

Next General Meeting is:
September 9, 9:30 AM-
SS Cyril & Methodius church hall



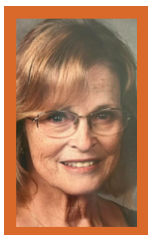
For news and details of statewide GFWC activities - gfwcmi.com

Fall is nearly here - it won't be long now before our beautiful Yankee Springs forest changes color. What a lovely time to go out of doors for a walk! And speaking of walking, how about joining some of our members who will be participating in the **Walk for Alzheimers**? Local walks are in Grand Rapids on October 3rd or in Kalamazoo on October 17th . Learn more and register to walk at act.alz.org.

It's September! Crunchy leaves underfoot, warm sunshine on a cool day, favorite sweaters.... And back to school - seeing old friends again, and meeting new ones. We won't actually be in a schoolroom, but on September 17 th there'll be time for meeting friends old and new....

Come join us for one of our favorite evening events: a **MIX N' MINGLE!** At 6:00 p.m. on Thursday evening, September 17 th many of our Gun Lake Area GFWC club members will gather in the Hall at SS Cyril & Methodius (159 131st avenue) for socializing, sharing ideas, and enjoying beverages, appetizers, treats, and activities! The hostesses of this unique evening event are hoping you will join in the fun. It will be an opportunity for you to bring along friends and neighbors that you've been telling about GFWC. They too will be welcomed, invited to **MINGLE** with other club members, and join in the delightful **MIX** of activities! Come meet new friends – even take away a nice prize! The “ticket” for attending is to bring a donation: a few cans or boxes of food for the food pantries, or bring a small item to go into our comfort bags for traumatized children. (A squishy ball, small stuffed animal or doll (just 6” or 7”), a fidget toy, wrapped snack bars, or packs of tissues) Our sewing group has cloth bags all ready. We will stuff the bags and deliver them to the Michigan State Police Victims Advocate and Critical Incident officers to provide some comfort to children innocently caught up in trauma situations. It's just one of the ways we help our communities.

Hope to see you there! D J



"Bloom Where You Are Planted"



September

Dates to Remember

- 9/3 Sewing/Needlework Club 9 AM
- 9/7 Labor Day
- 9/9 General Meeting 9:30 AM
- 9/16 Cards/Games 1 PM
- 9/17 Sewing/Needlework Club 9 AM
- 9/17 Mix and Mingle 6 PM
- 9/21 U.N. International Day of Peace
- 9/21 Book Club 9:30 AM
- 9/26 GFWC International Day of Service
- 9/27 Cowboy Campfire Party 3:30 PM
- 9/30 Board Meeting 9 AM
- Future Events:
- 10/1 Membership Dues
- 10/1 Sewing/Needlework Club 9AM
- 10/2 - 10/4 GFWC Great Lakes States Region Conference
- 10/3 Walk to End Alzheimer's
- 12/5 Christmas Bazaar
- April 22-25, 2027 GFWC-Michigan Convention



Keep Collecting..

- Aluminum Can Tabs (Audrey Bartlett)
- Old Eyeglasses (Marte Roach)
- Used Batteries (Karol Monroe/Sandy Marcukaitis)
- Empty Pill Bottles /Bottle caps (with caps) (Mina VanEleren)
- Ink Cartridges (Marcia Heroux)

September Birthdays

- 9/4 Marcia Heroux
- 9/7 Nancy Molt
- 9/8 Janice Kuhtic
- 9/11 Sally Smith
- 9/13 Marjory Richards
- 9/14 Sande Wells
- 9/14 Karel Monroe
- 9/16 D J Madden
- 9/22 Karen McCarter
- 9/23 Lisa Heflin
- 9/23 Ruth Perino
- 9/25 Gloria Blacquiere
- 9/29 Kathy Adkins
- 9/30 Raeanne Renner

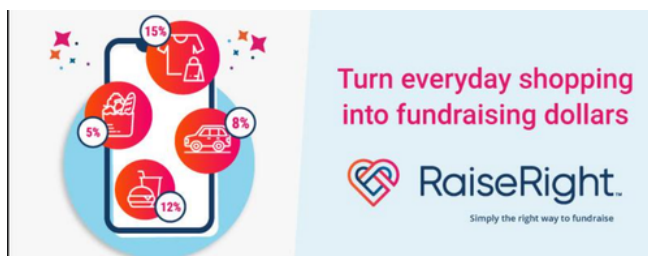


Membership

Chair: Katie Ambrose

For more updates and photos -Visit our Facebook page -
[click here](#)

Welcome TO



New Members!

