



## From the President

We are coming to the last meeting of my presidency. This has been an amazing year and one I will never forget. It has been a great year of service to our community and I am proud to be able to say I am a member of the Women's Civic League of Cheyenne. I have appreciated very much the board of directors. I have appreciated the time they have spent in attending the board meetings and then working within their committees. When I did the yearly report I had a small snap shot of what you all have done. I know that you have done much more then were reported to me. I thank you for all you've done this year. I also want to give a special thank you to the officers that served with me this past year. They have all given a lot of their time to fulfill their positions and it has been much appreciated. I enjoyed working alongside Sherri Geringer and the Christmas House Committee, they gave a whole year to this project and I am very appreciative of the time they spent.

We had some controversial things happen this year. I have to admit it was frustrating when I was dealing with the problems but I was pleased and amazed at the wonderful women in our club who helped me deal with the problems. Thanks for stepping up and giving me a small glimpse into your wonderful personalities and the strength of your character.

This last General Membership meeting we will be installing our officers. I am excited to turn my gavel over to a new president and to new offices who will lead the club into the future. We will also meet some of the youth in our area that are getting scholarships, they are our future and I am so glad that our club is able to assist so many young people to achieve their dreams. I hope you all will take time to visit with them and to discover what their dreams are.

Last but not least I am thankful to all the members of this club. You come monthly to our membership meetings, you help on committees and attend workshops and even do projects at home. It is because of you that our club flourishes and that we are able to help so many community organizations. Thanks, for all you do and all you contribute to our club. I also feel that we should thank our husbands, friends, children and others who have helped this past year in so many ways. I know I have appreciated by husband as he has given up things he wanted to do in order to support me this year as I have served as your president.

Thanks again for the privilege of being your president and I wish everyone a wonderful summer and I look forward to seeing all of you in the fall.

*Lucy*

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# CLUB NEWS

## 1st Vice-President Pat Stenback

What a quick year. The May luncheon is one of my favorites as I love meeting the scholarship recipients. They are so eager to leave the nest and try it on their own. We can only hope that all their dreams come true.

The joint board meeting will be held on **Wednesday May 27 at 9:00 AM.** The location will be Westgate Hospitality Room.

Kudos to Ann Norwood for a wonderful State Convention. Her speakers were so inspirational. There are women and men doing great things to help people in need.

I am looking forward to serving as your President of GFWC Women's Civic League of Cheyenne. This is your club and I hope that you will continue to work hard and keep our organization strong. When you sign up for one of the committees please do so with passion. It is easier to work with just one group and give it your time and attention. That doesn't mean you can't help the other groups, but if you commit yourself, then you owe it to the committee chair to be there and support her. Lucy has done an excellent job this year and I hope that I can do as well. I have decided to use the theme Kindness. With that I will leave you with two thoughts. Authors unknown.

It's nice to be important, but it's more important to be nice.

Treat everyone with politeness, even those who are rude to you-not because they are nice, but because you are.

## King Soopers Program Fran Smyth

Here is an update on the King Soopers Reward program.

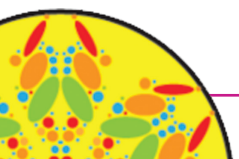
Since joining the King Soopers rewards program last year our club has earned over \$850. Since this money is not part of Christmas House it can be used for our club expenses and special projects. This is really free money for our group.

If you aren't familiar with the program here is a brief recap. You purchase a King Soopers Reward Card from Fran Smyth for \$10 and the card is then worth \$10 at King Soopers (or Loaf & Jug). When you shop at either business you must first load the card with your regular credit card, check or cash for whatever amount you decide. The rewards card is then worth that amount. All the money you put on the card is available for you to use – it is basically a prepaid credit card for those businesses.

WCLC earns 5% of all monies loaded on the Rewards Card.

