

GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMAN'S CLUB

BIG RAPIDS NEWSLETTER



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"Working for a Better Community"



President's Note

"Life's most persistent and urgent question is, What are you doing for others?"

Martin Luther King, Jr.

Summer is finally here!!! Time to get outside and enjoy the weather. Melanie Henry has organized several social events for us this summer and I hope that you will participate. Don't forget to invite a friend who might be interested in joining GFWC. We can always use more members.

Linda Telfer, Club President & Newsletter Editor
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Deadline for submission is last day of the month.

P.S. Can you find the flip flops in this newsletter?



June 10-12—GFWC International Convention, Louisville, KY

June 21—Wine Tasting Heavenly Vineyards 4:00 p.m.—Dinner at Moe-Z-Inn, Morley

June 28-GFWC-Big Rapids Golf Scramble, 5:00 p.m.-Pines Golf Course, Canadian Lakes (see more information on page 5)

July 12—Wine Tasting at Gwin Girls @ 5:00 p.m.—Remus

July 18—Bay Cliff Day in the UP

August 8—Annual GFWC Picnic 6:00 p.m.—Place to be determined

August 23—Wine Tasting @ The Winery at Young Farm, 6:00 p.m., Mecosta

October 13-15-Bay Cliff 90th Birthday Bash

October 21—Northwestern District Meeting in Big Rapids

November 4—"Michigan LEADS" in Midland

May 2-5, 2024—GFWC Michigan State Convention—Menominee, MI

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

6—SHELLEE BEHREND

9-MARY BETH VANDERLIST

22-CELESTE SZCZEROWSKI



Club Members—Cares and Concerns

Dick and Mary Sue Hansen

Melanie Henry

WELCOME NEW MEMBER



Cathy (Catherine) Chapman was initiated into our club at the May Banquet. She has jumped right into the club including donating items and submitting entries into the Arts & Crafts contests at the State Convention where she earned a blue ribbon on her crocheted bear.

Cathy was born in Clawson, Michigan and lived there till age 6. Her family then moved to Rochester Hills, where her parents renovated the pre-Civil War farmhouse they bought. She lived there, with her two brothers and one sister, attending Avondale High School and then Oakland University until she married her high school sweetheart, Mark. Mark and her then lived in Clare for two years while he finished college at CMU. Cathy worked at the bank in Clare, as a teller and bookkeeper. They then had their first son, Tim, there and then moved to The Woodlands, Texas when Mark obtained a job as a science teacher and football coach (Just Like Friday Night Lights!). She started working

for Ford Credit there, and had two more sons, Josh and Chris. After nine years away from family, they moved back to Michigan in 1991.

They had a daughter, Jacqui (finally a daughter!) in 1993 and raised their family of six in Auburn Hills and Madison Heights. Most free time was spent on football fields, baseball diamonds, wrestling tournaments and cheer competitions.

Cathy retired from Ford Credit in 2017 with 36 years of service. She performed many tasks there, from approving loans to collecting payments, to repossession administration, to lease vehicle management to technical writing. Her father was an attorney for the company for 34 years before her and her son Chris is now a manager there. They really are a Ford family!

The children are all grown and they have two daughters-in-law, a son-in-law., and seven grandchildren (5 granddaughters and two grandsons) to date. They have an amazing yellow lab named Bailey who is part human, they are certain.

Mark and Cathy moved to Canadian Lakes in 2020 and it was the best decision ever. They love it here and now have time to pursue hobbies and enjoy family.

Cathy loves all crafts, especially quilting, crocheting and hand embroidery. She belongs to a quilt club, plays Bunko, spends time with her parents and Mark's parents, gardens when she can, goes boating when time allows, and she is now happy to be part of the woman's club.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION



NO MORE PLASTIC BAGS!! The plastic mats for the homeless project is being discontinued. Please return to using your reusable bags.

Personal Care Products—As you travel this summer, would all club members save the unused personal care products from the hotels that you are staying in (shampoos, lotions, soaps) . The club will be putting those items in special bags at our September meeting.

WE NEED YOU!! Is there any reason why you can't help our club by serving on the board for the 2024-2026 year? The slate of officers will be presented at the February meeting with the election being held in March. I know it is a little early, but be thinking about how you can help and who you would like to see in the following positions: President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Any active member shall be eligible for any office after they have been a member of the club for one year. A nominee for the office of the President must have been a member of the Executive Board at least one year before their name is place in nomination. The offices of President, 1st VP and 2nd VP shall be held for no more than one two year term.

