

Grand Rapids Study Class

CLUB WOMEN'S COLLECT

Keep us, O God, from pettiness
Let us be large in thought, in word, in deed.
Let us be done with fault-finding,
And leave off self-seeking.
Teach us to put into action our better impulses,
Straight forward and unafraid,
Let us take time for all things
Make us grow calm, serene, and gentle.
May we put away all pretenses,
And meet each other face to face
Without pity and prejudice.
May we never be hasty in judgment
And always be generous.
Grant that we may realize that it is the little things that create differences,
That in the big things of life we are one.
And may we strive to touch and to know
The great common woman's heart of us all,
And, Oh Lord, let us not forget to be kind.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Grand Rapids Study Class, having operated continuously since 1901 in Grand Rapids Michigan, is to be a cultural center for African American women committed to providing leadership for the preservation of African American culture.

Toward this end, the Grand Rapids Study Class:

- Researches African American culture and history
- Provides and serves as a repository for historical African American documents
- Serves as a resource of information to educational, social, governmental and civic groups seeking understanding of African American roots...
- Encourages the use of said information for research purposes which promotes trans-cultural cooperation and interaction...
- Facilitates trans-cultural utilization of this source of information to improve the quality of life in Grand Rapids and its environs.

OBJECTIVES

- To initiate and implement activities that spotlight and address African American issues and concerns.
- To research African American history focusing on Grand Rapids and its environs by identifying and interviewing pertinent individuals, compiling and editing that data then publishing the findings.
- To establish and maintain an African American Oral History Library.
- To facilitate discourse dealing with pertinent current issues and concerns.

- To collaborate and cooperate and/or co-sponsor with other community organizations activities that address African American issues and concerns.
- To establish and maintain a reference library about African American history to be used by the total community.
- To continue the tradition of focusing on being a vital positive force for the total community; which began over 90 years ago.

MEETINGS

Time: Noon to 1:30 p.m.

Place: Fair Housing Center @ 20 Hall Street, S.E.

When: September through June, except December and January.

Holiday celebration and appreciation is held on the third Saturday in January.

DUES:

Active Members \$ 25.00

Sustaining Members \$75.00

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Active Member \$ _____ Sustaining Member \$ _____

Book Scholarship Donation \$ _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

E-Mail Address _____

Telephone (home) _____ (business) _____

Cell phone _____

Please mail application with membership dues to:

Grand Rapids Study Class, 1629 Old Town SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49508