We put out quite a few cards in the beginning of the program but only a limited number of people are using them. We would like to get more of you involved with the program. If you have any questions you can see Fran Smyth or Linda Brunner.

Note: The \$850 earned last year is equal to having 50 new members pay dues!



# CLUB NEWS

## Substance Abuse

Antoinette Brown & Barb Kuzma

We need our committee to put in their day timers two meetings to please try to attend.

August 4th at 1:00 p.m. and also Sept. 8th at 1:00 p.m. Both meetings will be held at Kuzma Success Realty's conference room--we will be finalizing things for the upcoming Chris Herron function to be held at the Civic Center on Sept. 28th at 7:00 p.m.

See you soon!

## Can Man Project

Charlene Baktamarian

Please remember to bring Peanut Butter and Jelly for Needs.

Thanks!



## Women's Issues

Trish Peoples

Thanks to all the hard-working ladies who made my job easy this year! I look forward to working with you all again next year.

## Recycling

Judy Lissman

Please bring in any type of greeting cards to be recycled. Don't throw away those Christmas cards you just received. Instead bring them to the January meeting and put them in the big RED BAG on the display table. Remember they do not take Hallmark, Disney, or American Greeting cards. ST. JUDE'S RANCH just uses the fronts on the cards so you can cut them apart.

Thanks for your support of this worthwhile recycling program to help those in need.

## Junioresses

Shri Reckling

We are still collecting Box Tops & Labels for Education, old cell phones & used ink cartridges. Please give all of these to either Shri or Kathy.

## Afternoon Bunco

Marcy Helser

Afternoon Bunco will be **Monday, May 18th** at 12:30 pm. at the Primrose Community Center. Please reply to Betty Jean Bundy at 638-3714, Marilyn Cole at 635-/5869 or Marcy Helser at 632-1337 by Thursday, May 14.

# CLUB NEWS

## Yearbook Trish Peoples

I will send out the call for yearbook updates in June. Please make sure to check all your information! If you have not heard from me by July 1st, that means I don't have current information for you. Feel free to contact me through email, phone or text anytime during the summer to update the yearbook. I want to provide all the members with the best, most up-to-date information possible.

Email: [tlapples@yahoo.com](mailto:tlapples@yahoo.com)

Home phone: 307-637-0131

Cell phone: 805-757-2125 (call or text)

## Communications Chair Margaret Cox

After two years of being the Communications Chair for Civic League I am stepping down and this will be my last monthly newsletter. I want to thank those that have stepped up to take on the various componenets of job.

Trish Peoples will be taking over the Yearbook  
Joyce Bailey will be taking over the monthly newsletter.

Heather Dodson will be taking over the club website and facebook.

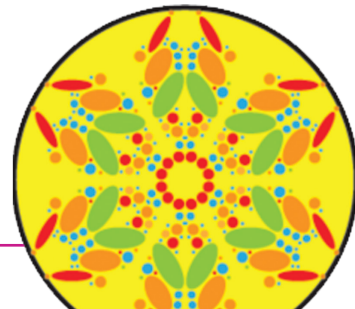
Thank you ladies!

## Special Needs Judi Loomis

The Special Needs Committee donated funds and/or supplies to the following local organizations:

- ~ art supplies, puzzles & games, and books to local agencies who serve clients with special needs
- ~ a financial grant to STRIDE Learning Center for the purchase of a motor therapy device
- ~ yarn donations to Magic Cities for projects the clients made for local community members
- ~ a financial donation to ARC for the purchase of art supplies
- ~ a financial grant to WY Service Dogs to help support their service dogs program.

We feel the committee was able to enrich community members with developmental, physical, mental and brain injury disabilities, and we thank the committee members for their participation.



# CLUB NEWS



**The *General Federation of Women's Clubs*  
of Wyoming  
Invites *Women of All Ages*  
To Attend a "Special Event"**



Plan to learn about future volunteer opportunities, engage in networking, and experience the camaraderie and friendship of other women.

**Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

**6:00 p.m.**

**Historic Governor's Mansion**

**Carriage House**

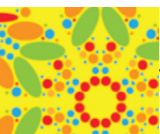
**300 E. 21<sup>st</sup> St.**

**If attending, please respond by May 9<sup>th</sup>**

**To**

**Wendy Owen**

**(307) 635-7400 or [sewbusy3@gmail.com](mailto:sewbusy3@gmail.com)**





# CLUB NEWS

## Tell Me a Story Project

### Nancy Kaufman

Every club in GFWC is asked to do a Community Improvement Project (CIP) every two years. President Lucy Russell has asked if I would follow up on an idea. I am calling it "Tell Me A Story." The goal is to involve not only WCLC members but as many people in the community as we can reach.

This project aims to help preserve the photographs, memories, and histories of older people in Cheyenne in a functional format for their families. The idea came to me when my grandmother died and we found a box of pictures under her bed. They were obviously important to her because she saved them when she moved to her retirement home but when we opened the box we did not know what many of them were. What a treasure it would have been to be able to identify people in these photographs and know why they were important to her! I wonder how many people we may know who have those same "boxes" and the same stories to tell. I would like to help preserve as many of these as we can with this ongoing project.

I am sure many of you have ideas of how to identify individuals we can help. Some of the ideas that immediately come to mind are the retirement living facilities, members of our churches, Meals on Wheels recipients, or even neighbors. I would like to make scrapbook albums that record their histories through their pictures. They could be preserved digitally as well.

The more volunteers our community we involve, the more people we can reach. Girl Scout and Boy Scout troops are interested in helping. Church congregations can help. Club members can help. For this project to really work we need a range of people from those who can decorate album covers, to those that preserve the photos in album, to those who can help record them digitally.

If any of you are interested, or have ideas, please contact me. I will be setting up a meeting in the next few weeks to get started. For this project to succeed we merely need to start it. I would like to see it perpetuate itself as people become excited about it. Who knows, maybe we will even get to our own "boxes" one of these days! Thank you all!

# GFWC-W

## GFWC-W Ann Norwood

Dear GFWC-W Members and Friends,

I am pleased to report that we had 52 club members in attendance at our GFWC-W Annual State Convention at the Casper Petroleum Club in Casper, Wyoming. The Casper Petroleum Club and Staff Members were outstanding! What a beautiful venue we had to enjoy our convention!

I am forever grateful to our new friends in the Casper Active Service Club, especially Robin Broumley and Karen Brannon who assisted with the convention and served as our Casper Hostesses. I am also deeply appreciative for all the outstanding work of our State Convention Co-Chairmen, Mary Lee Dixon and Phyllis Salzburg! Our GFWC Special Guest Presenter, Sheila E. Shea, GFWC President-Elect provided us with informative presentations and workshops. We immensely enjoyed time shared with her and are thrilled to have a GFWC friend in Massachusetts. I was delighted to hear the high praise given to all of our presenters: Sharon Johnson (Seton House), Greta Hinderliter (Natrona School District Homeless Children Liaison), Robert Mayor (St. Joseph's Children's Home), Warden Virginia Pullen (Wyoming Women's Center) and Pam Whittaker (Ronald McDonald Houses Charity). Every attendee learned valuable information regarding the mission, goals and programs of these agencies, as well as the manner in which they positively impact the lives of many individuals. We were also delighted to have presentations by our own club members, Beverly Campbell, Mary Lee Dixon and Heather Dodson.

My thanks go out to the many club members whose assistance made this convention a wonderful event: X-JWC (centerpieces), Sue Ann Shafer (center pieces and banquet programs), Sarah Norris and Wendy Owen (convention programs), Roberta Bolton, Barb Costa and Casper Active Service Club members (registration), Contest Chairmen (Teresa Lake, Barb Clark and Lorrie Jacobsen), Nancy Kaufman and Trudy Clarke (quilt), Flo Beville and Tandie Opsal (fundraising), Patty Benskin (protocol and parliamentary procedure), Joyce Bailey, Phyllis Salzburg and Beverly Campbell (power point presentations), and Pam Crochet (Memorial and general assistance).

