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The Official Newsletter of the GFWC Women's Civic League of Cheyenne



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The General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC) Women's Civic League of Cheyenne (WCLC) was organized in 1948 and is dedicated to improving the community of Cheyenne and Laramie County through scholarships, direct grants and service projects. These projects are initiated by the members or in collaboration with other non-profit organizations, charities, schools, or governmental agencies. Equally important, is the development and support of each member as she becomes a valued contributor to our community and club.

We are proud to have granted, financed, or supported the requests of over 200 different organizations and special events in and around Cheyenne as well as helping to improve the quality of life of countless individuals. Over \$1 million has been returned to our community in a variety of ways from projects as diverse as conservation projects and city park development, to education scholarships for young people and non-traditional women students returning to school, to support for the homeless to name just a very few. Our success is the collective expression of the individual commitment of our members to be active, involved and supportive of our Club's endeavors.

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From the PRESIDENT

— Mary Lee Dixon —

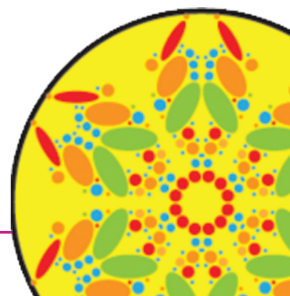
Ladies,

It's hard to believe the club year is ending already! I started the year's newsletters with the theme of "Lessons from Nature" and thought it would be appropriate to end it the same way.

I hope throughout the year some of you found ways to take yourself lightly. Our passions for projects run high and we sometimes become single minded in pursuing our goals. I hope our new members (and some of the older members) got out of their cocoon. We all need to step out of our comfort zone and try something new. It can be exciting! I have seen members who let their true colors show - members who weren't afraid to step up and take on new challenges and looked at problems in a different way to get to solution. Sometimes we just need to "wing it" and I, for one, had to do that with some of the challenges we encountered as a group. I found ladies who agreed to disagree and kept from getting their feathers ruffled. And lastly, I hope each of you found time to smell the flowers and spent time with family and friends, reconnecting and rediscovering "fun".

I have been honored to be the club president for the past year. I'd like to thank all of you who said "yes" when asked to chair a committee or take on a project. You have my undying gratitude. As always, I am impressed with your talents and willingness to share those with the club. Have a great summer!!!

Mary Lee



CLUB NEWS

2014 Convention Wrap-up

— Mary Lee Dixon —

Once again, the women of the Women Civic League of Cheyenne brought home many awards from the state convention. Before I list all of those, I would like to say thank you to Nancy Kaufman for spearheading the convention planning; to Connie Hein who worked with the committee tirelessly, in getting the details right at the Plains and always did it with a smile and to the committee who did what they said they would do from table favors to guest speakers to gifts. Ann Norwood's installation as State GFWC President was beautifully done. We are honored to have so many past and current state president's come from our club.

Our membership stays busy with numerous projects throughout the year with our chairman doing a wonderful job of capturing those projects and submitting them in their end of year report to the president. These are compiled into the president's report which goes to the state organization and onto national for awards.

Here are the state level awards our club was awarded: overall we received 15 awards plus a superior rating for our rating guide; our first place awards include Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention for community service projects as well as partnership projects; Advocates for Children partnership projects; the Arts community service projects; Education/ESO community

service projects; Home Life community service projects; International Outreach partnership projects; Public Issues community service projects; Communications and Public Relations advancement areas; Leadership advancement area; Membership advancement area; and Fundraising advancement area.

We received second place for Conservation community service projects; International Outreach community service projects; and Membership advancement area. Thank you to all of you who worked so hard to make a difference in our community!

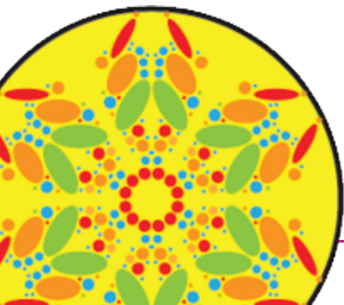
Can Man Project

— Charlene Baktamarian —

Thank you so much to all who gave Peanut Butter and Jelly. You Civic Ladies Rock!

You made it possible **to bring 364** jars of Peanut Butter and Jelly to Needs.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart!



