

GFWC Women's Civic League of Cheyenne

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A proud member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs

March 2016

President's Message

Pat Stenback



An exciting March luncheon will honor members from the 60's, 70's, and 80's. It will be fun to get reacquainted with many of these women. Wendy and Tandie will also be introducing new members Diane Edgar, Kathy Hartwig, Beverly Havens, Brenda Laird, and Claire Snyder. Welcome ladies. We are happy to have you join us. Thank you, Wendy and Tandie, for all your hard work and energy bringing new members into the club.

Women join clubs for many reasons. Perhaps they are looking forward to making new friends, perhaps they have special talents they wish to share, or maybe they are women who like working with and helping others. GFWC Women's Civic League of Cheyenne does all of these things.

This past year, under the guidance of our Parliamentarian, Sherri Geringer, over 400+ hours were invested in bringing our bylaws and standing rules in accordance with GFWC bylaws. After all, they are the "Mother" club.

Our club is fortunate in that Christmas House supports grants to the community, provides scholarships to students, and then lets our committees help the different groups in need, or the arts. The committee women have worked tirelessly, always with a smile, to help people and animals in need.

This year we will be putting \$61,000 back into our community. Civic League is well recognized for all we do. So stand up, be proud, and brag. It is the best club ever!

"The best place to find a helping hand is at the end of your own arm." (*Unknown*)

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Pat Stenback, President
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General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC)

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The Year, 1868: Professional journalist Jane Cunningham Croly was denied entrance to an all-male press club event and responds by organizing a woman's club. Jennie June, as she was known, names the club Sorosis, a Greek word meaning "an aggregation; a sweet flavor of many fruits."

The Year, 1889: The Sorosis Club of New York City convenes 61 women's clubs from around the country to organize a federation. Sorosis President Ella Dietz Clymer closed her address at the March conference with the words, "We look for unity, but unity in diversity."

The Year, 1890: On April 24, at the Scottish Rite Hall in New York City, 63 delegates from 17 states ratify the constitution of the General Federation of Women's Clubs. Clubwoman Julia Ward Howe, poet and social activist who wrote the lyrics of "The Battle Hymn of the Republic," was one of the constitution's authors.

The Year, 1891: The first GFWC council meets in West Orange, New Jersey. After a luncheon hosted by his wife, Mina, inventor Thomas A. Edison invited GFWC delegates to his lab for a demonstration of the kinetoscope, an early motion picture projector.

The Year, 1904: Clubwoman Alice Lakey (New Jersey) initiated a letter-writing drive to advocate for pure food legislation. Taking up Lakey's passion, GFWC promoted a nationwide awareness campaign that led to the passage of the Pure Food and Drug Act in 1906. The Pure Food and Drug Act of 1906 was the first of a series of significant consumer protection laws enacted by the federal government in the 20th century and led to the creation of the Food and Drug Administration.

First Vice-President

Katherine Van Dell



March General Membership meeting: Brigadier General Cathy Wright will be our guest speaker. Her presentation is titled, "The Oil in Your Lamp." Tuesday, March 8, is International Women's Day and the month of March is Women's History Month. **At the March 9 luncheon meeting, it is also "Wear your Favorite Hat to Lunch Day."** I sincerely hope that many of our members will participate in this fun activity.



The April 13 General Membership meeting program is "The Fruit of our Labors," which is the presentations to the Community Grant Committee grant recipients.

Second Vice-President

Patti Reese

See you at the March General Membership meeting! March 9, 2016
Radisson Hotel (formerly the Holiday Inn)
11:30 am-Social; 12:00 noon-Lunch, Meeting, and Program
Remember to wear your favorite hat!

