



GFWC-Big Rapids, Inc. Newsletter

August, 2024

Message from the President . . .

The first month of the new GFWC administration is almost over and it has been full of events for all of us. New Board members, 1st club member to have a baby (baby Violet even made an appearance at her own shower) which was delayed due to her arrival, but all the grandmas in attendance were thrilled she was able to join us! Shannon, we will miss both of you but being close to family is important. A big "thank you" goes to Melanie, Delores and their shower committee for a wonderful event.

Sue Johnson, President (231)349-5137
Linda Telfer, 1st Vice President
Delores Simpson, 2nd VP(Membership)
Leona Royer, Secretary
Ann Stellard, Treasurer
Melonie James, Parliamentarian
Linda Telfer, Newsletter Editor

Due date for the newsletter is the 25th of each month.

I attended the GFWC Michigan Orientation meeting on Saturday, July 27th and gave a presentation to the District Presidents on the importance of their position and the duties that go with the office. Since most of the District Presidents are new to the position, this gave them a guide to work with going forward.

Starting this month, I am adding "GFWC Tidbits" to the newsletter. In each newsletter there will be a bit of information about GFWC International and about GFWC Michigan. This will give the new members some background on our organization and for others, a refresher.

I think we are off to a great start for a wonderful year ahead and I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at our summer picnic.

Sue

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

August 13 —Club Picnic @ Ann Stellard's House, 5:30 pm, RSVP to Ann.

August 15—Artworks Intimate Theatre-5:30 dinner @ Schuberg's/7:00 theater (tickets available at The Painted Turtle Gift Shop).

September 10—Mum Sale Pick-Up

September 10 —First Club Meeting of the year, 6:00 social/6:30 meeting @ The Elk's

September 28—GFWC National Day of Service

October 12—NWD Meeting, Evart, MI

October 17-20—GFWC Great Lakes Region Meeting, Mundy Twp. (Flint)

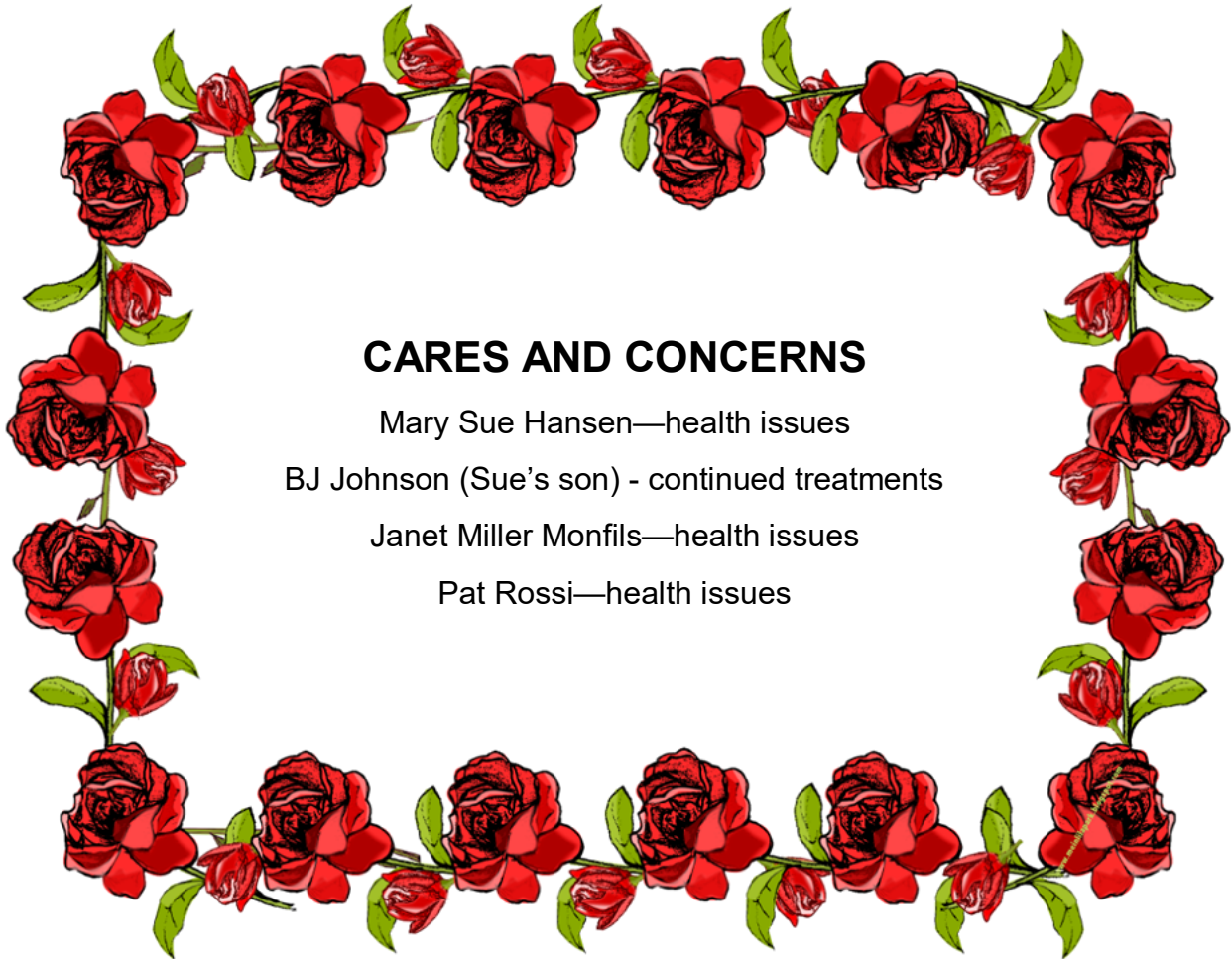
November 9—Guiding Harbor Fundraiser, 6-10 pm, Baronette Renaissance, Novi