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Anniversary Scrolls

— Pat Stenbeck —

10 YEARS (2004)

Lori Dickerson
Jerry Heimsoth
Pam Hendricks
Teri Johnston
Barbara Kuzma
Lynn Montoya
Margaret Mueller
Sue Tardif
Cindy Todd

20 YEARS (1994)

Carol Farthing
Mary Guthrie
Trish Palluck
Trish Peacock

30 YEARS (1984)

Jan Dancliff
Maria Harvey
Cathy Nicholas
Ann Norwood
Gwen Perdue
Paula Shepherd
Deanna Sommers
Sandee Wamboldt

40 YEARS (1974)

Connie Atwell
Betty Jean Bundy
Brenda Cole
Donna Kincheloe
Bev Schrader
Barbara Williams

60 YEARS (1954)

Marietta Dinneen
Wilma Lathrop
Ruth Storey

Spring Fling

— Pat Stenbeck —

Please remember to have your reservations in for Spring Fling on May 12. You do not have to respond if you are not coming. This is a time to honor our seven new members on Friday May 16. Sherri Geringer is hosting the event at her home 1507 Road. 215. If you can car pool that would help with parking. Please park only where the prairie is mowed. Otherwise you may be parking on sprinkler heads. The luncheon begins at 11:30 AM.

Directions to Sherri's home

1-25 North to Horse Creek Road exit. Turn left (west). Travel about 7.5 miles.

Pass electrical towers. Where road begins to curve, turn left on Road 215. (Sign is hard to see. There is a large metal building at the intersection.)

Follow Road 215 to the west about 1 mile. Home is on left with Geringer sign by the drive and wagon in front yard.

NOTE: Do not follow Google map. Directions indicating where to leave Horse Creek Road are not accurate. Help? 635-1009

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King Soopers Neighborhood Rewards Card Program

— Linda Brunner —

We have been approved to be a part of the King Soopers Neighborhood Rewards Card Program. If you missed the presentation at the March luncheon here is a description of the program.

You purchase a King Soopers Reward Card from Linda Brunner (for \$10) and the card is then worth \$10 at King Soopers or Loaf & Jug. When you want to make a purchase at King Soopers or Loaf & Jug you “load” your Reward Card with your regular credit card, check or cash for the amount you think you are going to spend. (I usually estimate what my purchase will be that day and round up.) Then you have your items scanned; when it comes time to pay you use the Rewards Card to pay for your purchase. All the money you put on the card is available for you to use – either on that purchase or it will carry over on the card. This is basically a prepaid credit card.

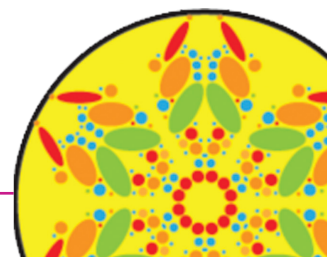
You will need to remember to “load” the card FIRST before you have the items scanned.

WCLC earns 5% of all monies put on the Rewards Card. However we must reach \$5000 in Club member purchases before they will issue us a check. This amount is never lost to us because it carries over month to month until we reach the \$5000. Example - if we have 50 members spending \$100 per month we will reach the \$5000 amount. This will give the club an extra \$250 per month towards our expenses and will help keep our out of pocket money down. Of course if we spend more than \$5000 we earn more money – 5% on all purchases!

Since this money is not part of Christmas House it can be used for our club expenses and special projects.

The card you are issued is a re-loadable card and should not be thrown away, just keep re-loading it and using it. If you do lose your card please contact Linda Brunner. There is no guarantee that a lost card can be replaced with the amount you had left on it, so please treat it as you would any credit card. The Rewards Card cannot be used to purchase gift cards, money orders or stamps. There is a \$500 per transaction limit on the card.

If you are interested in joining this program please contact Linda Brunner.



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Evening Bunco

—Tandie Opsal —

Evening Bunko will be **Monday night May 19th** at Paatti Reese's home.

Social time starts at 6:30pm and we roll at 7pm. It's only \$5 to play and you don't have to know how, we love to teach newcomers.

We will also be playing Right, Left, Center after Bunko. This game is a blast and is only \$1 to play!!!

Tandie Opsal is bringing snacks, Mary Lee Dixon will be bringing wine.

Hope to see some new faces joining us.

If you would like more information, please call or text Tandie at 640-1464. See you all soon!!!!



Afternoon Bunco

—Judy Engelhart —

Bunco will be **Monday, May 19th at 12:30pm.** Cost is \$5.

