



# KALEIDOSCOPE

# **MAY 2020**



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# President's Message

Linda Stowers

I hope everyone had a great Mother's Day during this difficult time. I was blessed with many flowers and well wishes. I sit her just cancelling a trip to New York I had scheduled for my graduating granddaughter. I hope to reschedule sometime in the future. I really feel for all the graduates this year and hope we can make it up to them this summer.

We had a successful election of our slate of officers for the 2020-21 Club year. Today we would be doing an installation and celebration for this past year, but again we will had to cancel. The Executive Committee and Board are hoping we can do some type of meeting this summer to celebrate and see each other face to face again.

The Board met last week, via Zoom, to carry on the business of the club. With many committees not able to complete the spending of their money for this year the Board voted to allow them to utilize the money next year in addition to the 20-21 allotment. CGC also had money returned from the 2019 Christmas House proceeds and will have a meeting in September to allocate those funds. We will also be making some adjustments to the current budget and sometime after the end of May we will be sending out those changes and asking for your approval. Considering the cancellation of the April and May meeting we are allowing members to pay their dues through June 15<sup>th</sup> and the Board will review at a summer board meeting June 25<sup>th</sup>. The Board voted to purchase the Silver edition of Sign-up Genius to make things run smoothly for our meetings next year, in addition, we are sending \$50 to the State Endowment Foundation in the name of Helen Oakes. Wendy Owen and her committee reviewed the Christmas House books and found them to be in order. I want to thank the Board this year for their hard work and service to WCLC. You all rock!

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Our members have continued to provide for the community making masks and baking for the Comea Shelter and donations to USI. Thank you all for your commitment and continued service to Cheyenne.

As we prepare for next year, if any of you would like to be Board members please let me know. I'm sure we can find a good fit for you.

I wish we could figure out a way to play Bunko and cook our Gourmet meals via Zoom, but I guess we will just hope we can continue these activities in the fall.

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

Dues for the 2020-2021 club year are due by June 15, 2020. The dues are \$50.00, and you can still mail your

check to: WCLC Treasurer

PO BOX 4062

Cheyenne, WY 82003

You can also send another check with the Christmas House tickets. \$30 for Active members and \$15 for Associates. We will need 2 checks at this time. I promise we will get this straighten out shortly.

Trish Palluck

Membership co-chair

Resignations this year are Mandy Liley, Becky Caswell, Deena Cummings and LaValle Van Voast.

Newest members:

Cheryl Hubbard (sponsor - Lucy Russell) Husband Mike birthday 02/08 6916 Bonneville Pl.

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We also have several members reaching milestones we will celebrate in the Fall. Kay Jessen, Diana McDougal and Mary Weppner for achieving lifetime membership. Kay is the first member to be an active member for 50 continuous years. Ruth Storey and Wilma Lathrop have been members for 65 years.

## **SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE**

Diane and I would like to thank each of you for your patience as this process was quite trying. None of us ever expected the quarantine or the responsible "staying at home."

Each student will receive \$875 per person. Following are the results:

- 1. Hunter Lissman
- 2. Madison Green
- 3. Madison Mlinar
- 4. Juana Rodriquez
- 5. Kylie Matthews
- 6. Jakobi Mirich
- 7. Abigail Humble
- 8. Taylen Robertson
- 9. Nathan Zastoupil
- 10. Zane Hayden
- 11. Olivia Devin

Non-traditional Student - Deborah Gulley

Because we will not have the meeting to recognize these students we have included pictures of those seniors who sent us one.

Diane Nyffler and Brenda Laird



Hunter Lissman



Nathan Zastoupil Kaleidoscope 4



Deborah Gulley



Juana Rodriquez



Taylen Robertson



Jakobi Mirich



Kylie Matthews Kaleidoscope 6



Abigail Humble

#### SENIOR SERVICES

Senior Services had a busy and productive year until Covid-19 hit. We delivered goodie bags to facilities for Halloween and Valentine's Day, made and delivered fleece tied lap blankets to 3 of our nursing homes, and hosted a birthday party at Sierra Hills. We had planned other projects, including hosting a dinner for veterans at the VA nursing home, but unfortunately that was not possible due to the pandemic. Maybe next year??? We had \$2700 left in our budget, which we decided to send to Meals on Wheels to help with providing meals to seniors when they had to close their Thrift Store and lost that revenue. All in all it was a good year, and I want to thank all of you for your help in making it so.

