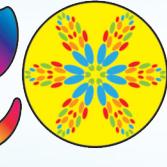


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The Official Newsletter of the GFWC Women's Civic League of Cheyenne



APRIL 2015

From the President

This past month has been very busy with a lot of business for our club. We have had a great month of really nice weather. I can't remember a nicer month for weather. I hope that you have all been able to get out with your friends and family to enjoy our sunshine in Wyoming.

I want to put out a special thank you to Sheri Geringer and her committee for all the hard work that they put in, in redoing our by-Laws and our Standing Rules. I know that they put in many hours to get it all put together. I feel that these will be go forward and will be of benefit to our club for many years.

We will be choosing our slate of officers this month. I hope that all active members can be in attendance to take part in voting for next year's officers. I feel that we have a great group of ladies who are stepping forward and willing to lead our club.

Remember to attend your committee meetings. Some of the committees are working on spending their money for the end of this year. I was impressed by the Women's Issues committee and their sale last month. They were able to collect over \$700.00 to assist a woman who was battered and was trying to make it on her own. It makes me proud to see what our club is able to do to help individuals and groups in our community. The CIP committee will be

presenting their checks to all the organizations that we are awarding grants to, I know that we are supporting many organizations and it warms my heart to be a part of this. We will also be moving into the next Christmas House and hearing the chairman of rooms and the support staff for this next year. I know that you all will be supporting our Christmas House Chairs and I look forward to what this year will bring.

I wish you all a happy spring and hope that this spring will find you and your family in good health.

Lucy

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CLUB NEWS

Membership

Karen Kent

Membership: All associate dues in the amount of \$50.00 are due by April 1, 2015

Ladies, I am very pleased to report that we have five new members.

I have had lots of comments with regards to how fast March came upon us, therefore I am extending the date for you all to bring in new members. Invite your friends to join you for this months membership meeting. I am trying to figure out when we can have our "Spring Fling" so sign them up. Our active membership has dropped to an all time low and we need to beef it up!!!

I have applications and information booklets for anybody who would like to have them!

Women's Issues

Trish Peoples

The next Women's Issues meeting will be Wednesday, April 8th, at 10:30 in the Old West Museum. This is just prior to the General Membership meeting.

We're requesting donations at the April General Membership meeting for items needed in Safehouse's "Move-out Boxes." We won't turn down any kitchen items, but since the list is extensive, we'll focus on dish cloths, dish towels, pot holders, skillets and saucepans.

King Soopers Program Fran Smyth

Here is an update on the King Soopers Reward program.

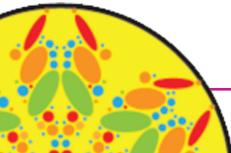
Since joining the King Soopers rewards program last year our club has earned over \$850. Since this money is not part of Christmas House it can be used for our club expenses and special projects. This is really free money for our group.

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

The Wyoming Rx Abuse Stakeholders (RAS) is comprised of key stakeholders throughout the state dedicated to bringing education and awareness about prescription drug abuse, which often leads to heroin abuse, to both citizens of Wyoming and the general public.

The RAS is comprised of key stakeholders throughout the state and includes the Directors of the Boards of Medicine, Pharmacy and Nursing, as well as representatives from the U.S. Attorney's office, Division of Criminal Investigation, the Wyoming Department of Health, the Wyoming Prevention Management Organization, the University of Wyoming School of Pharmacy, GFWC Women's Civic League of Cheyenne, Recover Wyoming, the Wyoming Coroner's Association and Wyoming physicians.

I am the Chairman of the group, and Phyllis Salzburg, Marcy Helser and Ann Norwood are representatives from the WCLC Substance Abuse Awareness Committee.

The RAS has created a website to provide information about prescription drug abuse, proper drug disposal, unused medication donation, resources for help with educating children and teens about prescription drug abuse, resources for help with those who struggle with prescription drug abuse, how prescription drug abuse can lead to the use of heroin, as well as many other topics. The website is located at: www.wyrxabusestakeholders.com.

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.

Juniorettes

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.

Stitching Gals

Dorrie Jones

Stitching group meets Thursdays, April 9 and April 23 at Ascension Luthern Church at 9 am. Bring a friend and any handiwork that your are working on.

CLUB NEWS

A New Club in Cheyenne? Phyllis Salzburg

There was a time in the life of the Wyoming Federation when there was a Federated club in almost every town in Wyoming, and some cities had more than one club. In Cheyenne alone there were 5 Federated women's clubs at one time -- now there are 3 including Juniores; Casper had 3; not so long ago Riverton had 2.

