



GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMAN'S CLUB

Big Rapids Newsletter

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"Working for a Better Community"

April, 2024




President's Note

"It's easy to make a buck. It's a lot tougher to make a difference" — Tom Brokaw

Can you believe that April will be the last meeting of our club year. I want to thank each of you for sharing all of your time and talents this year. You have made our club truly amazing and I am grateful. Let's keep the momentum going for 2024-2025. Great job ladies!

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

P.S. How many daffodils can you find?  (not including this one)



- April 9**—Club Meeting @ Elk's, 6:00 social/6:30 meeting
- April 15**—City Proclamation @ 6:30 p.m., City Hall
- April 17**—Mystery Dinner, Leave 8 Mile Rd. Park & Ride at 5:45 p.m.
- May 2-5, 2024**—GFWC Michigan State Convention—Menominee, MI
- May 9-10**—GFWC-BR Yard Sale, 9:00-6:00, BR Township Hall
- May 14**—Annual Spring Banquet, Antler's in Canadian Lakes at 6:00 p.m social time/6:30 p.m. dinner
- June 29-July 1**—GFWC National Convention—Chicago, IL
- September 28**—GFWC National Day of Service
- October 12**—NWD Meeting, Ewart, MI
- October 17-20**—Midwest Regional Meeting, Mundy Twp. (Flint)



APRIL BIRTHDAYS
13—DELORES SIMPSON



Club Members—Cares and Concerns

Carl & Joan Boroff

Mary Sue Hansen

BJ Johnson (Sue's son-continued treatments)

Dale Cramer (Joyce Iltis' brother)

Clara Telfer (Linda's granddaughter)

CHECKLIST FOR MEETING

- Secret Sister Gift (if participating)
- Operation Smile Items
- Money for the drawing
- Batteries for Recycling
- Can Tabs for the Ronald McDonald House
- Quarters for Heifer International
- Greeting Cards (used) for the Senior Center
- Money for Annual Banquet



Don't forget your secret sister!

WELCOME NEW MEMBER



Cheryl Tessier has moved back to Michigan and indicates “it’s great to be back.” Last year, Cheryl and her husband moved back to Michigan after living, working and traveling around the United States for the past 21 years. They are now closer to their three grown children and 5 grandchildren. Recently retired, she feels fortunate to have worked in higher education in Oregon, Nevada and at Ferris State University. She is enjoying being with family and friends and looking forward to summer to enjoy the water, camping and new adventures.

We will officially welcome Cheryl into GFWC at the April meeting.



UPCOMING EVENTS



NEXT MEETING

April 9

6:00 Social/6:30 Meeting

Last meeting of the club year.

BE THINKING ABOUT A NEW COMMUNITY PROJECT.



MYSTERY DINNER

Let's have a little fun and meet at the 8 Mile Rd. Park & Ride

Wednesday, April 17th

5:45 p.m.

A carpool will be formed with the drivers being given the directions to the mystery location.



ANNUAL SPRING BANQUET

Tuesday, May 14, 2023

The Antler's Restaurant

Canadian Lakes

6:00 p.m. Social Time

6:30 p.m. Dinner (Tour of Italy)

Cost: \$30 per person

Checks are to be payable to GFWC-Big Rapids and can be given to Sue Johnson at the April meeting.



GFWC-BIG RAPIDS

ANNUAL YARD SALE

Friendly Reminder —When doing your spring cleaning, please set aside the “good stuff” for the GFWC yard sale. You can drop your items off at the Big Rapids township hall on Wednesday, May 8, between 6:00 and 8:00 p.m. Yard sale will be held May 9 and 10 from 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.



GFWC STATE CONVENTION

May 2-5, 2024



Are your arts and crafts ready for the State Convention in Menominee. You do not need to attend to enter a project, even though the State Convention is a lot of fun.

Sue Bean, Woman of Achievement from Big Rapids, will be honored at the convention. Let's all go to show our support. Wouldn't it be fun to have a caravan to go to the UP?



STATE CONVENTION RAFFLE



Diva's Day Raffle

Sparkle and shine like the *Diva* you are with this wonderful raffle package valued at \$500!

