



President Raeanne Renner

We strive for...

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What's New?

General Meeting:

March 11, 2026

If attending the

luncheon please

RSVP by

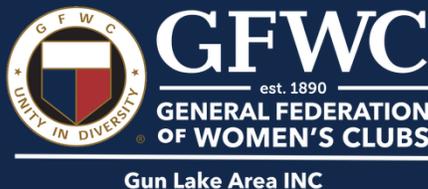
Monday, March 9

to [Raeanne](#) ([click](#)

[to link](#)).

Pay for the lunch

at the meeting.



For news and details of statewide GFWC activities - gfwcmi.com

Our Mission

The General Federation of Women's Clubs Michigan is dedicated to enhancing the communities, the lives of its members and others through volunteer service.

"Living the Volunteer Spirit"



Wednesday, March 11th Meeting

Kicking off our first gathering of the year with learning, laughing, and a little Irish fun. Our catered taco bar, missed in December, is officially back! Lunch includes full taco bar, beverage, cookies, tax, and tip for \$14.00. Plan to stay after the meeting for lunch, visiting, and some St. Patrick's Day games.



THE EXCHANGE:

A \$3.00 treasure, tucked inside a brown lunch sack, folded, taped, sealed, and secured so your sisters can't peek. The \$3.00 matches what you would've spent on the Opportunity Basket.

WHAT TO BRING:

You've got almost 2 weeks to hunt clearance aisles, thrift shelves, and markdowns.

If shopping isn't your thing, here are some easy options:

• A lottery ticket • Visit the candy isle

• Six no-bake cookies • Anything fun, silly, or surprising





March



Dates to Remember

- 3-3 Hand2Hand 6 PM
- 3-5 Sewing Group 1-5 PM
- 3-8 Daylight Savings Time starts 
- 3-8 Pierce Cedar Creek Program
- 3-9 RSVP for luncheon
- 3-11 General Meeting /Party
 - Bring gift and \$ for lunch
 - Bring items for Baby Pantry
 - Sign up for April Pinwheel Project
 - Sign up to volunteer for Barry Roubaix Races
 - Sign up for Progressive Pontoon Cruise
- 3-16 Book Club - 9:30 AM
- 3-17 Happy St. Patrick's Day 
- 3-18 Cards and Games - 1 PM
- 3-19 Sewing Group - 1-5 PM
- 3-25 Packing Boxes for Military Women -1 PM
- 4-18 Barry Roubaix Races
- 4-24 Flower Berm Clean-up - 9:30 AM

Happy Birthday To You!

3/4: Chris Nikolich

3/14: Joan Wire

3/17: Pattie Jurrians

3/22: Dot Zoppa

3/29: Carol Hammond

3/29: Kim Root



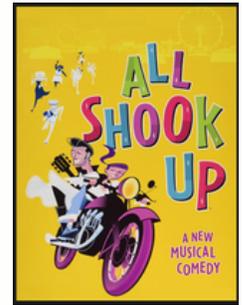
- Keep Collecting..
- Aluminum Can Tabs
- Old Eyeglasses
- Used Batteries
- Empty Pill Bottles
- Ink Cartridges
- Plastic Caps



Chair: Patricia Velie

Please share any information you hear about through family or printed publication to me and I will share through the newsletter. Updated e-mail is: Patvelie2566@gmail.com

Thank you.



Barry County

Thornapple Kellogg Schools:

(Call: 269-795-3394 for more information)

- March 5, 6 & 7, 6:30 PM - **All Shook Up (musical)**
(<https://tkschools.ludus.com/index.php>)
- March 25 & 26 **TKMS Play**
- March 31 **TKHS Jazz Band Concert**



Allegan County

Wayland Union Schools - Fine Arts Center,
Wayland Union High School, 879 E. Superior
Street, Wayland, MI.