MILEADS Who would be interested in attending a MILEADS one day session in November? This would be a great opportunity to learn more about GFWC, network with other members across the State, and improve your leadership skills. Pat Rossi and Linda Telfer attended last year and it is well worth the time spent. Be thinking about it, as we would like to send a couple of members.

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 19

Monthly Walk

The **Health and Wellness Community Service Program** invites you to join them on their monthly walk. They walk on the Monday following the monthly club meeting at 10:00 a.m. and begins at the City Hall parking lot.



June 21

**NOTE
DATE
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Wine Tasting

Heavenly Vineyards, Morley, MI, at 4:00 p.m. with dinner following at Moe-Z-Inn.



June 28

Golf Scramble

Pines Golf Course, Canadian Lakes, @ 5:00 p.m. Cost is \$20 for non-members of the course. Please send in your check and registration by June 21 to Pat Rossi.



July 12

Wine Tasting

Gwin Girls, Remus, MI, at 5:00 p.m.



August 8

GFWC Picnic

Annual GFWC Potluck Picnic, 6:00 p.m.—School Section Lake Pavilion. Hot dogs, sloppy joes, paper products and water will be provided. Carpooling is encouraged as cars will need to purchase a park day pass if you do not have a park pass.



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

MAY BANQUET 2023



Joyce Iltis and Sue Johnson c



Pat Rossi, Ms. Federation (check in #2) scanning Janet Miller Monfils Miller (left) and Karin McKean (right) with her Ms. Federation wand at the door.



Those who passed the security scanning enjoyed the evening.



Banquet continued....

Initiation of New Member



New Member Cathy Chapman initiated by 2nd VP Melanie Henry.

Club Awards



Ms. Federation—Pat Rossi presented with Ms. Federation certificate by President Linda Telfer.



Clubwoman of the Year 2022-23—Karin McKean (center). Vickie Vogel (2022-22 Clubwoman of the Year) on left and President Linda Telfer on right.



New Member of the Year 2022-23—Delores Simpson on left and President Linda Telfer on right.



Health & Wellness CSP of the Year 2022-23. Left to right—President Linda Telfer and Sue Bean, Chair, with committee members Ann Stellard, Mary Beth Vanderlist, Vickie Vogel, Karin McKean and Mary Bechaz.



Service Awards: Joan Boroff 20 yrs.; Mary Beth Vanderlist 10 yrs.; Ann Stellard 15 yrs.

What's Been Happening?

Below is the list of awards that you won at the State Convention.
So proud of you ladies.

GFWC MICHIGAN STATE AWARDS

1st Place

Health & Wellness CSP
Advocates for Children
Domestic Violence Awareness/Prevention
Women's History & Resource Center
Newsletter Contest
Website Contest
Membership



Northwestern District Club of the Year

STATE CLUB OF THE YEAR—CATEGORY 2

2nd Place

Arts & Culture CSP
Education & Libraries CSP
Environment CSP
Leadership
Legislation and Public Policy



3rd Place

Communication & Public Relations





MAY MONTHLY WALK

Ann Stellard, Vickie Vogel, and there might have been a third person for the monthly walk.



The Health & Wellness CSP Yard Sale was held on May 11 & 12 at the Big Rapids Township Building. Thank you to everyone who worked the event, donated items and attended the events. Over \$850 was made after all expenses. These funds will go to purchasing suitcases for the Foster Child Suitcase Program.

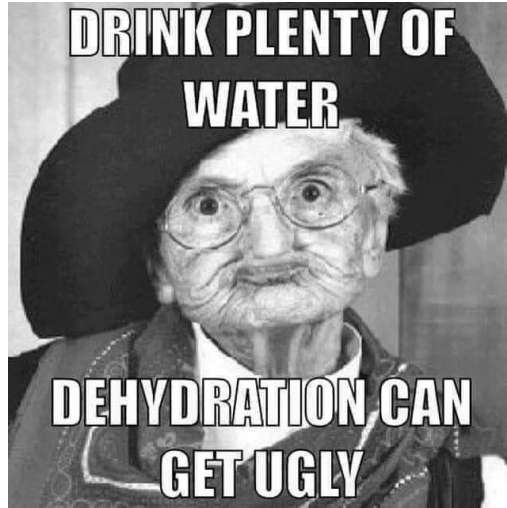
GARDEN WORK



THE GARDENS ARE READY!!!

Five club members weeded and planted five flats of flowers plus the plants for the two urns in both the Post Office and Riverwalk Gardens. Let the growing begin. Pictured L-R Linda Telfer, Ann Stellard, Celeste Szczerowski, Sue Johnson and Delores Simpson.

MONTHLY HEALTH TIP



DRINK MORE WATER!!!

State 1st Place Winners Puzzle

GFWC Big Rapids June Puzzle

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