENTS

Summer Safari Picnic



This lion is asking, “is there any reason why you can’t attend the summer picnic and **bring a friend?**” Join your sisters for a fun evening.

When: Tuesday, August 9

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Where: St. Peter’s Pavilion

408 W. Bellevue—Big Rapids

Bring a dish to pass! The rest will be provided.



Coffee Talk

A great time was enjoyed at our Coffee Talk in July. Five members plus one guest (Traci Vincent) attended. The next Coffee Talk will be August 23, at Three Girls Bakery. Please consider joining us at 10:00 a.m. and **bring a friend.**



Social Outing

Make your calendar for Wednesday, August 24 as we will gather at Young’s Farm Winery by Mecosta 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 (north end) at 5:00 p.m. Wear your GFWC attire. Melanie has been working hard at organizing these wonderful

events. This gives you an opportunity to **invite a friend** who might be interested in joining.



Birthday Celebrations



No birthdays in August. We need to recruit members who were born in August.

Members—Cares and Concerns

Mary Beth Vanderlist and Vickie Vogel are both recovering from hand surgery.

Joan Boroff is recovering from foot surgery.

Jerena Keys has tested positive for COVID and is self isolating.

A BIG THANK YOU!!!

Thank you to the following sisters who agreed to Chair a Community Service Project for 2022-2023. Can't wait to hear what your CSP has planned.

Arts & Culture—Ann Stellard

Civic Engagement & Outreach—Melanie Henry

Education & Libraries—Joyce Iltis

Environment—Celeste Szczerowski

Health & Wellness—Sue Bean

Last Month's Social



If you didn't attend the social event at Gwin Girls Winery in July, you missed a good time. It was good to see Kathy Nee and also to meet De-lore Simpson and Traci Vincent who would like to join our club. Yeah!!!



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.



Auction Update

Currie's On-line Auction site has netted us another \$155.20. We still have a little small check coming. A big thank you to all who organized this as well as contributed items to sell.

State Advisory Board Information

The GFWC State Advisory Board meeting was held on July 30th. Below is some information from that meeting.

International President Theme “A Million Dreams”

President Deb Strahanoski

Focus: Membership, Leadership, Communication

State President Theme

“Dream, Explore, Discover!”

President Kathy Lewis

Projects: Guiding Harbor and Michigan LEADS

Symbol is the anchor

District President Theme

“Dream It, Believe It, Achieve It”

President Denise Allen

Symbol is the butterfly

Important Dates:

September 29-October 2—GFWC Great Lakes Region Conference in Brookfield, WI

October 15—District Meeting at the Methodist Church in Reed City

November 5—Michigan LEADS Seminar at the Comfort Inn & Suites in Mt. Pleasant

November 12—Guiding Harbor Fundraiser at the Marriott Livonia

April 27-April 30, 2023—State Convention at the Hilton by Doubletree Bay City Riverfront.

Community Events

Voca Lyrica Summer Fest Rummage Sale



Cost?

\$25.00 for
2 parking lot spaces.

Who can sign up?

Anyone with items to sell -
*families, friends, neighbors,
associations, organizations,
church groups, etc.*

Why sign up?

We will do all the advertising
and organization of the sale.

Questions?
Call Kathy!
517-420-1973



What can you sell?

Any used items such as -
*clothing, toys, electronics, furniture,
tools, appliances, sports equipment,
camping gear, household items, etc.*
No firearms please!

How do I sign up?

Vendor applications available at:
*Big Rapids City Hall, Artworks, both
pick up and drop off at Pattersons,
or call 517-420-1973*

Rummage Sale sponsored by Voca Lyrica