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



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Happy Spring!!

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CLUB NEWS

1st Vice-President

Pat Stenback

First of all, thank you again for your donations to "Shot at Life." At this time we have received \$213.06. The red cups will be out on the tables March and April.

Allocations Review will meet immediately after the luncheon. It should be quick. According to the by-laws, a representative from each of the current project committees and two at-large members appointed by the President will attend. The two at-large members have been appointed.

We will have Carol Tullio of Casa tell us about child advocacy. She is a delightful woman.

At last we will learn the theme and location of Christmas House. Since I do not know either, I am very excited.

Hope to see you all there.

By-Laws Correction

Sherri Geringer

The following correction wasn't in the copy of the bylaws that was emailed March 2nd. This change is made for 2 reasons: to be sure the member information published in the yearbook is as close to accurate as possible, and to make it easier for the club treasurer to keep track of dues that have been paid.

Page 5. Article III, Section 5a Associate Membership

The second sentence should read, "A letter requesting Associate status must be submitted to the Membership Chairman and accompanied by Associate dues, by the April General Membership meeting to become effective for the upcoming club year."

Page 15. Article S-III, Section S-3c Active Members

The sentence should read, "Active member dues are \$50.00, are due by the April General Membership meeting and are effective for the upcoming club year."

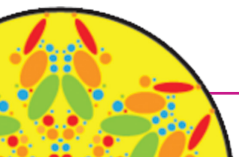
Membership

Karen Kent

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

Please consider purchasing your Christmas House Tickets (\$15.00) at the same time. You may write a single check in the amount of \$65.00 and send it directly to Fran Smythe. Please note that you are paying for your Christmas House tickets as well as dues so that Fran can make the proper payments to the proper accounts. If you wish your Christmas house tickets to be mailed to you, please include additional funds for postage

March is guest month. All members are encouraged to bring a guest. I will have information booklets as well as applications. If you intend to bring a guest please let Kim Brokaw know no later than Monday. I'm looking forward to seeing a lot of new faces.



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!

Women's Issues

Trish Peoples

Women's Issues is presenting a "Spring Boutique" sale at the March Membership Meeting. We'll be selling crafts and new/gently used items, suitable for Easter, St. Patrick's Day, Mothers' Day and Spring. The tables will be up before and during lunch. We will close up shop for the presentation, so stop by early!!

All proceeds from the "Spring Boutique" sale go to pay off the debts of a domestic violence victim here in Cheyenne. Here are some of the articles for sale. We'll accept donated items!



CLUB NEWS

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.

Easels from Christmas House Sherri Geringer

Five black metal easels came home with me from Christmas House. Are they yours?

Jim was asked by one of our members to transport them, but he was so busy that Saturday that he doesn't remember who they belong to. If they are yours, please let me know...we want to be sure they are returned to their rightful owners!

Social Committee Billie Neff

The Social Committee invites you to attend an affair with Carol Fathing. She will be presenting Cheyenne Frontier Days costumes.

March 21 at 1:30 pm with the program starting promptly 2 pm at the Old West Museum
Finger Food will be available.

Come and see all the great costumes.

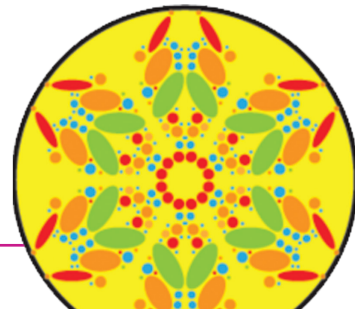
Stitching Gals Dorrie Jones

Stitching group meets Thursdays, March 12 and March 19 at Ascension Lutheran Church at 9 am. Bring a friend and any handiwork that your are working on.

Can Man Project Charlene Baktamarian

Please remember to bring Peanut Butter and Jelly for Needs.

Thanks!



CLUB NEWS

Youth & Family Services

Wendy Owen

WCLC Youth and Family Services helped 60 2nd Goins Elementary Students and teachers celebrate Dr. Seuss's 111th birthday on March 3rd. We provided cookies with Dr. Seuss hats, Dr. Seuss hats cut outs for all students to take home and purchased two new Dr. Seuss books for each classroom. We also provided biographical information for the teachers to share with the students about Dr. Seuss himself. Fun project !!!!

