



# GRAMKC Newsletter

Wednesday, April 9, 2008

Grand Rapids Area Machine Knitters Club

[www.gramkc.com](http://www.gramkc.com)

Kentwood Public Library

Meetings at 1:00, 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month

Members: 65

To join send dues (\$24) to Treas. Pat DeWent.  
@ 6816 S. Bliss ct. Grandville, Mi. 4941

**Today; GRAMKC meeting @ 1:00**  
Treats: Joyce Lenger

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Mar. end Bal;	\$2560.06
Refund	+150.00
Room Rent	-20.00
Printing	- 6.31
Postage	<u>-8.20</u>
April beg. Bal.	\$ 2675.55

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 14: GRAMKC meeting @ 1:00

Treats by Janice Anderson

June 11: GRAMKC meeting @ 1:00

Treats by Nora Sullivan

July 9: GRAMKC meeting @ 1:00

**Think 'Christmas knitting'**

Treats by Virginia Bodbyl

August 13: **Pot Luck Picnic @ 12:00**

At Pat DeWent's home.

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## AREA KNIT CLUBS

The Holland Knit Club will meet  
Wed. April 16, at 12:30 at Weida Karstens,  
@ 121 S. Division, Holland.  
Call 396-1043 for Q & A's.

**Check out our Web site. If you have  
something to include, just let us know.  
Thanks, Mike for a great job.**

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## THOUGHT FOR TODAY

*You know your children are growing up when  
they stop asking you where they came from and  
refuse to tell you where they are going.*

*(P.J. O'Rourke)*

**.....Lo, the winter is past,.....The flowers  
appear on the earth; the time of the singing  
birds is come.**

Robins, Forsythia and Daffodils are Michigan's  
'Harbingers of Spring'.

## **DID YOU KNOW ....?**

**The 1<sup>st</sup> Native plant to bloom in the spring is  
actually called "Harbinger of Spring"  
[botanical name; *Erigenia Bulbosa*] A.K.A.  
'Pepper & Salt.' The Cherokee chewed it for  
toothaches. ☺**

## THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Joyce Lenger is recovering from back  
surgery and is in a body cast for 6 more  
weeks. Complete healing and comfort would  
be our prayer.

Remember in prayer, the safety of our  
Troops, our government leaders, especially  
our President and his family. Pray for  
Wisdom in their decisions and courage and  
strength to follow thru.

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## ***What's new (s)?***

GRAMKC's Fall Workshop is scheduled  
for Oct 3 & 4, at Pathway Ministries in  
Byron Center.

Lora Kinnan of 'Daisy Knits' and Deb  
Oswald of 'Debs Knits' are our guest  
teachers .

Register before Sept 15<sup>th</sup>. Fall Workshop  
fee is \$70 for 2 days or \$40 for one day.  
After Sept 15, Registration for 2 days is \$75  
and \$45 for 1 day.

Registration fee includes Lunch.

Non-members are always welcome.

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## MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY MEETING

GRAMKC March meeting, with 11 members present, was called to order at 10:10, with coffee and rolls from Edith Gallagher.

Our Feb. meeting [knit a red hat month] was canceled due to the weather, but the red hats were not forgotten.

Pat Saladin started Show and Tell with 50 hats [yes, 50!] to jump start our 'Knitting for Christmas giving' Marcia Zylstra showed a blue sweater. Sue Hockin brought a red hat and crocheted booties for her expected new granddaughter. Virginia Bodbyl brought 3 red hats. Carol Ammerman had 4 red hats plus a red white and blue one. Dorothea John showed 2 striped hats with red and primary colors and rolled brim. Edith Gallagher also brought a red hat.

This makes a total of 66 hats for 'Christmas giving' to date. A pretty good start.

March was 'knit something green' month. July is 'knit a Christmas item' month.

The possibility of a Fall Workshop and the need to reconsider expenses was discussed. A motion was made by Marcia Zylstra and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dorothea John to increase demonstrator payment and mileage allowance, off-set with a slight increase in registration fees. A Majority vote approved suggested fees. Registration fees will include lunch. Late registration fees will increase by \$5.00. Non-members are welcome for no additional fee.

Suggested dates was Oct 3 & 4 or Oct 10 & 11. with Oct 3& 4 being favored.

Since we no longer have use of the Library closet for storage, the subject of changing our place of meetings was suggested. Sue Hockin will check out Davidson Hall at 48<sup>th</sup> and Eastern as a possibility.

Marcia Zylstra made a motion for a 2<sup>nd</sup> annual 'Pot-luck picnic' in August. Pat DeWent graciously agreed, to the use of her lake-side home for the Aug 11 meeting. Thank you, Pat.

Remember, July is 'knit Christmas' month.

## BARGAIN CORNER

### SPINNING WHEEL.

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Steamer, floor model. \$30

Yarn Tree; wood, \$20

Call Sara @ 616-887-0675 for info.

## FOR SALE

**Transfer Carriage;** \$90

**Intarsia Carriage** KA-8210. New \$65

**Intarsia Carriage** KA-2600 [Bulky] new \$76

**Color Changers:** KR840 and KHC820.

For GRAMKC sales, please *contact any board member or Sara @ 616-887-0675 or E-mail sarasyarn@charter.net for info or to make offers.*

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### WEB SITES

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### THINGS YOUR MOTHER TOLD YOU;

*Great minds discuss ideas.*

*Average minds discuss events.*

*Small minds discuss people.*

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*I now see my life, not as the slow shaping of achievement to fit my pre-conceived purposes, but as the gradual discovering of a purpose which I didn't know....*

(I love these profound thoughts... don't you?)

☺ **Have a nice day.. even if you didn't plan to.**