

GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMAN'S CLUB

Big Rapids Newsletter



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“Working for a Better Community”



President's Note

“As you grow older, you will discover that you have two hands — one for helping yourself, the other for helping others.” — Audrey Hepburn

Happy Fall! I'm looking forward to the Bay Cliff Birthday Bash, the Northwestern District meeting as well as our 4B's Fundraiser. **There will be a sign-up sheet at the October meeting for both working the event as well as food.** We have a busy month.

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 pumpkin in the newsletter?



October 10—Club Meeting—5:45 picture at Mary Sue's house (106 Rust Ave.-BR)/6:00 social @ Elk's/6:30 meeting @ Elk's

October 13-15—Bay Cliff Birthday Bash

October 21—Northwestern District Meeting @ the Elk's beginning at 8:30 a.m registration/9:00 a.m. meeting

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

November 4—Michigan LEADS Seminar in Midland, MI

November 14—Club Meeting @ The Elk's 6:00 pm social time/6:30 pm meeting

November 11 — Guiding Harbor Auction, Novi Sheraton

December 12—GFWC-Big Rapids Christmas Party more info coming

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



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

2—SUE BEAN

13 —JANET MILLER MONFILS

14—DEE VAN HORN



CHECKLIST FOR MEETING

- Secret Sister Information Sheet**
- Birthday Bag Items (Cake mix, candles, card, frosting, napkins, etc)**
- Slightly used coats, boots, hats for the community**
- Slightly used purses, jewelry and scarves for the 4B's fundraiser**
- Batteries for recycling**
- Can Tabs for Ronald McDonald House**
- Books (both new and/or used) for the 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**
- Extra Money for Guiding Harbor mystery drawing :)**

UPCOMING EVENTS



GFWC NORTHWESTERN DISTRICT MEETING



October 21, 2023

**8:30 am Registration/9:00 am Meeting
Big Rapids Elk's**

**SEND IN YOUR REGISTRATION
DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 11th**

Registrations received after that date will be charged an extra \$3.00.

GFWC-Big Rapids, Inc. is hosting the GFWC Northwestern District Meeting this year. It couldn't be more convenient and the meeting will be held at the Elk's (just like our Club meetings). A copy of the registration form is on the next page for your convenience.

NOMINATIONS FOR GFWC-BIG RAPIDS OFFICERS

Nomination forms will be distributed at the October Club Meeting. Be ready to nominate your next slate of officers. Yes, this is a little early but this will allow the next slate of officers to observe what each officer does prior to taking office. Listed below are the requirements according to our bylaws and some of the duties.

President—“Must have been a member of the Executive Board at least one year before their name is place in nomination.” (Duties: Preside over all club and E-Board meetings, serve as ex-officio member of every committee (except nominating committee), responsible for newsletter)

1st Vice President—“An active member shall be eligible for any office after they have been a member of the club for one year.” (Duties: Assistant to the President and preside in absence of President, serve as Dean of Community Service programs, Committees, and oversee preparation of annual reports.)

2nd Vice President—“An active member shall be eligible for any office after they have been a member of the club for one year.” (Membership Chairperson)

Secretary—“An active member shall be eligible for any office after they have been a member of the club for one year.” (Duties: Keep accurate record of all meetings of the club and E-board and conduct all correspondence of the club.

Treasurer— “An active member shall be eligible for any office after they have been a member of the club for one year.” (Duties: keep accurate account of all monies and make no payments except as authorized by the club or the E-Board.)



**GFWC MICHIGAN NORTHWESTERN ANNUAL MEETING
2023 REGISTRATION FORM**



CLUB NAME _____

CLUB PRESIDENT _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

Email Address _____

Registration including lunch is \$20.00 (\$9.00 reg + \$11.00 lunch)

A late fee of \$3.00 must be added if postmarked after Oct 11th

Name

Amount Paid

Amount carried from additional form:

***Please attach a list of members attending that do not fit on the form above.**

CHECK TOTAL:

Make checks payable to: GFWC Northwestern District

Mail payment and registration form to: Angela Christie 2nd VP, 6547 E 48th Rd, Cadillac,
MI 49601

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

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING



Open Arms Child's Advocacy Center hosted a fundraiser on September 9, 2023. Five members were able to attend this event and enjoyed the Dueling Pianos entertainment. Last year the center was the recipient of 50% of the sales from our 4B's fundraiser.