Our committee will meet in late March to plan projects to help promote Prevent Child Abuse month in April.

Don't forget to bring donations for Coats for Kids- coats, hats, gloves, etc. and your fleece for Project Linus to the March 2015 general membership meeting.

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.

Communications

Margaret Cox

Looking for someone to take over the production of the monthly newsletter and the yearbook. First newsletter publication will be in September. Work on the Yearbook needs to be completed by August. Please let me know if you are interested in taking this over. Email me at mcox825@yahoo.com or 307-630-9727 if you have questions or would like to take over the Communications. Would really like to work with the new Communications chair before September. Thank you!!

ESO Book Club

Dorrie Jones

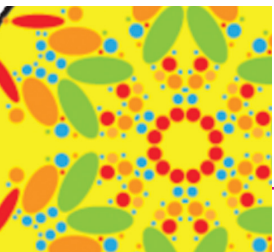
ESO Bookclub will meet Monday, March 23 at 9 am at Barnes and Noble. We will be discussing "Peasce Like a River" by Leif Enger.

In April we will be discussing "Tobacco Road" by Erskine Caldwell.

Substance Abuse

Antoinette Brown & Barb Kuzma

Our next Substance Abuse Committee meeting will be March 16, 2015 at 9 a.m. at Kuzma Success Realty's conference room at 603 E. 17th St. Hope to see you all then! We need to discuss things that need to be done prior to Chris Herron's arrival.



CLUB NEWS

Special Needs Committee Judi Loomis, Cathy McMikle

The Special Needs Committee wishes to thank all the members who so generously donated yarn. We were able to donate approximately \$132.00 worth of yarn to Magic Cities. They were pleased to receive the yarn, which they will use to make projects for our community. Thanks again!

The Special Needs Committee also approved a grant of \$400.00 to STRIDE Learning Center for the purchase of a vertical stimulation device that will be used for occupational and physical therapy. Between 260 and 290 children with physical and sensory-neural disabilities will benefit from this equipment.

The Special Needs Committee is requesting members bring art paper supplies for donation at our March 11th meeting. The paper can be anything from simple coloring books to drawing and sketch pads, water color paper, paper for acrylic painting or small canvasses. The donations will be given to the project that provides free art classes to artists with disabilities.

The next Special Needs Committee meeting will be Tuesday, March 17th at noon at the Windflower room in the library.

King Soopers Program Fran Smythe

Here is an update on the King Soopers Reward program.

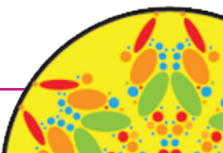
Since joining the King Soopers rewards program last year our club has earned over \$850. Since this money is not part of Christmas House it can be used for our club expenses and special projects. This is really free money for our group.

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!



GFWC-W

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Ann Norwood

Dear Fellow GFWC-W Friends,

I am pleased to announce that the GFWC-W 2015-2016 Convention Co-Chairmen (Kay Coletti, Mary Lee Dixon, Phyllis Salzburg) and I have been busily preparing for the 110th Annual GFWC-W Convention. We have had the outstanding assistance of members of the Casper Active Service Club who are thrilled to be hosting the state convention in their community of which they are so proud. How fortunate we all are to experience the nearby city of Casper with all its change and growth. There are truly some wonderful places to visit, sites to see, people to meet and eateries to enjoy! It has also been exciting to have many of our state clubs assist in bringing this convention to full fruition.

We have all worked hard to ensure that our convention will be educational, informative, inspirational, and of equal importance, a fun opportunity to mingle with good friends, enjoy some entertainment, “celebrate” our past and future, make new friends and explore our neighboring city of Casper. This issue of the Wyoming Clubwoman is filled with all the key information and details, contest forms, the registration form, the preliminary agenda, hotel accommodations and every other item of importance for your perusal and use. Additional information will continue to be published in the monthly News Blast sent to club officers and on the gfwcwyoming.org website during the months of March, April and May so continue checking with your club president and our state website.

It is because of the talents, skills, enthusiasm, spirit and warmth of all of our members that GFWC-W is an incredible organization. I am proud to be a small part of this great organization. Let’s make this a remarkable and memorable convention. Begin by marking your calendars, saving the date, sharing the information, bringing friends and fellow club members and then “top it off” by attending the convention! I invite each of you to come and participate in our “celebration!”