You will shine like the star you are when you step out for a night (or day) on the town wearing your *Gather Around Crystal Necklace* from Touchstone Crystal and your *Kate Spade earrings*. Your new *Kate Spade rose gold purse* will “sparkle” up any outfit and will be the perfect accessory to hold on to your \$50 Visa card and phone charger! Luckily, your new purse will hold everything so you have an extra hand for your stemless wine cup!!!

**Ticket Pricing:
1 for \$10 OR 3 for \$20**



***Tickets can be purchased via cash, check or credit card and addressed to:
Lisa Breuer
4156 Auburn Drive, Royal Oak, MI 48073
lbreuer248@gmail.com***

***Winning ticket will be drawn on May 4th at the GFWC MI Convention in Menominee.
You do not need to be present to win.***

***All proceeds from the raffle will go toward GFWC MI costs of convention
Michigan Raffle License #112348***

Diva's Day Raffle

Yes! I want to let my Diva-ness sparkle!

Name: _____

Club & District: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

1 Ticket @ \$10 _____

3 Tickets @ \$20 _____

Total enclosed: _____

Cash _____ Check* _____ Credit Card** _____

Credit Card Number: _____

Expiration Date: _____ Security Code: _____ Zip Code: _____

Please send your payment to:

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR TICKET DISTRIBUTION BELOW

Anyone attending the 2024 GFWC MI Convention in Menominee, MI will receive their raffle tickets in their Registration packet at the convention.

All other tickets will be mailed out to the address you indicate above.

* Checks should be made payable to GFWC MI

**Please note that there will be a \$2.00 transaction fee for all credit card purchases. This is done so that all proceeds go to the convention costs and not to any administration fees. Thank you for understanding.

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

Woman of Achievement Luncheon Honoring Sue Bean



Sue Bean—2023 Honoree



Attendees Mel James, Vickie Vogel and
Celeste Szczerowski



Attendees Delores Simpson, Melanie Henry and
Cathy Chapman.



Attendees Ann Stellard and
Mary Beth Vanderlist

Eleven members and two guests attended the Woman of Achievement Luncheon in which the club honored Sue Bean as their nominee.

St. Patrick's Day Celebration



GFWC-Big Rapids sporting the green at their March meeting in celebration of St. Patrick's Day. L-R— Leona Royer, Cheryl Tessier (Winner of the St. Patrick's Day Celebration) and Mel James.

Creating Centerpieces



Members made Spring and Easter floral arrangements after the March meeting. These were delivered to area nursing homes and shut-ins. Thank you Environment CSP for arranging this.



Monthly Walkers

Pictured are the monthly walkers (Sue Bean, Vickie Vogel, Ann Stellard, Donna Schmidt (past member) and Mary Beth Vanderlist (hiding again). Anyone want to guess where they were this time?

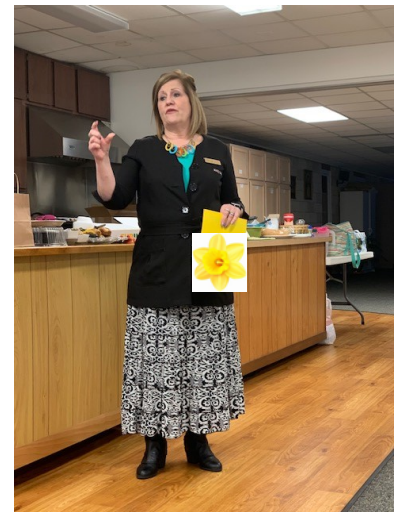


NORTHWESTERN DISTRICT GATHERING

March 16, 2024



NWD President-Denise Allen giving the welcome.



Guest speaker, Terri Holcomb from Reed City.



Heidi Litobar from GFWC Heart of the Lakes explaining the Veterans Project.



A great Northwestern District Gathering was held on March 16, 2024 in Ewart, MI. A total of 18 NWD club members attended as well as one State officer and guest.



The Puzzle



APRIL SHOWERS BRINGS

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M	H	T	F	L	G	C	K	A	E	E	R	Z
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CROCUS DAFFODILS FLOWERS FORSYTHIA FROGS GRASS
 HYACINTH LILACS PANSY PRIMROSE RAIN SUNSHINE TULIPS
 VIOLA WALKS