

# KALEIDOSCOPE



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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**THE APRIL 9 LUNCHEON  
AND MEETING LOCATION  
HAS BEEN CHANGED TO THE  
PLAINS HOTEL, 1600 CENTRAL**



# From the PRESIDENT

— Mary Lee Dixon —

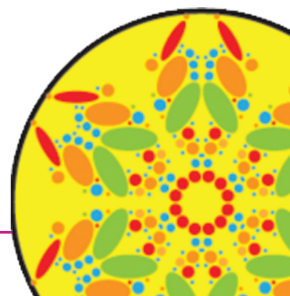
This month, Cheyenne is hosting the GFWC-Wyoming convention, April 25 and 26, at the Plains Hotel. I encourage all of you attend. The convention moves around the state due to the Presidents' location. We have an opportunity to have it here and make it convenient for all the members of Women's Civic League to participate.

Nancy Kaufman is the convention chairman and has planned numerous interactive workshops meaning we'll be doing fun things, moving around to various places and learning new things. It's not going to be only sitting and listening for a day and a half. The registration form is on the GFWC-WY website, you have it in your WCLC mailbox as Ann Norwood sent it out to everyone or if all else fails, contact Pam or Ann for an additional copy.

As you know, we are part of a bigger organization which helps give our organization structure and guidance and keeps us abreast of things happening throughout the nation with our sister groups. Please consider spending time at the Plains! Additionally, there are fundraisers associated with the convention to cover costs, etc and there will be a quilt raffle (made by Nancy and Trudy) as well as a silent auction. If you cannot attend, but would like to buy raffle tickets for the quilt, please contact Nancy. We are also accepting silent auction items so if you would like to contribute to the convention in that way, contact Nancy to arrange for a donation. Thank you for considering attending.

*Mary Lee*

PS. Thank Katherine Van Dell for "resetting" our luncheon after the venue scheduled couldn't come through!



# CLUB NEWS

## Can Man Project

—Charlene Baktamarian—

Thank you so much to all who gave Peanut Butter and Jelly for Valentine's Day. You Civic Ladies Rock!

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

Please continue to bring Peanut Butter and Jelly each month.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart!

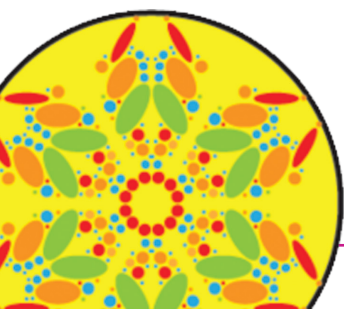


## Substance Abuse

—Antoinette Brown &—  
Barb Kuzma

Substance Abuse Committee wants all of you to mark your calendars for **May 9th**--Day of Giving when you can take old unused medicine to the police station to dispose of the contents.

As a committee we are checking into having a speaker next year regarding drug abuse



## Afternoon Bunco

—Judy Engelhart—

Bunco will be **Monday, April 28 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.



## Evening Bunco

—Tandie Opsal—

Evening Bunco will be **Monday night April 28th** at Pam Crochet'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 Bunco. This game is a blast and is only \$1 to play!!!

Tandie Opsal is bringing snacks, Patti Reese 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!!!!



# CLUB NEWS

## 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.

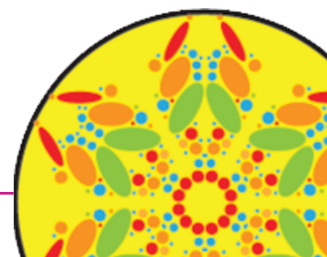
You will need to remember to “load” the card FIRST before you have the items scanned.

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.



# CLUB NEWS

## 2014 Convention

### —Wendy Owen —

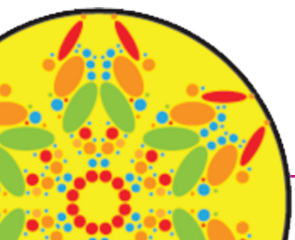
If you are interested in attending this year's GFWC-W convention, please access all of the registration information on our state website [GFWC Wyoming.org](http://GFWC Wyoming.org). Just click on the Clubwoman magazine area and you can get all of the registration information. The registration deadline is **April 7th**, so don't delay. The convention will be held this year on April 25th and 26th at the Plains Hotel.

