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The Official Newsletter of the GFWC Women's Civic League of Cheyenne — FEBRUARY 2014

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

Whew!

I just finished the President's report and am, once again, in awe of all the things we accomplish! It was impressive to read about all the areas we supported in town and the county as well as things we did for ourselves and the club.

Our members found new facets to touch and were eager to share with the club something new to learn about and help. Our Ways and Means committee does a remarkable job every year to create a fundraiser that has no parallel and makes it possible for us to do as much as we do monetarily and yet our members donate thousands of dollars of in kind donations and never ask for reimbursement thus enhancing the reach of our ability to touch more lives.

Thank you all for your generosity and for the committee chairman who make it happen! Your reports are invaluable in capturing everything we do—keep up the good work. We are settling into committee meetings and making plans for spring events so please support and attend the meetings.

This club is a success because of YOU!

Mary Lee

CLUB NEWS

Can Man Project

Charlene Baktamarian

Save your peanut butter and jelly
NOTE: My cell has been changed!
Now is 214-2640

Membership

Pat Stenback & Shelley Herr

Ladies it is time to bring in new members. I have applications and will have them at the luncheon. Also the application is on the web.

The applications are due **March 15 with a $36 check** attached made out to GFWC.

Recycling/Conservation

Judy Lissman

Remember to save those Christmas card fronts and bring them to the meeting in January. Don't throw them away, but recycle them for our project with St. Jude's. We will take any occasion cards not just Christmas, but do not send Hallmark, American Greetings or Disney cards. Look for the red bag at the meetings and put the cards inside. THANKS!!

Associate Members

Pat Stenback & Shelley Herr

Associate members please remember that your dues are needed by April 1

Afternoon Bunco

Judy Engelhart

Bunco will be **Monday, February 24 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.

CLUB NEWS

Nominating Committee

Nancy Kaufman

The Nominating Committee met Thursday, January 23 to develop a slate of Elected Officers for the 2014-2015 Club year to present to the Board of Directors. This slate of fabulous women was approved by The Board to be presented to the General Membership for election at the April General Meeting. Eleven members attended despite the rather nasty weather.

The following slate of Elected Officers for the 2014-2015 year was unanimously recommended:

President - Lucy Russell
First Vice President - Pat Stenback
Second Vice President - Kim Broka
Recording Secretary - Pam Hendricks
Corresponding Secretary - Patti Reese
Treasurer - Fran Smyth

As always, additional nominations will be accepted from the floor prior to any vote. A written ballot will be used in such a circumstance. As a committee, we are very excited to have these dedicated women represent us during the 2014-2015 year.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Kaufman, Past President
Chair, Nominations Committee

Bylaws and Standing Rules Committee

Marcy Helser & Sherri Gerringer

The Standing Rules/Bylaws committee will be meeting on **Tuesday, February 11th at 9:00 am**. at the CFD Old West Museum, everyone is welcome. However, if you plan on attending either Sherri Geringer or Marcy Helser needs to know in advance. Our phone numbers and e-mail addresses are in the yearbook.

Membership

Pat Stenback & Shelley Herr

March is rapidly approaching. Please make sure new members fill out their membership papers and return to me by **March 15** with their checks for $36.00

If you are want to go associate I must have your letter requesting change from active to associate status by **April 1** with a check for $41.00. You must have seven years as an active.

Associates you may mail your check to Linda Brunner or to me. Please note that your dues are also due in April.

CLUB NEWS

Military Outreach

Pam Crochet & Phyllis Salzburg

Do you have a woman family member or friend who served in the military, or did you serve, any branch, Active Duty, Reserve, Guard, living or deceased, enlisted or officer? Are they (you?) registered with the Women in Military Service for America Memorial? The Memorial, dedicated in 1997, is located at the ceremonial entrance to Arlington National Cemetery and is the nation's only major national memorial honoring all women who have defended America throughout history.

The computerized Register at the Memorial records for history the name, service information, photograph and memorable experience of each registered woman. This guarantees these women a permanent place in America's history, making sure the story of women serving in defense of our nation is never forgotten.

