

# KALEIDOSCOPE

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



February 2015

## PRESIDENT's Letter

### Lucy Russell

This has been a very busy month. During the month of January I worked on the Presidents report and submitted it to the state. During this process I was truly impressed with all that the women of this club did during the past year. Every month the committees reported on their activities but when it is all put together it just blew me away. I thought I would share a little of what happened this past year. We had over 36 Homelife projects. So of these projects were monetary donations and some were donation of items and some were donations of time. I would like to touch on items that were donated and time donated. We donated in kind donations of about \$48,000 and gave 64 hours in this category. We donated 95 quilts, 11 twin blankets, 15 pillows, 3 rubber mats and 2 sheet sets to the Comea House, we also donated \$5000 for feeding the homeless and gave them a new industrial dishwasher. We personally were involved in the Climb Wyoming Graduation by pouring punch and serving the cake and doing the clean up, \$500.00 was also donated for 10 graduates to have a nice Thanksgiving. We also had a couple of committees serve meals at the Circles program, this was well received by this group.

This is just a small snapshot of all that our club members did this past year. I am proud to be a member of this club and to rub shoulders with so many great and wonderful women.

I want to remind you that we will be discussing the

Standing rules and by-law changes. Please print them out and go through them. We will start discussing these in February and I would really encourage you to take the time to go through them and be ready to discuss any concerns you might have about the changes. I commend the group of women who took on this project, it was a lot time spent doing this, I appreciate all the time they put in on this project.

I closing I would like to share a statement from Ezra Taft Benson, a past leader of my Church. He said "We should be "anxiously engaged" in good causes and leave the world a better place for having lived in it." I feel that you ladies are an example of this statement and feel it a privilege to be the President of Women's Civic League.

*Lucy*

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# CLUB NEWS

## 1st Vice-President January Luncheon Pat Stenback

The guest speaker at the February Luncheon will be Dr. Sandra Surbrugg. We look forward to listening to her.

The red solo cups will be on the table again for Shot At Life. We have collected \$167.86 so far.

Thank you so much ladies. Spring will be here soon hopefully.

## 2nd Vice-President February Meeting Kim Brokaw

Due to space limitations at our February meeting Guest Day has been moved from February to March for 2015.

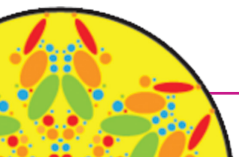
February has traditionally been Guest day but we are scheduled at the Country Club and don't believe there is enough room to sufficiently accommodate guests.

## February Business Meeting Sherri Geringer

The first consideration of the proposed new bylaws revisions and standing rules will be held at the February 11 meeting.

Please bring your own copy of the bylaws and standing rules that were emailed to you last month.

We will have a very interesting program by Dr. Sandra Surbrugg and will also be discussing the proposed changes to the bylaws, so it will be a busy meeting. The bylaws will be voted on at the March business meeting



# 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.

## Silk Flowers Patti Reese

Over the years, club members have donated silk flowers to Christmas House. While they are appreciated, many are not seasonal for Christmas and there is not enough room in the storage unit for them. These flowers will be at the February 11, membership meeting at the Country Club for anyone that wants them. Committee Chairman may be able to use these flowers for any special projects you may have. Any flowers that are left after the meeting, will be donated to Meals on Wheels.

## 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.

## Special Needs Judi Loomis & Cathy McMikle

The Special Needs Committee will be collecting yarn at the February 11th luncheon meeting. Any yarn will be appreciated. The yarn will be donated to Magic City for use in their knitting craft project.



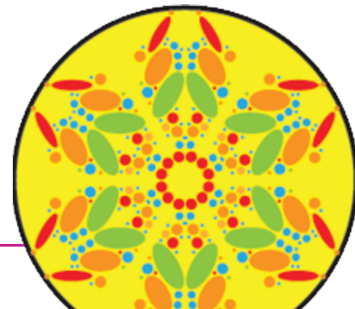
## Women's Issues Trish Peoples

The next Women's Issues meeting is **February 11 at 10:30 in the dining room of the Country Club** (just prior to the General Membership Meeting.)

