



GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMAN'S CLUB

Big Rapids Newsletter

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"Working for a Better Community"



June, 2024



President's

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

This is my last newsletter as your President. Thank you for your confidence in electing me two years ago. You have accomplished much in the last two years and many of those are listed in this newsletter. I hope that I will see many of you over the summer at our social events; those are always a fun relaxing time. Thank you again for having me as your President.

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

P.S. How many red roses can you find?



(not including this one) See page 12 for answer.



June 12—Music at The Castle in Canadian Lakes, 7:00 p.m. (see page 3)

June 29-July 1—GFWC National Convention—Chicago, IL

September 28—GFWC National Day of Service

October 12—NWD Meeting, Evart, MI

October 17-20—Midwest Regional Meeting, Mundy Twp. (Flint)



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

9—MARY BETH VANDERLIST

22—CELESTE SZCZEROWSKI

Club Members—Cares and Concerns

Mary Sue Hansen (health issues)

BJ Johnson (Sue's son-continued treatments)

Dale Cramer (Joyce Iltis' brother)

Ruth York (health issues)

Shannon Penfound (pregnancy)





UPCOMING EVENTS



SOCIAL EVENT

Ferris Community Band Concert



June 12, 2024

7:00 p.m.



The Castle at Canadian Lakes

**Bring you own soft drink/water, snack and your chair.
Enjoy a summer evening with your GFWC sisters.**

Please let Melanie Henry know if you will be attending.

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING



Twelve suitcases were delivered for the Foster Child Suitcase Project. Thank you to everyone who participated in this very important project. Pictured is Vickie Vogel delivering the suitcases.



GFWC STATE CONVENTION



Those attending L-R: Front Row—Vickie Vogel, Melanie Henry, Linda Telfer, Pat Rossi—Back Row Delores Simpson, Sue Johnson, Mel James and Ann Stellard



Intl. 1st VP Wendy Carrier



Group Picture



Yep, that's Melanie & Delores



Northwestern District practicing their skit for the 2025 Invitation.



2024 Centerpiece



State Convention continued

Woman of Achievement Recognition



Sue Bean traveling to State Convention.



Woman of Achievement
Sue Bean



GFWC-Big Rapids at Woman of Achievement Banquet.



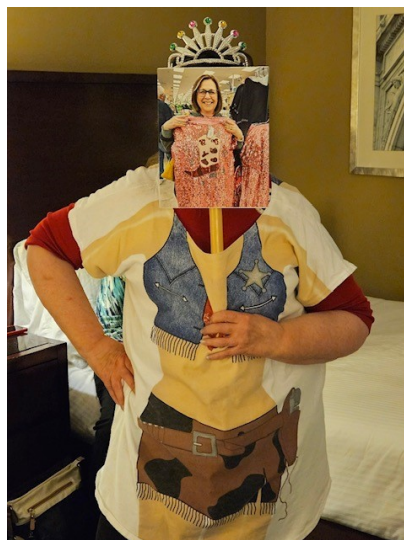
Vickie Vogel & Sue Bean at WOA Banquet



President Linda and Vickie Vogel representing Sue Bean



State President Kathy Lewis, Club President Linda Telfer, Club Member Vickie Vogel and International 1st VP Wendy Carriker presenting Sue Bean's WOA Award.



Let the party begin at the WOA After Party for Sue Bean.



State Convention continued



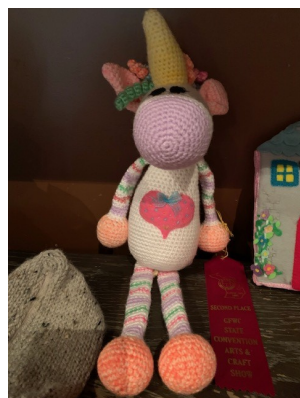
Ann Stellard won 1st place in the Reflections section of photography and her photo will go to the International Convention.



Vickie Vogel submitted her knitting and won 1st place in Infant Wear and 1st place in Adult Wear.



Delores Simpson won 1st place in Quilting (other).



Cathy Chapman won second place in Sewing—Handmade Books and 2nd place in Crochet—Other



Club Awards



You received the following awards at the State Convention in Menominee.