The website, www.womensmemorial.org, has information on the Memorial and how to register, or visit with Pam Crochet or Phyllis Salzburg. If you're in Washington, D.C., it is well worth the time to visit the Memorial which has wonderful displays and information on our women veterans, past and present! Congratulations to Flo Beville who recently completed her registration!

Evening Bunco

Tandie Opsal

Evening Bunko will be Monday night February 24th at Annette Tempte'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!!!

D'Lynn Van Valkenburgh, is bringing snacks, Barb Clark 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!!!!

X-JWC

Judy Engelhart

X-JWC and Texas Roadhouse are holding a "Texas Night Out" fundraiser on **Wednesday, February 12.** Coupons are absolutely necessary and are free by calling Phyllis Duncan at 635-2574. They will not be available at the door. For each coupon presented the Texas Roadhouse will donate 15% of the bill to X-JWC. You may also use it for take-out. The fun begins at 4pm and goes until closing.

Club News

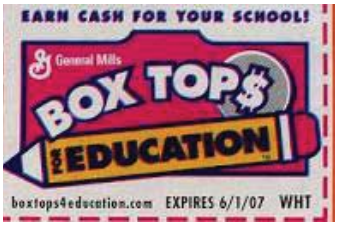
Juniorettes

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

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



Substance Abuse

Antoinette Brown & Barb Kuzma

We will meeting on **Monday, February 10th at 2 pm** at the Kuzma Success Realty conference room

Special Needs

Judi Loomis & Kathy McMille

We received a thank you from Stride Learning Center for the $500 grant for their Family Support Group Program.

Please remind everyone that the Special Needs Committee will be meeting at noon on **Wednesday, February 19th** at Barns & Noble. We meet in the back, left side of the store. Anyone interested is welcome to attend. Please bring ideas for possible grant recipients.

Social Committee

You're Invited

CFD OLD WEST MUSEUM CARRIAGE TOUR

Tour Guide: Marietta Dinneen, WCLC Member

Wednesday, March 19, 2014
2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Old West Museum

On the day of the tour, the Old West Museum invites you to visit the Western Spirit Art Show, as their guest

Light snacks and beverage will be served

Hosted by the WCLC Social Committee

For tour reservations, (1) sign up at the Feb 12 General Membership Meeting; or (2) contact one of the Social Committee Chairwomen:

Billie Neff - 634-1605
Evie Randall - 635-3428
Gloria Tafoya - 634-3986

CLUB NEWS

Women's Issues

Connie Glassman

The Women's Issues Committee met just in time to get an update on our projects ready for this newsletter…. and to start spending our money.

First up, the Committee has planned to serve a ham and scalloped potato casserole dinner for Circles on **February 19** at Cheyenne Hills Church, along with salad, veggies and desserts. Circles promptly dine at 5:30 and break for their meetings at 6. If anyone is interested in helping, just arrive by 4:45 and we will find a task for you to do. Nothing hard… and you can join us as we dine with Circles!

Women's Issues is embarking on a new project that we are calling WCLC's Women of Distinction. Fashioned after the GFWC's Oral History program, we will interview our members to preserve the current and past history of our organization. We already know that some of these ladies have great stories to share and we want to make sure those stories aren't lost. Look for more information in the future, since we are still in the planning stages. This should be a fun and interesting project full of discovery.

"Eat. Read. Grow." is First Lady Carol Mead's project developed through the Wyoming Governor's Residence Foundation. The program provides financially disadvantaged families with the opportunity to eat a hot meal together and learn about community resources available to them. The program serves about 200 people two-three times a year to encourage families to eat meals together and read together at home. The children are each given an age appropriate book and the family also receives a bag of pantry supplies and fresh groceries. This is a new event the Women's Issues Committee is excited to support with $500. Eat. Read. Grow. is scheduled to serve another family meal on March 5.

Another new project is a stipend to assist graduates from the LCCC Nursing program with application costs and state board testing costs to becoming licensed nurses. The recipients will be chosen based on need, recommendations from the nursing program director, and completion of a WCLC "stipend" application. Women's Issues will be awarding four $200 stipends for the next class graduating in March or April.

You probably all received the email regarding Thankful Thursday for Julie's Closet on February 13 from 4:30-7:30 at the Redwood Lounge. Julie's Closet is still operating in the same location on a limited basis. This would be a great time for us to support Julie's Closet and have some social time together.