Thank you!

Ann Norwood

GFWC-W President

GFWC-W-Convention
Ann Norwood

To all GFWC-Wyoming Clubwomen:

This is the Wyoming Clubwomen “Call to Convention”. The 110th Annual Convention will be held on Friday, April 24th and Saturday, April 25th, 2015 at the Casper Petroleum Club, in Casper, Wyoming. The Convention will begin with our business meeting at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, April 24th. Registration will begin at 9:00 a.m. Please see the tentative convention agenda in this issue of the Wyoming Clubwoman.

GFWC-W

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Ann Norwood

Pre-registration is due by April 1st for each member attending the convention. Please mail the Convention Registration Form available in this Wyoming Clubwoman along with your registration check for \$25.00 (plus the cost of meals) to Mrs. Roberta Bolton, 12350 Legend Trail, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82009. Send any questions to rbolton@millec.com.

Please make your own room reservations for the Casper Quality Inn and Suites before April 10th, 2015. Mention GFWC-Wyoming when making room reservations to receive the convention rate. Rooms with one King or two Queen-sized beds are available. Room rate including tax per night is approximately \$99.27. Free breakfast is included for guests registered at the Quality Inn and Suites. *An elevator is not available at the Quality Inn and Suites. If needed, please request accommodations on the ground floor when making your reservations. Call (307) 266-2400 to make your reservations.

We are also thrilled to host our GFWC President-Elect, Sheila E. Shea as our Keynote Presenter, who will also be doing some fabulous workshops! Please read her biography in this Wyoming Clubwoman. We will be sharing detailed information regarding her presentation and workshops in the upcoming News Blasts and meetings.

We are further pleased to have two Casper presenters, Greta Hinderliter, Homeless Liaison for the Natrona County School District and Sharon Johnson, Director of Seton House who will be sharing information regarding Casper's programs for the homeless at our convention. Warden Virginia Pullen from the Wyoming Women's Center in Lusk, Wyoming and Robert Mayor, Executive Director of the St. Joseph's Children's Home in Torrington, Wyoming will also be presenters at our Saturday luncheon. We are looking forward to all that we will learn from these four presenters. Biographies for Greta Hinderliter, Sharon Johnson, Warden Virginia Pullen and Robert Mayor will be in our March and April News Blasts. We also have two informative articles on the St. Joseph's Children's Home and the Wyoming Women's Center on our gfwcwyoming.org website. Please be sure to read them.

Club Presidents and District Presidents will be asked to present their annual reports at the convention and we request that you keep your presentation to approximately 5 minutes. Please remember to bring two copies of your report to be provided to the GFWC-W Secretary and the GFWC-W State President. If you are unable to attend, please have someone from your club or district present your report at the convention.

Contest Entry Forms for the Art, Hobby/Craft/Sewing/Writing and Photography Competitions are included in this Wyoming Clubwoman issue. Entry forms are also available on the gfwcwyoming.org website. Entry forms are due to your Arts Chairman, Lorrie Jacobsen for ALL Art Contests and Hobby/Craft/Sewing Contests by April 1st. Entry forms are due to ESO/Writing Contest Chairman, Barb Clark by April 1st. Entry forms are due to GFWC-W Photography Contest Chairman, Teresa Lake for all photography contests by April 1st. Please submit one form for EACH contest entry. Nominations and elections for District President's will be held at this year's convention. Clubs should suggest possible candidates for their prospective District and have names ready for nominations and voting. Even though elected, the new District Presidents will not be installed until the next administration (Spring 2016).

A nominating committee of six members will be formed at the 2015 Convention to nominate a slate of officers for the 2016-2018 administration. The Executive Board of the GFWCW shall appoint three members, subject to approval of the members attending the convention. Three members of the nominating committee shall be elected at the convention. A

member of the nominating committee must have active status in her club. Please be contemplating if you would like to be a nominee or have a person you would like to nominate for the three positions.