## 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!



# CLUB NEWS

## Youth & Family Services Wendy Owen

We will have a Youth & Family Committee meeting after the WCLC General Membership meeting on **Wed., Feb. 11, 2015**

## 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.

## Can Man Project Charlene Baktamarian

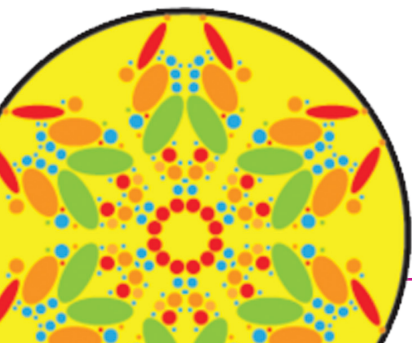
Please remember to bring Peanut Butter and Jelly for Needs.

Thanks!



## 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](mailto: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!!



# CLUB NEWS

## Special Projects Wendy Owen

The WCLC Special Projects Committee will be asking WCLC members for donations for the Cheyenne Animal Shelter at our Feb. 2015 General Membership Meeting.

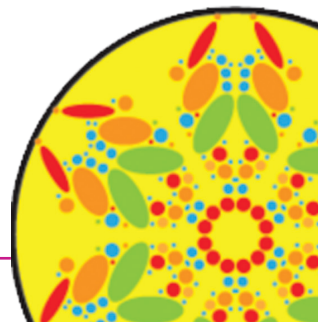
Please bring any of the following items if you would like in support of the Cheyenne Animal Shelter:

- Dog toys- balls, plush toys, rope tug toys, rubber, etc.
- Heavy duty dog toys- Kong's of all sizes, especially black & any other rubber or indestructible toys
- Food- Higher quality kitten food (Iams Kitten, Purina One, Science Diet, etc.)
- Prescription diet (A/D, Allergy, Diarrhea, etc.)
- Higher quality dog foods- (Iams, Purina One, Eukanuba, Science Diet, etc.)
- Soft treats
- Litter- Non clumping litter
- Heating Pads- Pet safe
- Small Shop Vac
- Medications/treatment- Fortiflora (Pro-biotic), flea & tic treatments- anything with fipronit or moxidectin, advantage, frontline etc.
- KMR milk replacer for puppies and kittens
- pee pads, pet Lac, small scales for kittens, pet bottles
- Kuranda beds for cats
- Markers- dry erase, visa vi, sharpie etc.
- Feral boxes, wildlife traps, thin blankets for dog kennels, scrups of all sizes, & pet grooming wipe

I will also be handing out kits to make dog scarves. These can be surged, pinking sheared... or sewn with a small hem around all sides. See Wendy at next weeks meeting.

If you have donations and can't make it to the meeting, please e-mail or call Wendy and I will pick them up.

Thanks  
Wendy Owen  
307 631-5547





# CLUB NEWS

GFWC-W  
Ann Norwood

## GFWC-W STATEWIDE LEADERSHIP TRAINING

**Saturday, February 21, 2015**

GFWC-W will be offering a Statewide Leadership Training to be held in the Cottonwood Room of the Laramie County Library in Cheyenne, Wyoming on Saturday, February 21st from 9:00-4:00. The address of the Laramie County Library is 2200 Pioneer Avenue.

Leadership presentations include the following topics: recognizing leadership qualities, identifying leader's strengths and talents, mentoring leaders, delegation, goal setting skills, generational differences and leadership styles, conflict resolution, public speaking, parliamentary procedure, planning and implementing a meeting, organizational skills of a leader, reporting protocol, use of effective communication tools, and marketing.