Several students, adults and club members participated in the Art, Hobby, Craft, and Photography Contests. We were privileged to have such creative works to appreciate! The Contest Winners are as follows:

### Youth Art:

#### Grade 3

##### Best of Show

1st	Lola Philo	Woman's Club of Rock Springs
2nd	Ayana Bailey	X-JWC
3rd	Sage Wells	X-JWC

#### Grade 4

##### Best of Show

	Wyatt Merkley	Woman's Club of Rock Springs
1st	Josie Arrants	Woman's Club of Rock Springs
2nd	Ava Heizen	X-JWC
3rd	Kymara Wilford	Yoder Woman's Club

# GFWC-W

## Grade 5

Best of Show	Shelby Madsen	Woman's Club of Rock Springs
1st	Lacie Vasquez	Woman's Club of Rock Springs
2nd	Sophia Kersenbrock	X-JWC
3rd	Cord Herring	Yoder Woman's Club

## Grade 6

Best of Show		
1st	Rachel Linda	X-JWC
2nd	Sawyer Anderson	Yoder Woman's Club

## Middle School

### Grade 7

Best of Show	Xochitl Alvarado	Woman's Club of Rock Springs
1st	Mady Fagan	X-JWC
2nd	Ethan Harris	X-JWC
3rd	Livi Shoemaker	X-JWC

### Grade 8

Best of Show		
1st	Karissa Phillips	Woman's Club of Rock Springs
2nd	Jared Myrtle	Yoder Woman's Club
3rd	Hannah Spicer	Woman's Club of Rock Springs

## Senior High

### Grade 9

1st	Draje Bkybsin	Yoder Woman's Club
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### Grade 10

3rd	Madison Bates	Yoder Woman's Club
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### Grade 11

2nd	Arely Payan	Yoder Woman's Club
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### Grade 12

Best of Show	Cayley Gibb	Yoder Woman's Club
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## Exceptional Youth

1st	Brendon Iantorno
2nd	Vanessa LaDeaux
3rd	Dan Ilg

## Exceptional Adult Art

Best of Show	Stephanie Anderson	Yoder Woman's Club
1st	Jamie Hacker	Yoder Woman's Club
2nd	Neal Bedient	Yoder Woman's Club
3rd	Rena Burrell	Yoder Woman's Club



# GFWC-W

## Membership Art

### Acrylics:

1st	Diana McDougal	Women's Civic League of Cheyenne
2nd	Lorrie Jacobsen	Laramie Woman's Club

### Watercolors:

1st	Ann Norwood	Women's Civic League of Cheyenne
2nd	Lorrie Jacobsen	Laramie Woman's Club

### Sewing/Quilting:

1st	Bev Campbell	X-JWC
2nd	Jan Debolt	Laramie Woman's Club
3rd	Sue Ann Shaffer	Women's Civic League of Cheyenne

### Jewelry Design:

1st	Louise Richardson	Laramie Woman's Club
2nd	Ann Acuff	Laramie Woman's Club

### Fiber Arts:

Best of Show	Carol Flake	Casper Active Service Club
1st	Britt Jonart	Laramie Woman's Club
2nd	Carol Flake	Casper Active Service Club
3rd	Jo Carol Rapp	Laramie Woman's Club

## Membership Photography

### The World In Pictures:

Best of Show	Shirley Hardsocg	X-JWC
1st	Lorrie Jacobsen	Laramie Woman's Club
2nd	Shirley Hardsocg	X-JWC
3rd	Mary Ann Kamla	X-JWC