Pamela Graves

8453 Willson Dr, Middleville

616-262-6738

Gloria Pitsch

522 Arhana Crest Dr, Middleville

616-260-1466



Book Club



- Meets September 21 - 9:30 AM.
- THEO OF GOLDEN by Allen Levi
- Meet at Paula Geyer's home
- Always meets the third Monday of the month at 9:30 AM
- All are welcome
- Text Ruth Perino with questions.
- See our the club Facebook page for more details, [Click here](#)

- October 19: THE CORRESPONDENT by Virginia Evans
- November 16: UNCOMMON TYPE by Tom Hanks
- December 21: TWICE by Mitch Albom
- January 18: CALAMITY CLUB by Kathryn Stock

NOTE: Please note changes to book reading order as we have switched out October.

Save The Date!

The GFWC Gun Lake Area Mix & Mingle

Learn about who GFWC is, what we do and meet other ladies helping to impact the communities we live in.

Please bring a small stuffed animal (under 6 inches) and help us with our National Day of Service Project.

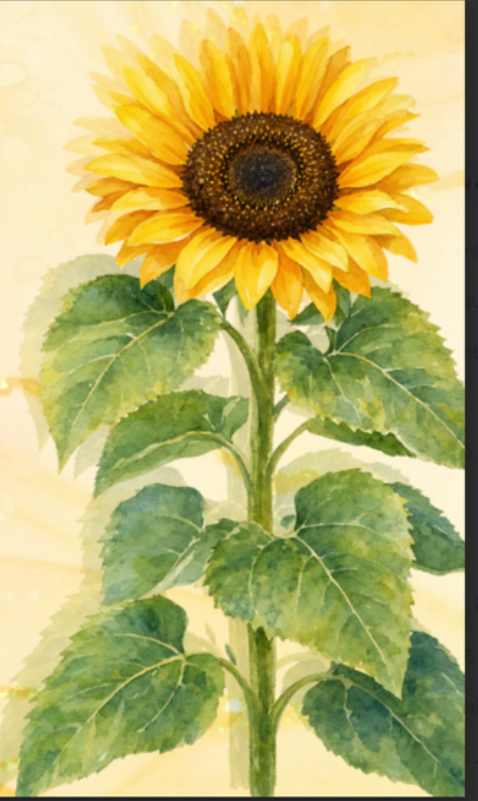
Thur. Sept 17th 2026

6:00 PM-8:00PM

159 131st. Ave, Wayland MI 49348

Small bites and desserts will be served.

Text RSVP and questions to 517-861-6897



Cards and Games

- September 16, 1 PM at Fran Leonard'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.

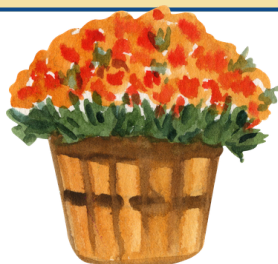


2027 Dues Now Due

- Amount: \$35
- Payable to: GFWC - Gun Lake Area
- Payment Methods: Pay at the meeting or mail to PO Box 286, Shelbyville, MI 49344.

Optional Contribution: Pennies-A-Day

P-A-D is an optional way for members to support Bay Cliff, Guiding Harbor, and the GFWC MI Education Foundation. A half-penny per day total equals \$18.25. The total proceeds from this collection are split among these three organizations.