The intent of the leadership training is to provide valuable leadership information to members that not only can be used in GFWC-W club work but also member's work environments, other community service organizations, and personal lives.

Lunch will be provided by Jimmy John's. Lunch boxes including a sandwich, pickle, chips and cookie will be available for purchase for \$8.50 plus tax and tip. Orders will be taken and placed the morning of the training. You are also welcome to bring a sack lunch should you choose to do so. Parking will be available in the library parking lot.

This is a wonderful opportunity for members to develop on further hone your leadership skills. Please plan to attend and encourage other members to attend. Please respond regarding your attendance to GFWC-W Leadership Chairman, Beverly Campbell [bcampb0831@bresnan.net](mailto:bcampb0831@bresnan.net) by Monday, February 16th at 5:00 p.m.

GFWC-W  
Ann Norwood

Our GFWC-W State Organization is headed for an exciting few months with many wonderful opportunities for all members!

We will kick off February with our State Board of Director's Meeting on February 6th. We certainly have a significant amount of business to conduct and I am excited to hear about all the new upcoming State Program Chairman's ideas and projects!

I would like each of us to say a BIG THANK YOU to our State Presidents who just completed their Club President Reports. Each of them did a marvelous job and shared detailed information regarding their club's wonderful projects. The next phase of reporting places the responsibility in our State Program Chairman's hands! They will now complete a detailed report summarizing all of the state club's activities, activities completed by the Program Chairman across the state and even a report on the most creative project of one of our state clubs in each program area. The State Chairmen involved with our Signature Project (Domestic Violence) and Junior Project (Advocates for Children) as well as Advancement Areas also prepare reports. These reports are then mailed to the GFWC National Chairmen and awards are presented at the GFWC National Convention in June. We will also be recognizing clubs across the state for all their efforts with state awards at our GFWCW Convention in April.

# CLUB NEWS

I am very pleased to say that seven of our State Clubs submitted their reports! Thank you!

Speaking of the GFWCW Convention, let's talk about it! Preparations are in process for the 2015 State Convention to be held at the Casper Petroleum Club in Casper, Wyoming on Friday, April 24th and Saturday, April 25th. The Casper Petroleum Club is an absolutely lovely site for a convention! We are also planning some fun and interesting tours for Thursday, April 23rd. I am pleased to announce that the GFWC National President-Elect, Sheila E. Shea will be coming to Wyoming and presenting as our Keynote Speaker at the banquet Saturday night as well as doing some other presentations and workshops. We will also have other presenters from the Casper area addressing issues related to homeless children and Casper's Safehouse, as well as speakers from St. Joseph's Children's Home and the Wyoming Women's Center. There will also be opportunities to participate in service projects at the convention site. We have booked 20 rooms at the Casper Quality Inn and Suites, a lovely hotel. Our convention theme is "Treasure the Past, Impact the Future." We will be celebrating the 125th Anniversary of GFWC as well as several other state club anniversaries. There are plenty of reasons to get excited about this convention and plan to attend. The Call to Convention Clubwoman containing all the details will be coming out this month. Be on the watch for the CALL TO CONVENTION and save the date. You won't want to miss this convention!

Please plan to participate in the various state contests which are awarded at the State Convention to include the Art, Craft and Photography Contests. Entry forms and information are available on the [gfwcwyoming.org](http://gfwcwyoming.org) website (photography pending) and will also be available in the Call to Convention. The deadline for entries is April 1st! We have many talented painters, crafters and photographers in our clubs. Start creating and allow us to showcase your incredible talents!

We have rescheduled our Statewide Leadership Training to Saturday, February 21st to be held in the Cottonwood Room of the Laramie County Library from 9:00-4:00. This training is a wonderful opportunity to learn about leadership skills and develop future leaders in our state and community. Plan to attend and bring a friend!