If you are interested in entering a craft, sewing, photography or art piece to be judged and shared with other Clubwomen around the state, all of the entry information is also contained in the Clubwoman magazine.

Since this information is getting to the clubs late, we are extending the entry deadline for the craft, sewing, etc. items until April 11th. WCL First VP, Lucy Russell is in charge of collecting these items to be taken to the convention, so contact Lucy and let her know you are planning on entering items.

We will have some forms available at our April General Membership meeting, but we would love to get your entry info. ASAP. These forms are mailed to Marilyn Palmer and her info. is on the entry forms.

We hope you will all consider joining us this year for the convention. We will be thanking our current President, WCL member Pam Crochet for a job well done and welcoming our new GFWC-W State President, Ann Norwood as she begins her term as our new state leader. The convention planning committee has fun and informative things planned for this year's convention so please plan on attending for some if not all of the weekend.





# CLUB NEWS

## Nominations Report

—Nancy Kaufman—

Just a reminder, we will be electing officers for the upcoming year at our April General Meeting. The Nominations committee unanimously recommended the following slate of officers for the 2014-2015 year in January:

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

This slate of officers has been presented to the Board of Directors and recommended for election by the General Membership. As always, additional nominations will be accepted from the floor prior to any vote. Written ballots will be available at the meeting should that become necessary.

As a committee, we are very excited to have these fabulous women represent us during the 2014-2015 year.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Kaufman, Past President  
Chair, Nominations Committee

## Women's Issues

—Connie Glassman & Janelle Shields—

The WI committee will have a special meeting on **April 24th** to consider awards for the Nursing Stipend program. An email will be sent out notifying committee members of the time and location.

Our next regular committee meeting is slated for **May 1st** and we are considering holding a luncheon meeting. This is an important meeting as we will be considering the CIP grant requests forwarded to Women's Issues and review the progress of all current projects. Please watch for an email regarding the time and location and plan to attend!

## Recycling

—Judy Lissman—

Thank you for your wonderful response in bringing your used cards for recycling. We had 12 pounds 12 ounces of cards.

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. Thanks again for your support of this worthwhile cause.

Spring is coming and so is clean-up time for our group. Keep those gloves and boots out for a date to be set in the near future for cleaning up our area near the intersection of Dell Range and Ridge Road. An announcement regarding dates will be posted on the new website. Hope to see you there.



# 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](http://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!

## Education Committee

### — Sue Ann Shafer —

The Education Services committee will meet on **Friday, April 11th at 1:00 p.m.** The Old West Museum has graciously agreed to having the committee meet in their board room. However, it is important that you RSVP for this meeting. If it is necessary they will set up tables in the rotunda. It is always a pleasure to go to the museum and it is certainly a pleasure to award the scholarships. It is inspiring to read the resumes of outstanding young people. So, please plan to join us in this worthy endeavor.

## 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



# CLUB NEWS

## Special Needs

### — Judi Loomis & — Cathy McMikle

The special needs committee met April 2, 2014.

It was decided to grant The Art Corner Co-op (ARC of Laramie County) \$250.00 to provide five people two art classes.

We also decided to further help The Art Corner Co-op by collecting the following art supplies: watercolor paints, acrylic paints, charcoal, pens, graphite and colored pencils, additional miscellaneous supplies such as erasers, tracing paper, brushes, sponges, and rulers, in addition to art paper and canvasses, frames and mats.

The committee also decided to help Dance in the Buff (The ARC of Laramie County), which is a fund raiser for The ARC, by collecting items for their silent auction.

So, GFWC Women's Civic League members, when you are collecting coats, fleece, peanut butter and jelly, please also be on the lookout for art supplies and silent auction items. We will have 2 bins in the "collection area" at April's luncheon.

Or you can call Judi (634-0552) or Cathy (637-7750) to have items picked up at your door.