#### Brenda Hart

#### **MILITARY SERVICES**

The committee as a whole as well as individual members (Debby Phillips, Earleen Weaver, Cheryl Hubbard, Lucy Russell, Judy Lissman, La Velle Van Voast, and Carolyn Ritschard) donated items to the Paint and Snack month-long event for the Airmen living in the dorms and the new-to-Cheyenne Airmen who are quarantined at the Plains Hotel for 14 days upon arrival here. Vicky Fry graciously agreed to be the off-base community dropoff point for the project. To keep the nuclear mission of strategic deterrence strong, all Airmen at FE Warren AFB have been required to be in disciplined self-isolation. As you can imagine, for the young Airmen in the dorms, being limited to spending all their nonwork time in the dorms can be challenging. When I asked several Airmen on the Adopt an Airman steering committee what they would enjoy doing in their rooms during this

time of seclusion, they suggested a Paint and Snack contest. Please check out two of the winning paintings from week 1 below!

On April 5, the Secretary of Defense mandated that everyone on a military installation that could not adhere to 6 feet of social distancing was required to wear a cloth face covering. By everyone, this means not just active duty, but also the civilians who work on military installations, families who live on the installations, and all retirees who use installation services (commissary, BX, medical care, etc.)

The Military Outreach committee donated money to Operation Masker-aid so that fabric, thread, twist ties, elastic, and sewing notions could be purchased. Additionally, Lucy Pauley, Teresa Kunkel, and Carolyn Ritschard sewed a total of 339 masks for those at FE Warren AFB. Vicky Fry assisted the sewers by cutting materials for the masks. Carolyn was the pattern and sewing consultant for the project as well as the community liaison. As of Friday, May 8, community members and base spouses sewed and delivered 1,613 cloth face coverings to those associated with the base.

The Military Outreach Committee also voted to donate items to be sent overseas to military members from Cheyenne who are currently deployed. Thank you, Kim Brokaw, for helping facilitate our participation in this #1 Properties hosted service project.

Respectfully submitted, Carolyn Ritschard



Carolyn making masks



Vicky Frye modeling masks

# YOUTH AND FAMILY

Youth and Family Services Final Report 2019-2020

In October we gave a check of \$100 Family Promise for their family party.

During the October and November luncheons, we asked members to donate gently used children's book or new books for children 5 years and younger. The books are to be divided between Head Start and Stride Learning Centers.

We are delighted to report that 144 gently used books were collected as well as 66 new books for a total of 210 books. Each center will receive 72 used and 33 new books for a total of 105 books per group. As usual we have the generosity of our club members for their wonderful donations.

We had another meeting and added some organizations to inquire about. We decided to wait until CGC met and make certain requests were not given to us.

We had a request from Casa for 40 pillowcases and 40 fleece tied blankets. Shelley and I purchased the fleece from Youth and Family Services. Nancy Kaufman and Trudy Clarke donated the material for the pillowcases. We met at the First Presbyterian

Church and made pillowcases and blankets and met one more time at the Ascension Lutheran Church.

Shelley and I purchased more fleece from our pockets and made 15 more blankets and 5 were donated from Papa John's. Shelley delivered these and toys which we asked the membership for to Safe Harbor.

We asked the membership to take snacks and donate money to the Unaccompanied Youth since they were not able to go to school because of the pandemic. These donations and money were given to Trish Peoples.

With our remaining money I sent out to the membership who we were thinking of donating money. All were in favor and then I again sent out asking for a vote to the money allocated. All were favor.

Family Promise \$879.50

Grace for 2 Brothers \$200

Safe Harbor \$200

Needs which came from CGC \$879.50. We had some extra cents and Teresa added it to Needs.

It was a good year and we felt very happy to do what we were able to do for the Youth.

Shelley Herr

Pat Stenback

### GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY

WCLC members have been giving back to the community these past weeks. There are probably countless ways we have contributed to the committee through other groups but here are some highlights members have shared:

#### **MASKS**

# Sewing with a purpose update

Heather Jensen reports her daughter is the sewer and has made 55

Deb Phillips reported making 179

Wendy Owen has made 40 and provided material for 40 more

Lucy Pauley has made 15

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Cheryl Hubbard has made 10 of a projected 20

Phyllis Salzburg 24

Nancy Kaufman 24

I know there are more making masks. We salute you all!!!!

## Baking:

The Comea Shelter has taken on the preparation of food for the Senior Center as well as the Shelter. They have asked for baked goods, cookies, bars, cakes, brownies, etc for desserts and snacks. If you have time on your hands and would like to bake and deliver them at the shelter, 1504 Stinson, just take them around back and knock on the kitchen door, any time between 9 am to 7 pm. If you want to bake and can't take them, let me know and I will be glad to pick them up and deliver. In addition, if you are baking and need flour let me know. We received 50 lbs from them. Thanks for all you do. Linda

#### **OTHER INFORMATION**

**Day of Giving** 



at www.cheyennedayofgiving.org

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