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GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUB



WEBSITE: GFWC-BIGRAPIDS.ORG

September, 2023

"Working for a Better Community"



President's Note

"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in service to others."

Mahatma Gandhi

It's September and the start of a new club year. I'm looking forward to what the CSP's have planned this year.

Linda Telfer, Club President & Newsletter Editor
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Deadline for submission is the 25th of the month.

P.S. Can you find this flower in the newsletter?



August 26—September 1—Mum Fundraiser—\$15 for a 8" mum (see page 4)

September 12—First Meeting 6:00 social/6:30 meeting @ The Elk's

September 13—Mum pick up at LeeAnn's Flowers (corner of West Avenue & State Street) from 4:30-8:00 p.m.

September 30—GFWC Day of Service

October 13-15-Bay Cliff 90th Birthday Bash

October 21—Northwestern District Meeting in Big Rapids

October 26-4B's Fundraiser @ Artworks 4:00-7:00 p.m.

November 4—"Michigan LEADS" in Midland

November 11—Guiding Harbor Auction-Novi Sheraton

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

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

21—JOAN BOROFF

22—RUTH YORK

29- PAT ROSSI



Club Members—Cares and Concerns

Carl & Joan Boroff

Dick & Mary Sue Hansen

Melanie Henry

Joyce Iltis

Ruth York

FOR YOUR INFORMATION



BOOKS NEEDED

All types of books are needed. If you have any books you would like to donate for men, women and/or children, please get them to an Education and Libraries CSP member. These will need to fit in the Little Libraries (no bigger than 6x9 inches).



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 placed in nomination. The offices of President, 1st VP and 2nd VP shall be held for no more than one two year term.



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. ALSO, if anyone would like to donate full size personal care products, the pantries are really in need of them. Just bring them to the September meeting.



Day of Service—We will also be collecting canned meat and fruit as the pantries do not receive these. These will be distributed to the local pantries as well.

CHECKLIST FOR MEETING

- Dues (\$65)
- Personal Care Items for Day of Service
- Canned meat and canned fruit for Day of Service
- Batteries for recycling
- Can Tabs for Ronald McDonald House
- Books (both new and/or used) for Little Libraries
- Quarters for Heifer International
- Greeting Cards (used) for the Senior Center
- Clean pop cans or bottles for the Big Rapids Scout Camp Fund
- Money for mystery drawing
- Ideas for the next community projects.
- Secret Sister List (form will be sent with agenda)
- Slightly used purses, jewelry and scarves

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 1

NOTICE

Education & Libraries Fundraiser

Mum pick up will be September 13 at LeeAnn's Flowers from 4:30-8:00 p.m. Proceeds will be for furnishing the GFWC-Big Rapids Children's Education Corner at the Elks as well as other activities for this CSP.



September 12

First Meeting of the Club Year

6:00—Social Time

6:30—Meeting

Location: The Elk's

September 30

National Day of Service—please bring in your shampoos, lotions, etc. as well as canned meats and fruits to be donated to the food pantries.



GFWC-Big Rapids 4B's Fundraiser

(Bags, Baubles, Bon Bons & Bites)



GIRLS'S NIGHT OUT!!



Thursday, October 26, 2023

4:00-7:00 p.m.

Artworks

106 N. Michigan Ave.—Big Rapids

Gently used purses, jewelry and accessories will be available to purchase for \$1.00-\$10.00 and boutique items priced accordingly. All proceeds from the above will be donated to the Children's Programs at Artworks.

We are currently accepting donations of SLIGHTLY USED PURSES, JEWELRY AND SCARVES.
Drop Off Locations: Artworks Lobby—106 N. Michigan Avenue, Big Rapids
Lerner, Csernai & Fath Office—15505 Waldron Way—Big Rapids
DesNoyers Agency—416 Linden Street—Big Rapids
Lakes Realty—8520 100th Avenue—Canadian Lakes

WOMAN ARTIST OF THE MONTH

(Information provided by Arts & Culture CSP)



Nancy Puffer is from Grand Rapids. She and her husband purchased a cottage on the river in Big Rapids in 2014 and moved here permanently in 2019. She has a passion for making colorful things and in the early 2000's she started creating glass lampwork beads and incorporating them into jewelry. During COVID, with too much time on her hands, she explored other creative venues and eventually fell in love with alcohol ink, a fluid painting technique. Through postings on Facebook, she had enough people interested in the technique and began teaching classes. She was teaching and selling her pieces at Artworks and a gallery in Florida where she goes for the winter. Unfortunately, Hurricane Ian destroyed the gallery and her home in Florida along with her supplies and products. Some of her items are still available at Artworks. Any new work has been put on hold but we can look forward to her next creative adventure.



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT — GFWC-Big Rapids, Inc. was represented at the **National Night Out** event on August 1st with Sue Johnson and Ann Stellard assisting Elroy at he Elk's table . Representative Moolenaar stopped by as well.



Look who else stopped by—Vickie Vogel is with Elroy and Ann Stellard.

THE MONTHLY WALKERS — The monthly walk took place with more people joining in this month. Looks like they walked to the boat for a ride on the river.



SUMMER CLUB PICNIC

August 8, 2023



Summer Club Picnic continued



**AND.... THE WINNER OF THE DOLPHIN RING TOSS WAS
CATHY CHAPMAN!!!!**



COMMUNITY GARDENS ARE COMPLETED!!!



A ribbon cutting ceremony was held on August 18, 2023 at the Big Rapids Library for both the Children's Literacy Playground as well as the Community Gardens. Pictured above are nine members who attended as well as Gabe Chapman, Eagle Scout Candidate, who took the construction of the boxes on as his Eagle Scout project.



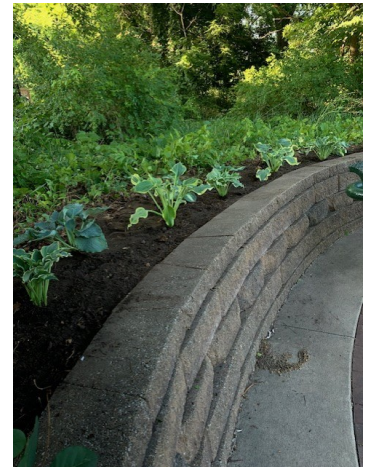
Last Social Event—The last social event was held at Young Farms Winery on August 23 with dinner following. Such a good time was held and we laughed until we cried, luckily they were not that busy. Thanks Cathy for the entertainment!

GARDENS ARE LOOKING GREAT

Post Office Garden



Riverwalk Garden



Transformation!!! Fifteen hostas were donated (3 at the Post Office and 12 at Riverwalk).



The Puzzle



LET
GROW
BEARLY

GFWC BIG RAPIDS SEPTEMBER

ACRONYM PUZZLE

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SED SWD UPD VP WHRC



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| East Central District | Southwestern District |
| Enlighten Yourself Electronically Site | Upper Peninsula District |
| General Federation of Women's Club | Vice President |
| Legislative Action Center | Women's History & Resource Center |
| Michigan Leadership Education & Development Seminar | |
| Martin Luther King | |
| National Day of Service | |
| Northeastern District | |
| Northwestern District (this is us) | |