MICHIGAN HIGHLIGHTS



The president of GFWC International organized a project for the 250th Anniversary of the United States. She asked each state's GFWC president to submit one quilt block that represented their state. All the state blocks are then going to be sewn together to form a new quilt that will hang in the GFWC International House in Washington DC. Our sewing group took on the challenge. Our block is the State of Michigan on a field of blue showcasing some of the many great things about our state. The block was designed by our sewing group with embroidery by Marilyn Martin and applique by Diane Conley. Included are the state bird (Robin), state flower (Apple Blossom), state tree (White Pine), an ore freighter, a lighthouse, a car and right above the car is a musical note for Mo-Town. No Michigan block would be complete without the "Mighty Mac". We are looking forward to seeing the finished quilt.



Submitted by Diane Conley



Knitting/Quilting/Sewing Group

- September 3 & 17: 1-5 PM
- Meets every other Thursday at Diane Conley's home
- Call Diane with questions



Boosters of the Michigan General Federation of Women's Clubs 2027 Annual Convention



Shine Bright!



Join the Shine Bright Boosters!

**For just \$5, your name will
shine for everyone.**

Dear Members,
As the host club for the GFWC 2027 Annual
Convention in April 2027, we encourage each of
you to join the Shine Bright Boosters.

A sparkle here, a sparkle there,
Boosters shine everywhere!
For just \$5, join the fun—
Your name will shine for everyone.
A ribbon waits when you attend,
A bright keepsake from start to end.
Stand Tall... Shine Bright...
let spirits soar —
Be a Booster forevermore



YOUR CONTRIBUTION

For a \$5.00 contribution, you will
represent our outstanding club.



WHAT YOU RECEIVE

Your name will be included in the
Convention Program Book and a Shine
Bright ribbon will be waiting for you upon
arrival at the convention.



OUR GOAL

Our goal is to have
40 % sign up — 42 members.



Please provide your name and \$5 to Raeanne Renner.

If you are not able to attend the next few meetings, your information and check may be mailed directly to the club address at:
GFWC Gun Lake Area INC, P.O. Box 286, Shelbyville MI 49344

YES! I WANT TO BE A SHINE BRIGHT BOOSTER!



Boosters of the Michigan General Federation of
Women's Clubs 2027 Annual Convention
Please include me as a "Shine Bright Booster"

Name _____

\$5 attached:

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Please hand this with \$5 to Raeanne or mail directly to
GFWC Gun Lake Area INC, P.O. Box 286, Shelbyville, MI 49344

GFWC Gun Lake Area, Inc. Members,

GFWC Cowboy Campfire Party

We are proud to share that our club has been invited—and has accepted – the honor of serving as the host club for the GFWC Michigan State Convention in April 2027. One of our key responsibilities will be creating a cheerful, well-run registration table. To support this effort, we're launching a fun fall fundraiser:



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EVENT DETAILS

Where: Home of Katie Ambrose

Date: Sunday, September 27

Time: 3:30 PM

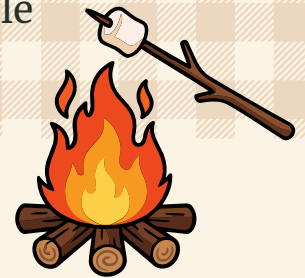
Cost: \$15 per person

Bring: A chair, a drink, and a spouse or guest

Carpooling: Available

Flannel, Fires & Friendship

Expect all the best parts of autumn—bonfire glow, marshmallow toasting, hearty chili, friendly games, and good company. Put on your hat, boots and flannel and join your friends at the chuckwagon and around the campfire!



RSVP + PAYMENT

With only one meeting before the event, you may also RSVP to raeannegfwc@gmail.com or call 517-677-6974.

Payment may be made at the Corral Gate upon arrival.





Arts & Culture

Chair: Patricia Velie

Community Events: September

It's quieter now that the kids and grandkids are back into school, time for an outing!

Allegan County Fair - September 11 - 19, 2026. Many GFWC - Gun Lake members participate and show their skills. Be sure to walk the exhibit barns!

Allegan Antiques Market-Allegan Fair grounds last Sunday of the month May through September. 400 exhibitors. Many in the arts or bringing beautiful pieces of our past for purchase.

Hastings Performing Arts Center:

- **Dinosaur Dimensions, September 17, 2026, 6:30 pm**

- **Grand Rapids Symphony, October 4, 2026, 3 pm**, matinee performance. The Music of Star Trek.

hastings.ludus.com

The Chihuly exhibition (large scale glass art pieces) at **Frederick Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park** now through **November 1, 2026.**

Don't forget local farmers markets!