## Sew a Straight Stitch?

### — Sue Tardif —

Calling all Civic League ladies who can sew a straight stitch.

I am coordinating a Final Salute quilt making day to benefit our Hospice veterans at the Cheyenne VAMC. The idea is, each Hospice patient would be given a red, white and blue quilt to use on admission. After death, the quilt will be placed over the mortuary gurney for the final trip down the VA halls and the final salute by staff and veterans. The quilt will then be given to the family as a keepsake. There are approximately 50 deaths a year in this facility alone.

Date: Saturday April 26th at Cheyenne E-Free Church Time to be determined.

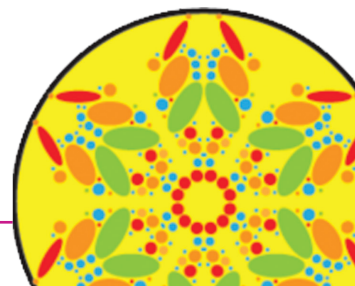
I am collecting donations of red, white and blue (preferably patriotic fabric)

Tentatively, workers will bring either fabric selections or strips precut, a mat and cutting wheel and a sewing machine. We will as a group have a contest with door prizes to make strips quilts approximately 50" X 100".

I have access to 5 portable sewing machines for anyone who would like to participate but does not have a machine.

Ladies from the volunteer base of the VA as well as E Free and Project Linus may also be on hand.

More details to follow. Thanks!





# CLUB NEWS

## Thank you

### —Joyce Bailey—

Deepest thanks to the Social Committee Chairwomen, Billie, Evie, and Gloria, for hosting the recent Carriage tour at the Old West Museum.

The promised “light” refreshments were, in reality, an amazing array of delectable goodies. While members nibbled on tasty culinary concoctions, fellow member Marietta Dinneen spoke about the history of the Old West Museum carriage collection and the successful efforts to restore the carriages to their former glory.

To top off the afternoon, Marietta gave a guided tour of, and told wonderful stories about, the carriages in the world famous collection. Thank you, Marietta, your love of the carriages and their history was obvious to all attending. We appreciate you and know that, because of your interest and efforts, the Old West Museum has a carriage collection of which we can all be proud.

Thank you, Social Committee members, for an afternoon to be remembered!

(Information on carriages in the Old West Museum collection is available on the Museum website: <http://www.oldwestmuseum.org/carriage.aspx>)

## GFWC Accepts Resolution

### —Phyllis Salzburg—

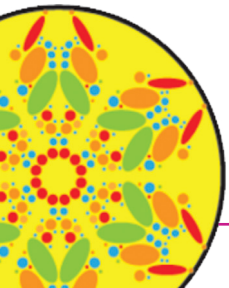
The Substance Abuse Awareness Committee can claim credit for a Resolution to be considered at the GFWC International Convention in Chandler, Arizona this June.

Three WCLC members serve on the Prescription Drug Abuse Task Force established a few years ago by the U.S. Attorney’s Office. From their involvement on the Task Force and with the support of the Substance Abuse Awareness Committee, the club passed a resolution urging clubs to educate club members and the public concerning the dangers of prescription drug abuse, and provide information on the importance of proper disposal of unused medications.

The Resolution was presented to the GFWC-Wyoming convention body and passed by our state organization, and then forwarded to the GFWC Resolutions Committee for consideration. The Committee has incorporated the essence of the GFWC-W resolution in an updated and expanded existing GFWC resolution, 013-510 Substance Abuse and Rehabilitation, which will be brought before the GFWC Convention body for approval. In the Convention program, GFWC Wyoming is given credit as having recommended the changes.

According to our national organization, “GFWC’s voice comes directly from the local level. Policy positions are based on members’ concerns. Resolutions form the foundation of all GFWC policy initiatives and determine our position on public policy issues and legislative action. These policy positions reflect the Federation’s consensus on issues of international and national importance. GFWC members and clubs use resolutions in their pursuit of issues important to them.”

This GFWC Resolution, which will certainly be approved in June, enlists the power of GFWC clubs and club members throughout the country providing education on and support for eliminating this deadly problem!