November 16—LEADS—Midland, MI 9:30 am—4:00 pm



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

31—Karin McKean



CARES AND CONCERNS

Mary Sue Hansen—health issues

BJ Johnson (Sue's son) - continued treatments

Janet Miller Monfils—health issues

Pat Rossi—health issues

CONGRATULATIONS

**Congratulations to the Penfounders on the arrival of
Violet Jeanette who arrived on July 9th at
4:55 p.m.**



GFWC Tidbits . . .

GFWC International has more than 60,000 members with 2300 clubs located throughout every state, the District of Columbia and 12 additional countries.

GFWC Michigan, to date, has 37 clubs throughout the 6 districts of the State with 1280 members.

Tickets available at picnic.

GFWC of Michigan Presents

SHINOLA RAFFLE



\$640 VALUE • TICKETS ARE \$5

The drawing will be on Oct. 19 at the Great Lakes Region Conference. You do not have to be present to win.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

You're the Zest?



ANNUAL CLUB PICNIC

on

August 13, 2024

at

ANN STELLARD'S HOME

5:30 P.M.

Paper products, iced tea, lemonade, and water will be provided.

Bring a dish to pass. Please RSVP to Ann as to what you will be bringing.

Artworks

INTIMATE THEATER PRESENTS
BY SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT WITH BROADWAY LICENSING, LLC & SAMUELS PRODUCTION COMPANY

PERFORMANCES @ ARTWORKS:

AUGUST 15, 16, & 17 – 7:00PM

AUGUST 18 – 2:30PM

TICKETS: \$15

AVAILABLE AT THE PAINTED TURTLE GIFT SHOP



Join your GFWC-BR sisters at 5:30 p.m. at Schuberg's for dinner then we will attend "The Savannah Sipping Society" at Artworks at 7:00 p.m. on August 15. Tickets can be purchased at the Painted Turtle Gift Shop. Don't forget to invite a friend.

GUIDING HARBOR FUNDRAISER



MUM SALE



GFWC will again hold a Mum Sale fundraiser this Fall. Mums are \$15 and GFWC will make a \$5.00 profit on each mum plant sold. Order forms will be available at the August picnic for anyone wishing to take orders from their family and friends. Mum plants are scheduled to be ready for pick up from Lee Ann's Flowers on September 10th. Hours for pick up will be announced at the picnic.

Remember, the mums were beautiful last year with a good choice of colors. Everyone loves mums in the fall, so start taking orders from your family and friends right now.

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING...

POST OFFICE GARDEN



Work continues on the Maple Street Post Office garden. It is absolutely beautiful this year. Most of the weeds were cleared from the sidewalk as well and.... maybe a little more. Once gardeners get started, they can't seem to stop. Thank you to everyone who assisted with this.

BOARD MEETING



Your Board has continued to meet over the summer to plan for next year. We can't wait to share new information with you.

VIOLET & SHANNON PENFOUND'S BABY SHOWER



We were so excited to meet Baby Violet at the baby shower. Melanie and Delores did a wonderful job of organizing this event. We wish Shannon and her family nothing but the best but we sure will miss her. We will be featuring a "Violet Corner" in the upcoming newsletters.