Women's Issues cont...

Connie Glassman

Finally, here's some valuable information to know and use:

RECOGNIZING A STROKE

Symptoms of a stroke are difficult to identify. Unfortunately, the lack of awareness can spell disaster. The stoke victim may suffer severe brain damage if people fail to recognize the symptoms. You can recognize a stroke by asking three simple questions:

S Ask the individual to SMILE.
T Ask the person to TALK and SPEAK A SIMPLE SENTENCE coherently (i.e. Chicken soup.)
R Ask the person to RAISE BOTH ARMS.

If the person has difficulty with ANY ONE of these tasks, call 911 immediately and describe the symptoms to the 911 operator.

NEW SIGN OF A STROKE -----

Ask the person to "STICK OUT YOUR TONGUE!"

If the tongue is "crooked", if it goes to one side or the other, that is also an indication of a stroke.

Corresponding Secretary

Patti Reese

Toni Thompson..... Get Well

Carol Farthing..... Congratulations

Beth Edwards ..... Thinking of you

Anna Marie Hales..... Congratulations

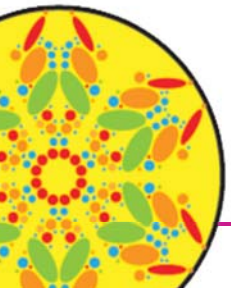
Julie Tennant-Caine ..... Congratulations

Dani Caldwell ..... Sympathy

Evie Randall ..... Congratulations

Barb Kuzma..... Get Well

Jerry Heimsoth..... Thinking of you



Arts & Entertainment

Marliyn Palmer

The Delta Kappa Gamma (International Society of Women of Education) is holding their 31st Annual "Used Book Sale" on **Saturday, March 1 from 8am to 6pm Sunday, March 2 from 9am to 4 pm.** The sale has a new location this year in the formerWyoming Liquor Division Warehouse. It is 1/2 block east on Campstool from south end of Norris Viaduct - Across from the refinery. All kinds of books (soft bound and hard bound) will be available along with DVD's, VHS, books on tape, and a great variety of subjects. Donated books may be dropped off at either of the Safeway Stores, both Albertson's, King Soopers and Natural Grocers. This is a fun sale to attend if you love books and love to read.

Linda Gregory and I, along with a lot of help from Vicki Wilkins, will be having our annual "Marilyn, Linda and Friends Art Show and Sale" at the Cheyenne Civic Center through the Month of March. Everyone is invited to participate and entry forms are available at the Civic Center Box Office or by contacting Linda at 634-9139 or me at 630-7106, email Marilynsagebrush@q.com. We encourage all medias and would love to have you join us. Our reception will be **Wednesday, March 5, from 5:30 to 7:00 pm** and everyone is welcome.

Cheyenne Botanic Gardens Greenhouse is having their beautiful stain glass art show at 710 S Lion's Park Dr., F**riday Feb. 7 through Feb. 16, 8:00 am/5:00 pm week days and 10:00 am/3:30 pm weekends.** If you've never attended, It is a beautiful show with a lot of talent on display and just being in the "Garden" makes you really anxious for Spring.

Neil Simon's "Barefoot in the Park" is at the Mary Godfrey Playhouse, 2706 Pershing, **Feb. 13/15, 19/21, Thurs., Fri., and Sat. Performances 7:30 pm and Sunday matinee starts at 2:00 pm.**

The Cheyenne Civic Center presents "The Ten Tenors on Broadway" at 7:30 on **Thursday, February 27 at 7:30 pm**

The Cheyenne Symphony will introduce "Masterpiece IV," the bliss of Mozart's Symphony No. 39 and Don Giovanni overture on **Saturday, Feb. 22 , at7:30 pm.**

Membership Meetings

February 12, 2014- Guest Day
Holiday Inn
Jennie Joannides- Pearl Harbor Survivor

March 12, 2014
Holiday Inn
Carol Farthing- History of the Farthing Ranch

April 9, 2014
Trails End Club, F.E. Warren Air Force Base
Fruits of Our Labor

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

General Information

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