# CLUB NEWS

## 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 will be selling Pinwheels for Peace lapel pins at this month's meeting. \$5.00 for each pin. All proceeds going to Prevent Child Abuse Wyoming. Our committee will also be giving one pinwheel for peace to all WCL members attending this month's meeting. We ask all members to plant their pinwheels in their planters or gardens as show of solidarity for our support in the quest to prevent child abuse.

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 voted to fund the following grants-

-\$1,000.00 for The Boys and Girls Club in Cheyenne for morning and snack time treats for their participants.

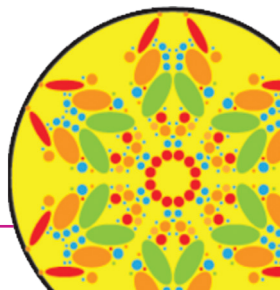
\$225.00 for sponsorship for a Youth Soccer Club, Girls Soccer Team for Fall 2014 & Spring 2015.

\$200.00 for sponsorship to Ms. Jordan John on for her Ms. Wyoming Junior HS America Competiton. (She advocates for children's issues such as bullying as she travels with this competition)

\$400.00 to the YMCA in support of individual youth athletic sports program scholarships.

\$400.00 to the Childhood Language Clinic for teaching and training materials.

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.



# Club News

## New Website

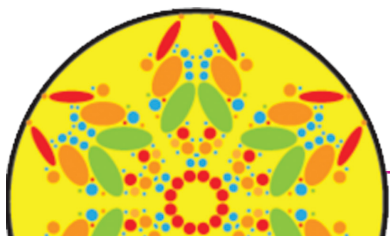
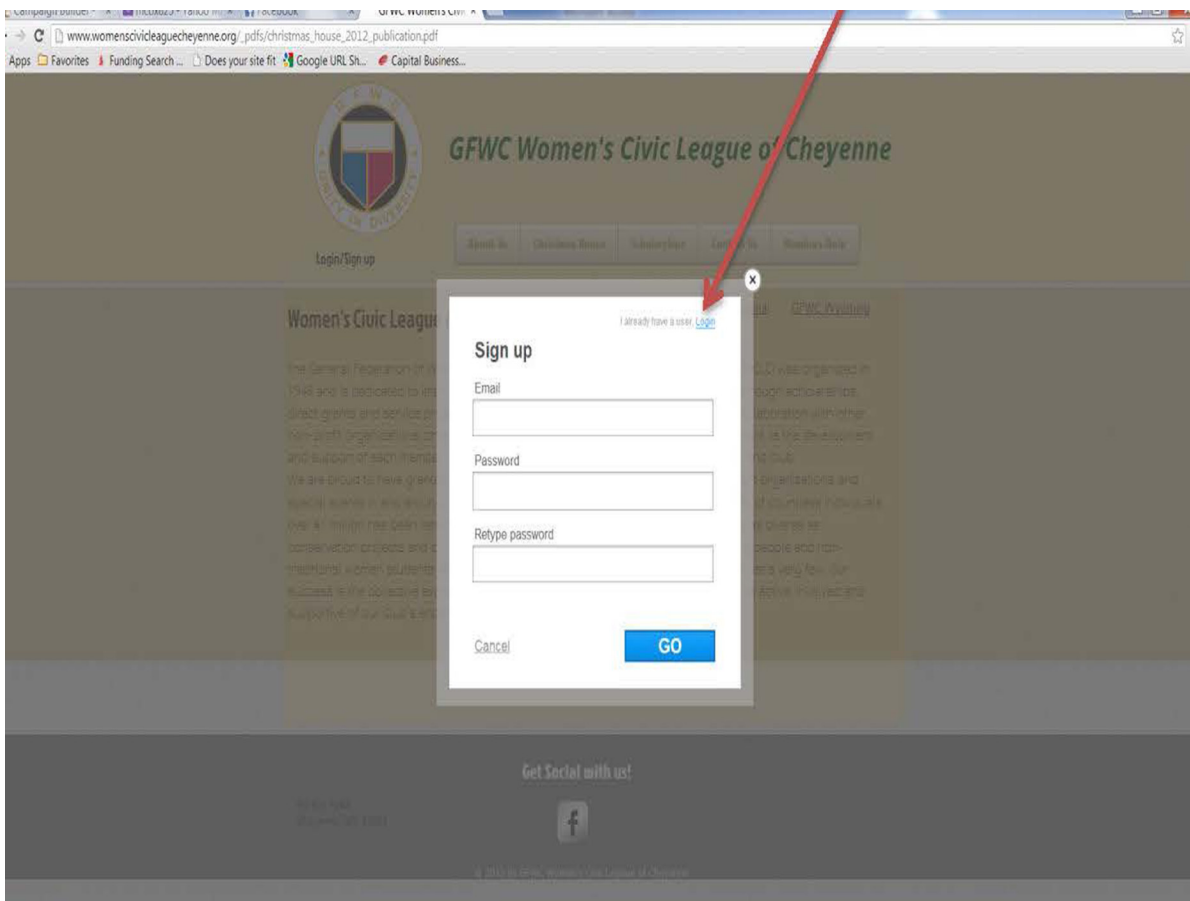
### —Margaret Cox —