The Lion King Jr. (musical)

- March 26, 7 PM (understudy show)
- March 27th, 7 PM
- March 28th, 3 PM and 7 PM

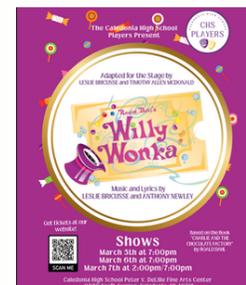


Kent County - Caledonia

Caledonia Fine Arts: - Caledonia High School Peter DeLille Fine Arts
Center, 9050 Kraft Ave., Caledonia, MI

Willy Wonka (musical)

- March 5, 7 PM
- March 6: 7 PM
- March 7: 2 PM and 7 PM





Chair: Rosy Chatteron

Together for the Good, Inc. Veteran Crisis Service



Civic Engagement

GFWC-GLA is working with Tawnya Scott from **Together for the Good, Inc. Veteran Crisis Service.**

Together for the Good is dedicated to providing holistic support for military personnel and their families. They focus on creating a low-simulated crisis center blueprint that involves veteran's family members in the treatment process, aiming to educate them on ways to mitigate triggers and reduce stress.

At the January 19th MLK luncheon gathering, the jingle jar was passed to help deployed military women and collected \$145! Since that time, an additional \$10 and food items have been collected.

We will be packing the boxes to be sent on **March 25, 2026, at 1:00 pm**, at the **Yankee Springs Township Fire Station**. Tawnya will bring boxes and supplies that have been donated by Costco and Sam's and other sources, and we will add items that we collect.

- Suggestions for donations: meat sticks, nuts, candy, stress balls, puzzles, books of word search, or crosswords, or sudoku. Individual condiment packages, personal care items, quality lotion, natural tone face cream, nail files-pretty ones, nail clippers, tweezers, simple color nail polish, chop sticks, mild body spray, hand sewn personal items, small purses, crochet small animal of key chain, notes of appreciation for their sacrifice, notes valuing their service.
- Please NO chocolate bars or perishable food.



Donations of items can be dropped off at Raeanne Renner's home as well as money. You can also send money to Mina, our treasurer, at P.O. Box 286, Shelbyville, MI 49344.



Co-Chairs: Shelly Heijerman & Marcia Heroux



Health & Wellness

The first quarter of 2026 we are collecting:



- **Baby pantry items (Orangeville)**
- Example items needed are diapers, wipes, ointments, lotions and creams... really any baby items you may have would be greatly appreciated.
- **Items for Women and children's shelters (Sylvia's Place and Green Gables)**
- Example items for the women's shelters, toilet paper, paper towel, cleaning supplies, laundry soap, dryer sheets, toilet cleaner, bleach, Lysol spray or wipes, regular coffee (ground), non perishable food, popcorn, Mac and cheese, snacks, cookies, crackers, Walmart gift cards, gas cards(\$10)

Please bring any items to our **March meeting** or to Marcia Heroux's house 1785 Edwin Drive Wayland MI 49348. 269-609-2537.

If there are any questions at all please contact: Shelly Heijerman or Marcia Heroux.

Thanking each and every one of you in advance for your kindness and generosity!

hand2hand

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- Packing dates the first Tuesday of the month at 6 PM
- March 3, April 7, May 5th
- Meet in the hand2hand room at Gun Lake Community Church
- Join in on one or all dates listed above
- Call Nancy Molt with any questions





Co-Chairs: Ruth Perion & Joan Wire



Pierce Cedar Creek - Brunches are back in full swing this spring!



Sunday, March 8, 2026

Brunch: 11:15 am and 1 pm

Program: 12:15 - 1 pm

The program is free; brunch reservations are required.



Join us for a delightful seasonal brunch and a special program celebrating the season with insights from the Institute's Executive Director and Insect Ecologist Virginia Bolshakova who will explore the intimate relationship between humans and bees. View the current exhibit by Chelsea Bivens.

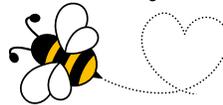
Member Adults \$24; Children \$14

Non-Member Adults \$30; Children \$18 (plus tax)

Children ages 6 - 12; 5 and under free.