The Monthly Walkers — The monthly walk took place on the Monday following our Club meeting. They are looking for others to join them and you could be in the background like Mary Beth is every time.



Education & Libraries Mum Fundraiser-

A big **THANKYOU** for the generous turn out and support for the flower fundraiser for the Education & Libraries CSP. The flowers were absolutely huge and beautiful. This was what most cars looked like when leaving Lee Ann's Flowers.

Highway Clean-Up

Highway Clean-Up is completed for this year with only four bags of garbage and 1/2 bag of cans and bottles being collected. Thank you for the five members who assisted with this. It was a great night to accomplish this important task for our community.



Lunch & Learn



The second Lunch & Learn was held on September 27 where ten members gathered together on a lunch hour to learn how to take pictures better using their cell phone camera. If you didn't attend, you missed a great class. Thank you Melanie Henry for arranging this. (Disclaimer: the above pictures were taken prior to completing the class.)

NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! You really came through for our National Day of Service. You donated 38 cans of meat, 34 cans of fruit, 58 bags of personal care products with each bag containing shampoo, lotion and miscellaneous other items such as conditioner, Band-aids, soap, etc. (5 of them for men); 13 bags of dental products (toothbrush, toothpaste, chapstick and mouthwash) and two of those were for children which included a cup; 3 large bottles of shampoo, 4 large hand creams, and a bag of razors.



Pictured: L-R –Dee Van Horn, Diane Long (Project Starburst Director) & Linda Telfer



Pictured: L-R—Bonnie Clark (Manna Pantry Director) & Linda Telfer



WOMAN ARTIST OF THE MONTH

(Information provided by Arts & Culture CSP)



Marlies Manning is a watercolor artist and landscape architect. She was born in Toronto, Canada, raised in Wisconsin, then moved to Michigan at the end of high school. She completed her B.S. in Land Use Analysis from Eastern Michigan University, and then received her B.L.A. in Landscape Architecture from Michigan State University, graduating with High Honors. Marlies worked as a landscape architect in Kalamazoo and Detroit before moving to Big Rapids in 2000 to start her own firm, Manning Design.

Art has been part of her life and her vocation as a landscape architect. After a 33 year career in landscape architecture and owning her own business, she is focusing her time and energy on watercolor painting.

As an artist, she enjoys many different art mediums, including mosaic, fiber arts, and weaving. However, watercolor has intrigued her and challenged her the most. Working with water and pigment creates fascinating and sometimes unpredictable results. Watercolor art can feel dreamy and mystical, or it can be photo-realistic.

Marlies' inspirations are drawn from her hikes in the woods, along shorelines, and from the local rural scenery. She especially enjoys painting weathered wood, fields, and landscapes that are ubiquitous in the rural area she lives in. The history of small family farms is disappearing as the weathered structures melt into the ground. Her intent is to honor the past, but also to draw attention to the preciousness of open space and the natural environment.

Marlies has exhibited her work, in partnership with a fellow artist, in shows at the 515 Gallery in Clare, Artworks in Big Rapids, and the Ferris State University fine art gallery. Her watercolor, "Playing in the Muskegon" shown below, has been accepted in the Great Northern Art Explosion in Graying, an international fine arts show. Her work is currently available through Artworks in Big Rapids and Artsplace in Fremont.





The Puzzle



GFWC BIG RAPIDS AFFILIATE
ORGANIZATIONS PLUS MORE

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BAGS BAUBLES BAYCLIFF BITES BONBONS COMMUNITY
HEIFERINTL LAUGHTER MARCHOFDIMES MEMBERSHIP SHOTATLIFE
SISTERHOOD STJUDES UNICEF VOLUNTEER