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 37 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

After reading your April Christmas E-Gram, you know we've been making a lot of progress toward Christmas House 2014! We do "Believe in Christmas Magic!" but we also know there's a lot of energy required to make the magic happen! Virtually all of our chairmen are in place along with support staff in many critical areas. Our spring walk-through for room chairs, co-chairs and support staff has been set, and their handbooks are being developed. Spring Fling will be an opportunity for us to introduce our newest members to the fun and frenzy of Christmas House! And Sue Tardif has announced a series of workshops in April for weaving projects for her "prairie arts" room. More workshops will be coming soon, so watch for email – from Patti Reese (preese627)– for times and places. Yes... the magic is happening!

In the last "Kaleidoscope," we started on a sneak preview of the home that will be hosting Christmas House in December. As we entered the house, straight ahead we saw the formal tree...a beautiful creation done by Susan Johnson and her team...then turned immediately left to the dining room. This room is quite open, so instead of the traditional formal dining room, this space will be used by Sue Ann Shaffer and Marcy Helser to display a "potpourri" of their exquisite work. Exiting this space, we'll head west into the office, where Karen Knutson and Diana McDougale will have the works of local artists displayed. From there we go to the first guest bedroom...which is the children's room, where our guests will find wonderful things for the youngsters in their lives. They will certainly appreciate the creative skills of Trish Peoples and her crew! More peeks as the house next month!

"Til then..."Believe in Christmas Magic!"

## 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](http://www.womenscivicleaguecheyenne.org)

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

## Workshops

### Weaving

Weaving is starting up again!

**Tuesday the 15th 6 to 9 PM**

**Saturday April 19th (Easter weekend if you are in town)  
9-4**

**Thursday the 24th 6-9 PM**

Drop in any time.  
1812 Silver Spur Rd

Biggest need is for simple sewing of strips, end to end.  
(We have about 20 boxes to sew)  
But there is also quite a bit of cutting of strips if you want.  
(Another 15 boxes)  
Weavers are also welcome. (we have about 10 boxes)

Thanks to the generosity of Mary Lee, there is plenty of supplies to keep us busy for 2 years of Christmas House!

Bring sewing machine if portable and you love to use yours...(I have 3). Also scissors, cutting mats and wheels.

RSVP if you can so I have enough snacks, drinks and lunch.

Thanks Sue 421-0396



# Corresponding Secretary

—— Patti Reese ——

Judy Lissman ..... Sympathy

Ann Norwood ..... Congratulations

## Membership Meetings

April 9, 2014

**Plains Hotel**

*Fruits of Our Labor*

May 14, 2014

LCCC- UP Centennial Room

*Scholarship Presentations*

*Installation of Officers*

## General Information

### Board of Directors

President ..... Mary Lee Dixon  
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Recording Secretary ..... Flo Beville  
Corresponding Secretary ..... Patty Reese  
Treasurer ..... Linda Brunner  
Board Advisor ..... Nancy Kaufman

### Group Emails

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