Fall 2012 Event at University House

Our annual Fall meeting was once again hosted by President Sue Martin. Those attending were treated to five special treats:

1. Excellent food prepared by Chef Tom
2. Six outstanding door prizes for the raffle.
   Kudos to our program chairs, Glenna Frank-Miller and Grace Stevick for gathering great prizes, all worth a minimum of $75. We raised $360 for the WIP Operating Fund. Thank you to all who donated to support the behind the scenes work of WIP. Also thanks to Sidetack, Mediterrano, Measure for Measure, Quirk Theatre, Middle Eastern Bakery, and Jackie Tracy.
3. Presentations from three of the grant recipients from this year. (see page 2)
4. The announcement of the 2012 grants. 11 were awarded for a total of $50,050. YEAH for us!!!
5. The beautiful battery powered candles we each received as a favor from Co-Presidents Donna Schmitt-Oliver and Jackie Tracy :)

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Member To Do List:
1. Invite others to be members.
Recap from our 11/27 meeting:

We heard presentations from three 2011 grant recipients. Educational Leadership student Lorinda Rausch retraced the steps of a former MSNC professor through her grant “The Travels and Teaching of Ms. Clara Janet Allison: Professor of Classics at Michigan State Normal College 1918-1940. History and Philosophy professor Robert Duke and student Lynda McCarron shared their work on the Women in Michigan Agricultural History Exhibit at Tillers International Rural Agricultural Museum, singing a quite depressing, but apparently very accurate, poem in the form of a song titled “Work” written by a farm woman over 100 years ago. English Language and Literature Professor Elisabeth Daeumer explained the significance of poet Muriel Rukeyser and used the internet to explore the website she developed with the help of student assistants paid for by the grant.

The evening was capped off by the announcement of our new grants. Details to come in the next newsletter. This editor is under a time crunch to get this one out and wanted you to have the date for the informal end of the semester drop in (see first page). Hope to see you there where we can celebrate another great WIP year.

A few other quick news items:

The Association of Fundraising Professionals: Greater Detroit Chapter honored WIP Board members, Nina Contis, Lynette Findley and Bernice Lindke as Distinguished Volunteers. Congratulations and thank you for your dedicated work.

Here is a great article Lynette Findley found in the NY Times about women and philanthropy. Check it out. http://www.nytimes.com/2012/11/09/giving/groups-work-on-attracting-women-philanthropists.html