More exciting news! Kathleen Peterson, our Legislative and Public Policy Chairman is planning a statewide Legislative Day so that our members can attend a legislative session. This event is being scheduled for Friday, April 20th. She will be sending details in the very near future. This is a wonderful opportunity for both local members and members across the

state (requiring only one trip) to participate in two leadership events!

Consider being a LEADS candidate, again another outstanding leadership opportunity held immediately prior to the GFWC National Convention in June in Memphis Tennessee. Information regarding benefits, reimbursement and deadlines are included in this month's News Blast. We have many potential leaders among us and we need all of you! The deadline to apply is March 1st.

Also be thinking about nominating someone special for the Jennie Award. We again have many outstanding members who are actively involved with their family, clubs, and community who would be deserving of this award. We would like to celebrate our nominees at the State Convention.

I have had the pleasure of traveling our state and presenting to all of the state clubs except two clubs. I have a presentation scheduled in April for one of the remaining two clubs and hope to attend a meeting of the final one in the spring or fall. It has been such a thrill to meet our club's members and learn of their many activities.

I need to share a bit of sad news with our organization as well. The Wheatland Laramie Dell Club is no longer able to serve as one of our GFWCW federated clubs. The past few years have proved to be challenging for this club due to medical issues and such. They were very sad to have to make this decision. It is hard to express the full gratitude we hold for this outstanding club and group of women. Each of their members have served in many state positions over the past several years. Their contributions to GFWCW have been phenomenal and they will surely be missed. We thank them their friendship and service to GFWCW! I have invited the individual members to continue to participate in our state conventions as well as consider a "member-at-large" status if that is possible for desirable. We send our thanks, best wishes, and love to our long-time friends of the Wheatland Laramie Dell Club.

One last item! I would like to express my gratitude from the St. Joseph's Children's Home for the incredible response of our state members with your contributions of funds and/or duffel bags. To date, we have collected 14 bags and \$477.52 to purchase bags! I will never cease to be amazed at the incredible generosity of the woman in this state organization. I thank you from the bottom of my heart for your support of this President Service Project. As previously announced, we will continue to collect duffel bags and funds for bags through the end of February.

# CLUB NEWS

Corresponding Secretary

Patti Reese

The following individuals received cards in December

Sherri Geringer ..... Get Well

Trish Peacock ..... Happy Birthday

Arts & Entertainment

Marilyn Palmer

February is a short month, but promises lots of interesting and diversified activities.

Feb. 13-15, 19-22, and March 1- Cheyenne Little Theatre Players are presenting "On Golden Pond" at The Mary Godfrey Playhouse - [www.cheyennelittletheatre.org](http://www.cheyennelittletheatre.org)

10:00 am/3:30 pm, now through Feb. 15 - Art Glass Celebration, Stained Glass and other beautiful items are now on display at the Cheyenne Botanic Gardens

Friday, Feb. 13 at 7:30 pm, and on Saturday, Feb. 14 at 2:00 pm - Cheyenne Civic Center will introduce "The Wizard of Oz", with over 60 dancers performing this full length ballet

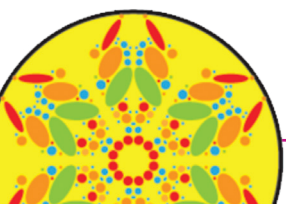
Saturday, Feb. 21 - "Nice Work if You Can Get It", part of the national Broadway Tour, will open at 7:30 pm

Saturday, Feb. 28 at 7:30 pm - Cheyenne Symphony presents "Russian Reflections" - 307-637-6363 or [www.cheyenneciviccenter.org](http://www.cheyenneciviccenter.org)

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](http://www.cheyenneciviccenter.org)), 307-637-6363, Linda at 634-9139, or me at [Marilynsagebrush@q.com](mailto:Marilynsagebrush@q.com), or 630-7106





# CLUB NEWS

## Membership Meetings

### February 11, 2015

Cheyenne Country Club

*Dr. Sandra Surbrugg*

### 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

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

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