Times have changed and like most organizations, not just women's clubs, GFWC-Wyoming has seen a decline in membership and has fewer clubs. We've heard all the reasons for women not joining and clubs closing their doors – no time, family commitments, children's activities, jobs, can't make scheduled meetings, lack of leadership, clubs "aging out", better networking available in formerly men-only organizations, and the list goes on.

But we know there are women who are interested in volunteering for their communities, who are looking to connect with other women, affiliating with a strong organization that has been in existence for 125 years. They are an unserved market -- we have spoken with them, we know they are out there.

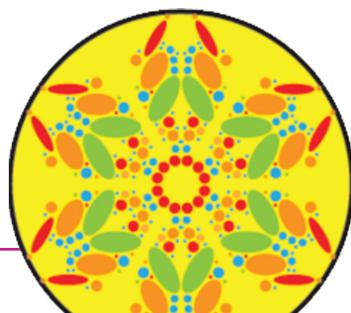
GFWC Wyoming plans to make a concerted effort to grow our organization by working to form new clubs in our state. The Cheyenne area is the starting point since most of the Board members and others who have offered to help

live in or near Cheyenne. With what is learned in this effort, will then be used to focus on other Wyoming communities.

This effort is intended to attract women to a new club for whom WCLC or X-JWC may not be a good fit, i.e. meeting times, club obligations and commitments, maybe they'd like a younger demographic. This club will be what they want it to be, not a clone of either club.

On May 12 an informational event is scheduled, time and place to be announced, inviting any women who may be interested in learning about a new volunteer service organization. Members of WCLC are invited and encouraged to attend, sharing the benefits of belonging to such an organization. If you know of anyone who may be interested, a personal invitation can be extended to attend. Let one of the Board members know.

There are many members of WCLC who belong to more than one Federated club and other service organizations. It is the feeling of the members of GFWC Wyoming there is room for one more opportunity!



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Can Man Project

Charlene Baktamarian

Please remember to bring Peanut Butter and Jelly for Needs.

Thanks!



First VP

Karen Kent

April is here and Easter will already be over by the luncheon. Time goes by no matter how much I try to slow it down.

April is always a fun luncheon when we get to see the recipients receive their money from Christmas House. It is a time when you all can pat yourselves on the back and say look what we did as a club. As a club let us spread the word about what we do and why GFWC Civic League of Cheyenne is so important.

Also Margaret wants to step down in May. Please volunteer to help her. This is something you can do at home on your computer. I know that many of you are computer savvy and this will be a piece of cake for you. Don't be shy.

Our Junioresettes are also in need of a leader for next year. We do not want this group to fade away. Shri and Kathy worked very hard to get new members. If you love to work with girls ages 10 to 18, please call Shri and Kathy and see what is involved. Again I know that many people would be perfect for this job even if you don't have a daughter in this group. Grandmothers welcome!!

Day of Giving

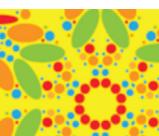
Alice Hild Farris

DAY OF GIVING

The tenth Day of Giving will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday, May 8th, at the Kiwanis Community House in Lions Park. We will be collecting non-perishable food, personal care items (including new socks and underwear), craft items, eyeglasses, hearing aids, cell phones, unexpired prescriptions, medical supplies and equipment (i.e., Ace bandages, C-PAP machines and supplies, crutches, walkers, unused cannulas, etc.), and looking for blood donations and bone marrow registry signups.

DAY OF GIVING FUNDRAISER WITH TEXAS ROADHOUSE

On April 23, Texas Roadhouse is helping Day of Giving by sponsoring a lunch from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Tickets may be purchased from Alice Hild Farris and cost \$10 for BBQ pulled pork, corn, Caesar salad and rolls. If you dine in a drink will be provided. We will deliver, also, to anyone who purchases at least five lunches for one location; drinks are not included for delivered meals. For more information, or to have tickets delivered before April 16 (our deadline for reservations), please call Alice at 632-2858 or (cell) 701-7112.



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!

Ladies Marathon Bridge

Jean Rayl

Ladies!

Want to join a fun social group?

Ladies' Marathon Bridge has lots of room for members to join us. We are looking for fun people that want to play bridge, talk and have a good time with wonderful ladies.

ESO Book Club

Dorrie Jones

ESO Bookclub will meet Monday, April 20 at 9 am at Barnes and Noble. We will be discussing "Tobacco Road" by Erskine Caldwell.

I will also pass out the May book from a book kit. If you unable to make the April meeting let me know.