Mary King has arranged for us to play in the dining room of the new Primrose facility at 1530 Dorothy Lane in The Pointe. This is at the intersection of Four Mile Rd and Powderhouse.

New players are always welcome. Please RSVP to Judy at 632-2623 or judegen@gmail.com.

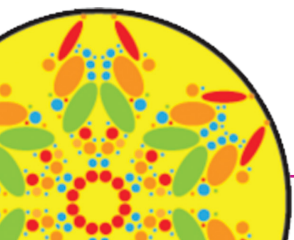
Bunco co-chairs, Betty Jean Bundy and Judy Engelhart are retiring. Please let either of us know if you would like to "take-over" this fun, monthly group.



X-JWC

—Judy Engelhart —

The new president of X-JWC is Carolyn Turbiville. She has many plans for X-JWC in 2014-2015 and is excited to work with Ann Norwood. Congratulations, Carolyn.



CLUB NEWS

Women's Issues

— Connie Glassman & — Janelle Shields

As we are turning over the reins to new Board officers and committee chairs, I would like to say that it was fun serving on Women's Issues as the chair this year. I want to say a very special "Thank you!" from the bottom of my heart to all the loyal ladies who consistently attended meetings and always said "yes" to volunteering to help with the different Women's Issues projects.

As I step down as the chair, I would like to also say goodbye to my co-chair and friend, Janelle Shields. Janelle is leaving us and moving to Boulder City, Nevada where the sun always shines and the weather is great. It was a pleasure to serve with all you lovely ladies. More importantly, it was an awesome experience and a great way to make new, lasting friendships.

Good luck to the new chair, Trish Peoples. I know she'll do an awesome job even as she juggles being a room chair in this year's Christmas House.

Best wishes for a great summer!



Recycling

— Judy Lissman —

First of all I want to thank the members for their wonderful response in bringing used cards for recycling. The first of the boxes, which weighed 12 pounds and 12 ounces, was sent in March to St. Jude's Children's Ranch in Nevada.

This project will continue during the next two years so members are encouraged to keep bringing in all kinds of cards. According to the latest press release, they are in need of thank you cards, get well cards and sympathy cards as well as Christmas Cards. The cards will continue to be collected in the big red bag available at the monthly meetings. Save all those greeting cards from this summer. Remember don't include Hallmark, American Greeting, or Disney cards.

Thanks again for your continued support.

Juniorettes

— Shri Reckling & — Kathy Lind

The Juniorettes are collecting empty ink cartridges, Box Tops & Labels for Education. Box Tops are found on many different types of packaging, food boxes, cereals, Kleenex, toilet paper plastic, ziplock bag boxes, etc.

Labels for Education are on Campbell's Soup cans

They are also collecting eyeglasses for Doctor's Without Borders.

Please bring these to the March meeting & give to Shri or Kathy.....thank you

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Military Outreach

— Pam Crochet &
Phyllis Salzburg —

The Committee will meet at 11:00 a.m. prior to the Membership meeting on **May 14** to consider grant applications.

The Committee will represent Women's Civic League of Cheyenne at the Wreath Laying Ceremony on Memorial Day, **May 26**. Details will follow through email on time and location. ALL club members are welcome!

Special Needs

— Judi Loomis &
Cathy McMikle —

The Special Needs Committee would like to remind everyone to "spring clean" and bring any art supplies you find to the May luncheon.

Greenway Clean Up

— Judy Lissman —

Plans are being made for a clean-up day for our area of the Greenway on Ridge Road and Del Range Avenue. **Saturday, June 7** has been chosen as the clean-up day.

Bring your gloves, and wear long pants and boots and invite anyone else who would like to help. (husbands, children, friends) You can also bring a rake to reach those hard to reach areas. Collection bags will be furnished.

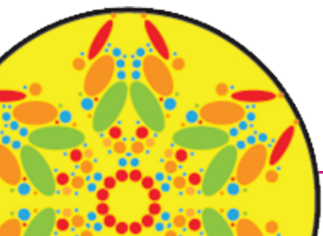
We will start at 9:00 a.m. and work until we are finished cleaning our area. Come anytime you can to help. You can use the parking area at Cahill Park and walk down the path to our area. Thanks for your help. We need you!

Yearbook

— Margaret Cox —

The 2014 - 2015 yearbook will be compiled during the summer months. Please send me any updated information. mcox825@yahoo.com

Thank you!