1st Place

Membership
Women's History & Resource Center
Domestic Violence Awareness & Prevention
Newsletter



Arts & Culture CSP
Civic Engagement & Outreach CSP
Environment CSP

2nd Place

Website – 2nd place
Advocates for Children – 2nd place
Legislation & Public Policy – 2nd place

Special Note: The above awards were given in Category II which is based on membership.

Drum roll please.....

Northwestern District Club of the Year – Big Rapids
State Club of the Year Category II – Big Rapids

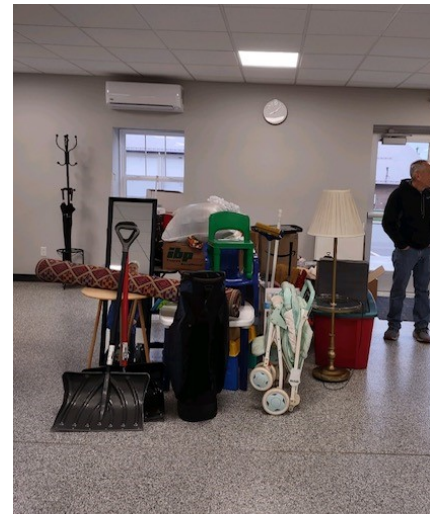
The Walkers



A few new faces this month and someone is hiding but not Mary Beth this time. :)

GFWC-BIG RAPIDS YARD SALE

May 9 & 10, 2024



The GFWC-Big Rapids Yard Sale was held on May 9 and 10 at the Big Rapids Township Hall. Over \$1700 was made and will go towards playground equipment for the new WISE shelter.



GFWC-Big Rapids May Banquet

May 14, 2024



A wonderful turnout at the annual banquet held at The Antlers in Canadian Lakes.



The Secret Sisters were revealed during the banquet. At right Vickie Vogel received her very own bag of carrots and a Panera Gift Card and Janet Miller Mon-fils received a wonderful giraffe picture. Just a few of the wonderful gifts.



Melanie Henry & Pat Rossi presented a 15 year certificate and pin to Linda Telfer.



Melanie Henry & Pat Rossi presenting Jerena Keys with a certificate and pin for 40 years in the club.

May Banquet continued.....



The Health & Wellness CSP (aka Yard Sale Committee) receiving roses for their hard work in organizing the annual yard sale. (Pictured L-R—Karin McKean, Ann Stellard,, Sue Bean, Vickie Vogel and Mary Beth Vanderlist (in front :))



Sue Bean receiving her Woman of Achievement Award from the State and the club.



Delores Simpson received Clubwoman of the Year from Karin McKean.



Shannon Penfound received New Member of the Year Award.



CSP of the Year went to Civic Engagement and Outreach. Pictured L-\$ - Dee Van Horn, Cathy Chapman, Pam Muccio, Melanie Henry and Pat Rossi.



May Banquet continued — Very Special Awards



Celeste Szczerowski received the Recycle Award with some very special earrings.



Dee Van Horn received the Child Advocacy & Domestic Violence Prevention Award.



Janet Miller Monfils received the Energerizer Bunny Award.



Melanie Henry received the Party Person Award.



Pam Muccio received the Heifer International Award.



Thank you for a wonderful year sisters. You deserved this applause!





The Puzzle



GFWC BIG RAPIDS JUNE PUZZLE

Q B O A T I N G Q P I D L
F R G S W I M M I N G C G
U G M I N M P A R A D E R
G R A D U A T I O N S L C
R E P R C T G W F I I E G
W N W E D D I N G S Q B W
G N N U W E E D I N G R D
P I C N I C N L I N E A D
W I U I R F L I U D Y T M
S F L O W E R S N T N I A
N G W N B E R I R G G O L
D M L S I T R A V E L N M
N L O C A M P I N G I I N

GARDENING WINE BOATING CAMPING CELEBRATION FLOWERS
FUN GRADUATIONS PARADE Y PICNIC REUNIONS SWIMMING
TRAVEL WEDDINGS WEEDING

Answer: 25 roses—one for each member of our club — thank you.