GFWC-W State President Project

Ann Norwood

One of the three GFWC-W President's State Service Projects is caring for the elderly. During the months of March, April and May, I am asking clubs to select a project for their club and community to assist the elderly. The projects selected will depend on your specific club and community needs. As WCLC and X-JWC reside in the same locale, the project I have selected for these clubs is to assist Meals on Wheels. Our goal is to collect 251 pairs of socks for 151 women and 100 men. It would be a good idea to select socks that can be worn by either gender. These socks will be decorated and delivered on a special holiday. Our mission is the "warm the feet" and cheer-up spirits for all individuals receiving meals. Meals on Wheels also operates in Casper. I would encourage the Casper Club to investigate how they can assist MOW in Casper.

Please bring these socks to the Wednesday General Membership Meetings during March, April and May.

If you will not be in attendance at the meetings, you can contact me and we will arrange a way I will obtain them, deliver them to my home (please call or e-mail in advance), mail them or mail funds to my home and I will purchase them. My address is 756 Oakhurst Drive, 82009.

Thank you!

CLUB NEWS

Corresponding Secretary

Patti Reese

The following individuals received cards in March

Jo Mullen	Get Well
Dorrie Jones	Congratulations
Judy Lissman	Get Well
Kathy Amrine	Thinking of you
Esther Clay	Get Well
Margaret Cox	Congratulations
Marvel McCracken.....	Get Well
Vickie Smith	Get Well
Fay Zaharas	Get Well

Arts & Entertainment

Marilyn Palmer

Through April 19- The Western Spirit Art Show and Sale and the Old West Museum

April 25 - Dancers from the Ballet Wyoming will perform at Cheyenne Central High - \$12 per adult and \$9 for children under 12 and Military. Tickets available at eventbrite.com

Though June 30 - Art of the Hunt - Wyoming State Museum

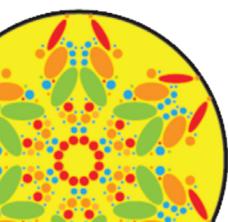
April 12 3:00pm - Cheyenne Capitol Chorale Tapestry \$10 at the door, children 12 and under free - King of Glory Lutheran Church, 8806 Yellowstone Road

April 10 from 5-8pm - Conservation Stamp Art Show and Reception - Free - Wyoming Game & Fish, 5400 Bishop Blvd

Art Design and Dine returns starting April 9 - 5-8pm - watch for locations - <http://artdesign.com>

April 16- May 1 - LCCC Student Exhibition Free - Fine Arts Gallery at LCCC

April 15 at 7:30pm - Cheyenne Civic Center - Million Dollar Quartet - A true story and a National Broadway Musical



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April 16 at 7pm- Spring Jazz Concert - LCCC

April 25 at 7:30pm - Cheyenne Symphony Orchestra - Ode to Joy

April 28 at 7pm - Spring Wind Ensemble Concert - LCCC

May 1 at 7:30pm - The Midtown Men featuring stars from the "Jersey Boys" - Cheyenne Civic Center

May 23 at 8pm - Eddie Izzard, comedian - Cheyenne Civic Center - Tickets are available.

Membership Meetings

April 8, 2015

Old West Museum

"Fruits of Our Labor"

May 13, 2015

LCCC, Cafeteria

Scholarship Presentations

Installation of Officers

General Information

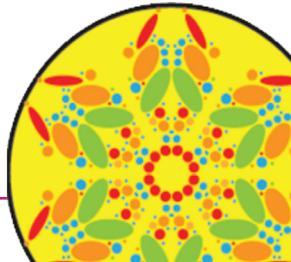
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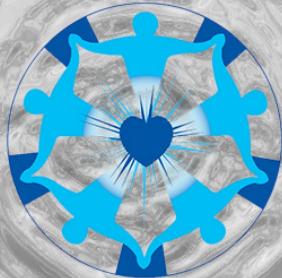
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10th Annual Cheyenne Day of Giving



Together
we can do
so much

- Donate non-perishable food, personal care items, including new underwear, and craft items
- Donate blood: Call Greta at 635-3943 to give at the event or United Blood Services at 638-3326 to give at UBS May 5-16.
- Donate leftover prescription medications and medical supplies
- Donate durable medical equipment, except hospital beds
- Donate prescription eyeglasses, hearing aids, and used cell phones and chargers
- Register as a bone marrow donor: Be 18-44 years old. To contribute to cost of tissue typing, visit <http://bethematchfoundation.org/goto/COWYCure>.
- Make a cash contribution to our year-round efforts: Go to Donate button on website or mail to PO Box 192, Cheyenne, WY 82003

Youth Event

3:30 p.m.
to 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 7

Kiwanis Community House
Lions Park

Donate non-perishable food,
personal care items,
including new underwear,
and craft items

Day of Giving

8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Friday, May 8
Kiwanis Community House
Lions Park

Donate in all ways listed in the
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Visit

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Questions: Call Greta Morrow
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