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Yoder Woman's Club Invitation

—Judy Lissman—

The Yoder Woman's Club has invited members to attend their **May 21st** meeting. Dinner is being served at 6:00 p.m. with hamburgers, salad, dessert and a wine tasting at TABLE MOUNTAIN VINEYARD near Huntley, Wyoming. Cost will be \$10.00 for everything. Car pooling is being arranged. We will meet at Albertson's parking lot at 4:30 p.m. to travel to the vineyard. We will try to travel together if we have several carloads, but just in case the directions are below.

Directions to the vineyard: Take North HWY 85, which is the Torrington road, travel about 65 miles to Silver Tip, (just past Hawk Springs), turn west on HWY 92 to Huntley and stay on the paved road (it curves several times) for about 12 miles until you see the sign for Table Mountain Vineyard on the south side of the road. Turn right on the dirt road and follow the signs to the winery. (about 2 miles- 1 south & 1 east) If you get to Lyman, Nebraska you have gone too far and come back and watch for the signs again.

They do need a count so please RSVP by May 17 to Judy Lissman if you wish to attend or have any questions regarding this. Please indicate if you would be willing to drive and would take some passengers. THANK YOU! jlissman@hotmail.com 514-2380 – cell 575-1102
Leave a message if I do not answer. Hope to see you at this fun event. They do have a small gift shop where you can buy local wine. Come see their selection.

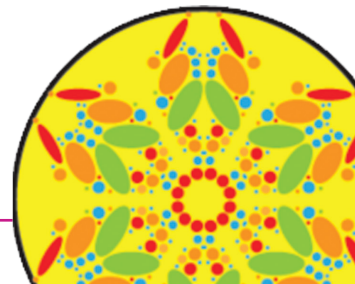
Youth & Family Services

—Wendy Owen—

We are currently collecting new or gently used children's winter coats, gloves, hats, mittens and scarves to be given to the Cheyenne Frontier Days "Coats for Kids Program" in The Fall of 2014. Please bring your donations to the April and May WCL meetings. Shop the sales now!!!!

The committee is asking all sewers, quilters and blanket makers to consider donating fleece to be given to Project Linus in the fall. Two yards of fleece will make a small blanket for a small child. The more you donate, the bigger blanket they can make. We are also asking those who would like to make their own blanket or quilt over the summer months to bring them to the Sept. 2014 WCL meeting. These blankets will also be donated to Project Linus. Just make sure the blankets are washable.

The committee will also provide a lunch for Habitat for Humanity workers in the summer of 2014. They are asking for helpers for this project. Contact Wendy if you would like to help.