Wayland (Wednesday 3-7 pm, Saturdays 9-1:30) park

Plainwell (Thursday 3-6:30 pm) park

Middleville (Thursday or Friday) pavilion

Hastings (Wednesday 11-4, Saturday 9-1:30) courthouse



Civic Engagement

Congresswoman Scholten Introduces Two Data Center Accountability Bills

July 31, 2026

Press Release

These bills will bring transparency to data centers' water and energy usage and strengthen federal efficiency standards

WASHINGTON, DC – This week, Congresswoman Hillary Scholten (D-MI-03) announced she introduced two bills to bring greater transparency and accountability to data centers' water and energy usage. Data centers nationwide consumed about 4.4% of U.S. electricity in 2023, and that figure is projected to climb as high as 12% by 2028 as AI-driven demand accelerates. As more of these facilities come online in Michigan and across the country, these bills would give federal regulators and the public visibility into how they are affecting local water and power resources.

The Data Center Resource Disclosure Act would direct the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) to establish an annual survey for data center operators to report their energy and water consumption. NTIA would then be required to solicit public comments on any submissions, publish the results on a dashboard, and compile a list of which operators failed to respond.

The Defending Our Energy and Water Act would direct the Department of Defense (DoD) to update its data center efficiency requirements and ensure new facilities adopt cooling technologies that reduce their impact on water resources. The bill also reauthorizes DoD's authority, first granted in the FY15 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) and set to expire this year, to establish water efficiency standards for data centers.

"Accountability starts with transparency. As data centers continue to come online across Michigan and the country, people deserve to know how these facilities are affecting the water and power they rely on, so we can best advocate for our communities to prevent exploitation," said Congresswoman Scholten. "My bills will strengthen transparency around how data centers affect our resources and their costs to consumers, and require the federal government to meet the highest efficiency standards for its own data centers. As our data demands grow, we must ensure we have domestic capacity to store it and process it in a way that doesn't harm our local communities."

Health & Wellness

**Co-Chairs: Shelley Heijerman
& Marcia Heroux**

Visit the club Facebook page for more updates and
photos - [click here](#)



- We will shop for the underwear and sweat pants with the jingle jar donations... a total of \$285! thank you to all! Deliveries will be made to schools mid September.
- It is our Last month for collecting puzzles, large print books and medium size stuffed animals for our senior living homes. We appreciate your support.
- Again a huge thank you for all the ladies that helped with our senior fun at Green Acres and The Laurels... you are amazing!!



Thank you,
Shelley and Marcia

Dates for hand2hand 2026-2027 school year

September 8, October 6, November 3, December 1, January 5, February 2, March 2, April 6, May 4 (All are the first Tuesday of each month except for September 8)

Join us at 6:00 P.M. at Gun Lake Community Church for packing food for weekend meals for over 140 children.

For those that have signed up for information already an email will be sent a few days ahead of the schedule as a reminder. It is always your choice if you want to pack that month.

Pudding cups and Jiffy cornbread mix are specifically requested at this time but any shelf stable food is appreciated.

Food or monetary donations are accepted and are deeply appreciated. If you cannot make it to the monthly meeting, my home is a drop off site. Please contact Nancy Molt for any questions you may have.



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"*



Guiding HARBORITAVILLE

Guiding Harbor invites you to a Margaritaville party filled with tropical vibes, colorful flowers, and endless fun!

**Saturday Nov 7, 2026
6:00 - 11:00p**

Diamondback Music Hall
49345 S. Interstate 94
Service Drive
Belleville, MI 48111

TICKETS

Early Bird: \$ 100.00
General: \$ 125.00



For more information contact
guidingharbor.org or 734.263.1864

All proceeds benefit the children and families served by
Guiding Harbor



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Julie Dart, GFWC SWD President, 501 Stine Road , Charlotte, MI 48813, 517. 541.9481

Diane LaBree Campbell, GFWC MI President, 4101 S Sheridan Rd, #258, Lennon, MI, 48449 , (810) 241-3313

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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!

