

### **Minutes for February 18, 2004**

Meeting was called to order at 4:40 p.m. at Hayes. Nineteen members were present in addition to State President Judy Foster and Visitations Chairman Lola Wilson. Judy Foster opened with a welcome from the State and encouraged all to attend the Convention and 75th Diamond Jubilee in July.

Barb Broadley corrected January's minutes regarding the purchasing of a gift certificate. She sent a \$100 gift certificate to Annah and her daughters from Gamma Alpha. You may continue to send cards to the World Fellowship recipient. Her address will be in the hard copy of the newsletter.

Twenty bears were made for the dialysis patients. Turnout was light because of the weather conditions. Those present had a wonderful time and would like to build-a-bear again. We received a thank-you letter from Mott. Grace delivered blankets to the Family Center in December. She said the Family Center also needs furniture and kitchen items to help families get a start when they find new housing. The Family Center will pick up heavy items.

Slate was presented and accepted for 2004- 2006. President Judy Fisher 1st Vice President Lynne Elsesser 2nd Vice President Marie Canzoneri Recording Secretary Chris Smith Corresponding Secretary Jackie Smart Nominations Chairman Judy Kolassa Service Project report is included in the newsletter. No word yet from Gina and her committee on the Birthday Dinner. We will install officers, initiate two new members and honor retirees. Colleen Retherford announced she will retire in June. If anyone else is retiring, please let Gina and Jackie know.

Metro Council Luncheon information will be handed out at the Birthday Dinner. The luncheon will be on Saturday, May 22 at the Holiday Inn on Six Mile and 275.

Yearbooks were passed out. Jackie is toying with the idea of putting the yearbook on our website.

Alex Murray, son of Joan, is a student at Michigan. He is participating in a 30 hour Dance Marathon March 20-21 in order to raise money and awareness for pediatric rehabilitation programs at C.S. Mott Hospital and William Beaumont Hospital. Alex needs to raise a minimum of \$250 in contributions. He is asking our support. He provided a letter for us explaining the particulars. If you are interested in assisting Alex in his fundraising goal, send a check payable to: Dance Marathon c/o Alex Murray @Joan Murray's address (See Yearbook) Questions? Check out the Dance Marathon website at [www.umdm.org](http://www.umdm.org)

Grant-in-Aid applications need to be sent to Mary Jo Dreffs by the middle of April. Applications for the grant can be obtained at next month's meeting or from Mary Jo at: [dreffsm@wwcsd.net](mailto:dreffsm@wwcsd.net) Last year the winners came to our Birthday Dinner.

Meeting ended at 5:25.

Chef Larry Janes cooked and entertained us for the next hour. He prepared risotto, salmon with roasted red pepper sauce, navy bean and tomato salad, apple pecan streusel cake, and a breakfast in a glass shake. The aroma was divine and everything tasted delicious! Chef Larry shared some shopping tips. Only buy first cold pressed olive oil. Don't buy fish that smells fishy. Mrs. Dash (or a cheaper generic from the Eastern Market) is a great seasoning. He gave us a tip on how to remove the garlic and onion smells from your hands. He said to rub them on your stainless steel faucet. It leeches the scent from your hands. Weird-but effective.

Respectfully Submitted, Jackie Smart, for Chris Smith