### SCENES:

Best of Show	Phyllis Salzburg	Women's Civic League of Cheyenne
1st	Betsy Hartman	X-JWC
2nd	Betsy Hartman	X-JWC
3rd	ary Ann Kamla	X-JWC

### STILL LIFE:

1ST	Phyllis Salzburg	Women's Civic League of Cheyenne
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## GFWC VOLUNTEERS IN ACTION:

1ST	Phyllis Salzburg	Women's Civic League of Cheyenne
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## A YEAR IN PICTURES:

1st	Phyllis Salzburg	Women's Civic League of Cheyenne
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# GFWC-W

Thank you to each participant, contest winner and the local artisans who judged the competition.

The First Annual "Cake Bake-Off" organized by GFWC-W Fundraising Chairmen, Tandie Opsal and Flo Beville was a huge success. Karen Kent of Women's Civic League of Cheyenne was the "bake-off winner" with a wonderful recipe for Carrot Cake and Cream Cheese Frosting. Congratulations Karen! There were many delicious cakes for members to sample. I am sure we all gained three pounds each in the sampling! Details are pending and will be shared in the future regarding the GFWC-W Cookbooks soon to be available. The total funds raised from the "Cake Bake-Off", quilt raffle and 50/50 raffle was \$ 1700! Outstanding work ladies and thank you to our generous members!

"Hand-On" Service Projects and Contributions were collected for the Wyoming Women's Center, Seton House and Homeless Children in Casper, approximating \$850.00 of "in-kind" donations. Mary Lee has provided further detail in May's News Blast. Many thanks to all!

GFWC-W was also pleased to "plant a pinwheel garden" in support of Prevent Child Abuse during the convention at the Casper's Boys and Girls Club.

The Club Expansion and Development Committee is working to recruit additional members for existing clubs in our state as well as provide club opportunities for ladies interested in being a clubwoman who would benefit from a different club structure. We are excited to grow GFWC-W clubs in every feasible manner for all ages of interested women. Our first recruitment event will be May 12th at the Historic Governor's Mansion in the Carriage House in Cheyenne at 6:00 p.m. Please invite interested friends to attend this meeting and provide notice to Wendy Owen as to their names and attendance. We will expanding our efforts statewide as possible.

It has been my absolute pleasure to work with every member of the Board of Directors, Program Chairmen, Club President and Club members of GFWC-W during the past year. I look forward to next year with enthusiasm.

Please mark your calendars for the upcoming IMPORTANT DATES:

<b>GFWC-W Board of Director's Meeting</b>	<b>Friday, September 11th</b>	<b>Cheyenne</b>
<b>GFWC-W Fall Educational Forum</b>	<b>Friday, October 16th</b>	<b>Cheyenne</b>

MEALS ON WHEELS "SOCK-IT FOR THEM" PROJECT.

Monday, May 18th 1:00 p.m. 756 Oakhurst Drive

We will be meeting to decorate socks to contribute to Meals on Wheels. Please attend.

This will take little time with many helping hands!

Here's hoping for sunshine and golf in the near future! Wishing each of you a blessed summer with family and friends!

Ann Norwood  
GFWC-W President

# CLUB NEWS

## Corresponding Secretary

**Patti Reese**

The following individuals received cards in April

Phyllis Salzburg.....Congratulations

Nancy Kaufman.....Congratulations

Trudy Clarke .....Congratulations

Sean Brazzalle .....Congratulations

Vivian Crowder.....Thinking of You

## Membership Meetings

**May 13, 2015**

LCCC, Cafeteria

*Scholarship Presentations*

*Installation of Officers*

## General Information

### Board of Directors

President..... Lucy Russell  
First Vice-President ..... Pat Stenback  
Second Vice-President..... Kim Brokaw  
Recording Secretary ..... Pam Hendricks  
Corresponding Secretary..... Patty Reese  
Treasurer..... Fran Smyth  
Board Advisor ..... Mary Lee Dixon

### Group Emails

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