This program dovetails nicely with our GFWC-GLA bee support.

exhibit by Chelsea Bivens.



WE NEED YOUR HELP! - with one of our main fundraising events: the Barry Roubaix Races (April 18, 2026). Our club has supported this event - and are paid by the race organizers - for many years. Our club members provide support at aid stations at a few locations around the various race routes, setting up and distributing energy drinks, water, and snacks to the racers. See barry-roubaix.com for lots of photos and more information.

Plan to sign up / volunteer at our March 11th meeting!

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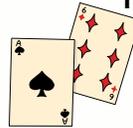
- March 5 & March 19 from 1-5 pm (weather permitting) at Diane Conley's home.
- Meets every other Thursday at Diane Conley's home
- Call Diane with questions



Cards and Games

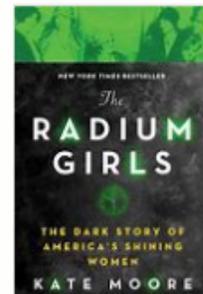
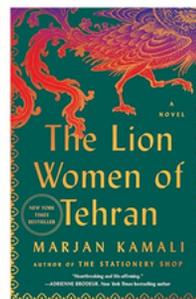
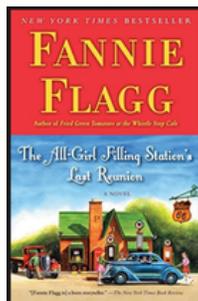
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- March 18 - 1 PM at Patti Jurrian's home.
- Always meets the third Wednesday of the month at 1 PM
- All are invited, come join in the fun!
- Please, let Nancy Molt know if you are attending.



Book Club

- Meets March 16 - 9:30 AM at Judy Nelson's home.
- Always meets the third Monday of the month at 9:30 AM
- Text Ruth Perino with questions.
- MARCH 16: ALL-GIRL FILLING STATION by Fannie Flagg
- APRIL 20: THE LION WOMEN OF TEHRAN by Marjan Kamali
- MAY 18: THE RADIUM GIRLS by Kate Moore



Spring will be here soon!

PARK FLOWER BERMS - SPRING CLEAN UP APRIL 24, 2026 9:30 AM

Thirty high school students and their teacher from Middleville High School will be arriving to help do the arduous task of “spring clean-up” on the flower berms at the park.

Refreshments will be provided for the students by the school
The following ladies have volunteered: Dot Zoppa, Beth Pechumer, Deb Short,
Vicky Molhoek, Gloria Blacquiere and Rose Visscher.



Thank you ladies for helping out.



Linda Rough (GWFC-GLA coordinator, 616-318-3417) got a nice comment from our township supervisor, Rob Heethuis, that our club members are doing a great job and the berms look beautiful.

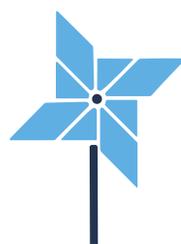
The flower berms are a fund-raiser for GWFC-GLA . The students are donating their time to help.



April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

The March meeting will have a sign-up sheet for our April Project. We plant pinwheel gardens in our community to draw attention to Child Abuse Prevention.

Each pinwheel represents a child, a family, and a community choosing prevention over crisis. April is the month we plant the pinwheels and April meeting we will have a Jingle Jar Collection for Family Support Services of Barry County who help us with the pinwheels.



GFWCMI 131st State Convention, April 23-25, 2026

Somerset Inn, 2601 W. Big Beaver, Troy, MI 48084

Reserve Your Room Before April 8, 2026

Cost: \$139 Plus Taxes for up to 2 people, \$10 each additional person

WEDNESDAY - SUNDAY

Group Block Code: General Federation of Women's Clubs of Michigan

Call: 248-643-7800



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Please remember to visit our club website (gfwcgunlake.org) for information on scholarships, fundraisers, club events and all things GFWC - Gun Lake Area!



All information intended for the April newsletter should be submitted to Lori at Loretta.Beebe@gmail.com by March 23, 2026.