Club Presidents are asked to bring two completed scrap book pages to be combined into a 2014 Year in Pictures Scrape Book. These scrapbooks need to be completed and brought to share at the GFWC-W 2015 Convention. They may be a written/pictorial timeline of club activities containing articles and photographs. Following the convention one will be taken to the Wyoming State Archives for future generations of GFWC-W Clubwomen to enjoy and one will be provided to the State President. The State President will send each Club President two blank pages to be completed prior to the convention. Both sides of the two (2) pages need to be completed.

Clubs who wish to participate will be asked to bring specific items as a donation toward service projects assisting the homeless children and adults in Casper. We would like to extend this courtesy to the Casper Active Service Club and the Casper Community for assisting us in hosting our convention. The specific items requested will be published in the News Blast in the months of March and April.

We will also be asking clubs to bring a specific list of garden items that will jointly serve as table centerpieces and benefit the Wyoming Women's Center in Lusk, one of the State President Projects. Again, the specific items requested will be placed in the March and April News Blast and shared at general membership meetings.

This year's Convention Co-Chairmen are requesting that all clubs bring two items of their choice, valued at \$25.00 for the "Special Silent Auction". Funds earned from the auction will benefit the State Operating Funds. If clubs or individual members would like to contribute additional items, they are encouraged to do so. Each member of the Board of Directors is also asked to provide an item for the "Special Silent Auction".

We will hold a 50/50 (split pot) fundraiser at this year's convention.

Clubs are encouraged to bring club pamphlets, fliers, and similar items to share with fellow clubwomen from around the state. Bring your fantastic ideas to share as well.

Friday evening attire will be "business-casual" with members strongly encouraged to wear costumes and/or hats depicting the historical past, present and futuristic GFWC-W clubwoman. This attire will reflect the theme of our convention "Treasure the Past, Impact the Future". Entertainment will be provided by "The Merchants", a talented family of fiddlers and musicians.

Saturday evening attire will be dressy and festive, though not formal as we celebrate the 126th GFWC Anniversary as well as the special anniversaries of our GFWC-W State Clubs. It will be a fabulous state birthday celebration for all attendees!

Your Convention Co-Chairmen have also been planning an interesting and fun, interactive tour on Thursday, April 23rd. In addition, they have provided some additional interesting and fun places to visit in the morning for those who might arrive early on Thursday. Please read the tour information in this Wyoming Clubwoman issue.

***We are planning an outstanding convention and inviting each of you to attend! Come learn, share, grow, relax and enjoy!

***PLEASE READ THE GFWC-WYOMING CLUBWOMAN (SPRING EDITION 2) FOR ALL CONVENTION DETAILS, AS WELL AS CONTEST INFORMATION AND FORMS. IT IS AVAILABLE ON THE GFWC WYOMING WEBSITE. (gfwcwyoming.org)

Sincerely,
Ann Adragna Norwood
GFWC-W President



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GFWC-W State Presiden 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 December

Trish Peacock's Family	Sympathy
Denise Dijkstal.....	Thinking of You
Pam Crochet.....	Get Well
Marsha Temte.....	Get Well
Linda Swing.....	Get Well
Pastor Powers	Thank you
Freddie Foy.....	Sympathy
Kathy Lind.....	Sympathy

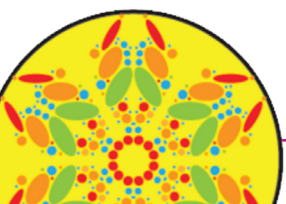
Arts & Entertainment

Marilyn Palmer

March 10th - C.J. Box, his new book, "Endangered" will be available

March 11, at 7:00 pm, at the Laramie County Library and at City News on April 3' at 7:00 pm - C.J. Box book signings

Linda Gregory and I would like to invite all artists, of any media, to join us for our annual "Marilyn, Linda and Friends" Art Show and Sale at the Cheyenne Civic Center through the month of March. Entry forms are available at the Box Office, at their website (www.cheyenneciviccenter.org), 307-637-6363, Linda at 634-9139, or me at Marilynsagebrush@q.com, or 630-7106



CLUB NEWS

Membership Meetings

March 11, 2015 - Guest Day

Little America

Carol Tullio - CASA

April 8, 2015

Old West Museum

"Fruits of Our Labor"

May 13, 2015

LCCC, Cafeteria

Scholarship Presentations

Installation of Officers

General Information

Board of Directors

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