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New Website

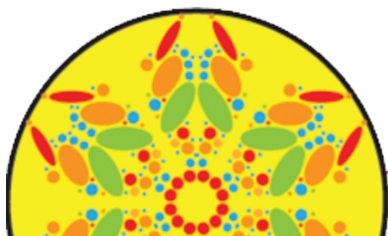
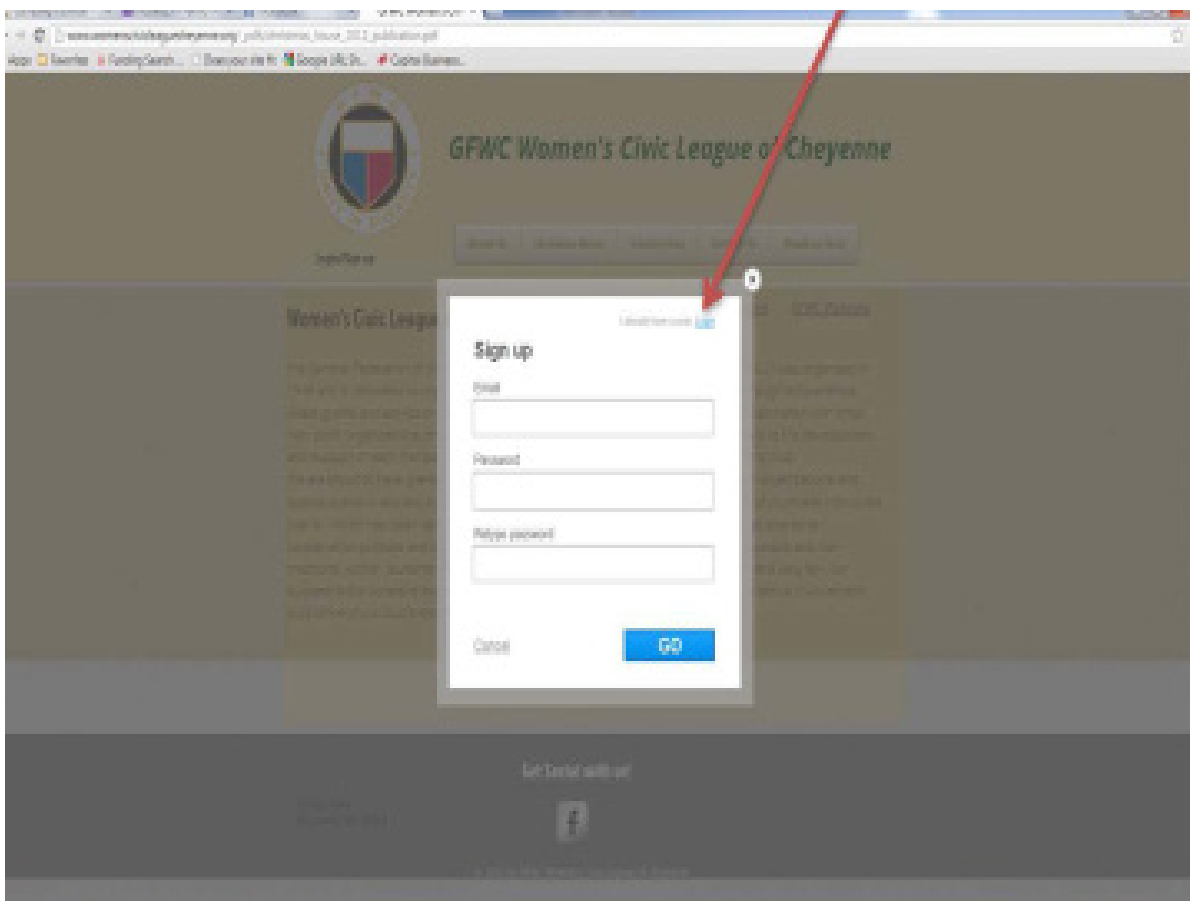
—Margaret Cox —

The new website is LIVE!! Hope you all have time to check it out. In order to get to the Members Only page to view newsletters, calendars and other important information you will need to register using your email address that you use for the club and a password.

If you have questions about how to do this, please let me know. I can walk you through the process.

We only have 59 members that have registered on the website. It would be great to have everyone on so that more information can be distributed through the website.

After you have signed up through the website you can log into the site by clicking on the Login/Signup link, then clicking Login in the upper right corner. See image below.



Christmas House 2014

“Believe in Christmas Magic”

As the club year for Women's Civic League is ending, work is gearing up for Christmas House. Room chairs and support staff have now had the opportunity to see the spaces they will be using in the Christmas House and are making plans for filling those spaces with wonderful, hand-crafted items.

Several workshops have been scheduled, and more will be coming! Patti Reese will be sending group emails to let everyone know when and where the crafting will be happening.

Remember, your help is needed at a series of workshops, so take a look at the list of rooms & chairmen to decide where you'd like to help. Some chairmen may have take-home projects if that works better for you.

We will be scheduling an all-day workshop this summer and hopefully another in the fall. If you would like to sign up for a “buddy” to do your gift room crafting while you take care of her baking requirements (or vice versa), be sure to let Patti know! Summer is a busy time for all of us, but remember Christmas House needs you so we can bring Christmas Magic to Cheyenne and Laramie County in December!

E-Gram

The Christmas House E-Gram for April 2014 was e-mailed directly to you from the Christmas House g-mail account. If you weren't able to open the E-Gram that was attached to the e-mail, however, it is available on our club website: www.womenscivicleaguecheyenne.org

The most current list of Room Chairwomen & Support Staff is also available on the website.

Corresponding Secretary

—— Patti Reese ——

Lori Kerrigan..... Sympathy
Jerry Heimsoth..... Thinking of you
Trish Peacock..... Thinking of you
Joan Carey Get Well
Flossie Vance..... Get Well
Barb Costa..... Get Well
Lynn Montoya..... Get Well
Marietta Dinneen Congratulations

Membership Meetings

May 14, 2014
LCCC- UP Centennial Room
Scholarship Presentations
Installation of Officers

General Information

Board of Directors

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