Community Service Program Committee Reports

Arts Community Service Program

Shelley Herr, Chair

Marilyn Palmer, Co-Chair

There are a lot of activities this weekend, including the Delta Kappa Gamma Used Book Sale, but every weekend is like that, if you look for things to do... The Cheyenne Little Theater has "James and the Giant Peach," March 3-6 and 10-13, at the Atlas Theater. Call 638-6543 for times... There are a limited number of seats still available for "Mamma Mia" at the Cheyenne Civic Center, Sunday March 20, 6:30 pm... The Cheyenne Symphony Orchestra presents their free (tickets required) Handel's Messiah, March 19, 7:30 pm, at the Civic Center... Tickets are now available at the Civic Center for the children's afternoon of "Clifford the Big Red Dog," 3:00 pm, April 2... Saturday, April 9, at 7:30 pm, will be the big band music of "Glenn Miller Orchestra"... For the family is the return of "Popovich Pet Comedy," April 22, 7:00 pm... If you are downtown, please stop by the Cheyenne Civic Center and check out "Marilyn, Linda, and Friends" Art Show. There is some great art again this year... Happy Spring and a wonderful Easter... Marilyn



Military Outreach Subcommittee

Flo Beville, Chair

Mary Lee Dixon, Co-Chair

Purchases were approved in January for batting for Quilts for Valor, and for fleece to make blankets for children whose parents are deploying.

In February, Mary Lee Dixon purchased 46 yards of fabric—red, white, and blue (half of a football field!!!). Also bought were six rolls of sewing thread, three large rolls of quilting thread, and iron-on fabric for the labels for each quilt. The Quilted Corner owner, Brenda Salverson, gave us a 20% discount, as well as using our tax exempt status. Therefore, Mary Lee was able to receive \$630 in goods for \$500. Quite a buy!! So, please, next time you are in The Quilted Corner, thank Brenda for her generosity.

Sue Tardif had an equally impressive shopping spree for fleece and other materials for blankets. The project was formally known as Project Linus, which is now defunct. The new project planners are making blankets for Laramie County children whose parent(s) are deploying. Sue was able to buy discounted gift cards, (\$50 cards for \$30), take advantage of a 50% off sale, and through the senior discount and tax exempt status, was able to get enough material for 45 blankets!

Great shopping strategies, ladies!!!!

The next meeting of the Military Outreach Committee will be held on March 9 at the Radisson, directly after the General Membership meeting. We hope to wrap up our expenditures for the year.

Special Needs Subcommittee

Heather Dodson, Chair

Lucy Russell, Co-Chair

The Special Needs Committee did not meet in February. We have since received some grant requests and so have scheduled a meeting for Thursday, March 10, at noon in the Laramie County Library-Wildflower Room.

Youth and Family Services Subcommittee

Connie Glassman, Chair

Linda Borchert, Co-Chair



The Youth and Family Services Committee purchased window treatments for eight windows in the home housing for the first students to enter the Unaccompanied Student Initiative. An open house was held on Friday, February 26, at the home and was well attended by WCLC members. It was very rewarding to visit the home and see how these students will be sheltered and allowed to complete their education. The home is warm and inviting with each student having their own bedroom. It's truly a special place to call home!



On February 17, four members of the Committee met at the Presbyterian Church to sew pillowcases for Holly's Pillows. It took three and one-half hours to finish the sewing project and we followed that with lunch. I want to wish a special "Thank you" to Katherine Van Dell, Phyllis Salzburg, and Mary Bracken for doing such an awesome job on the pillowcases. We had a great, fun time together! (The committee provided pillows, pillowcases, blankets, AND Beanie Babies. Thanks to Katherine for providing the Beanie Babies...what a nice touch!)



These two projects were very rewarding on a personal level. It does the heart good to see what can be done with a little time and not much effort. There will be 15 foster children receiving their own blanket, pillow, and pillowcase to take with them wherever they go. Today, there are three students living in a home and completing their education. Once the twin homes are built this year, they will house even more students. The future holds more promise for unaccompanied students with housing planned in each school triad.

Thanks, Ladies! You are awesome!

What is the Unaccompanied Students Initiative?

Source: KGWN.tv website (news brief dated Dec 4, 2015)

The Unaccompanied Students Initiative is a program to help unaccompanied homeless youth while not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian. These youth typically live in a variety of unsafe, temporary situations, including cars, parks, the homes of other people, shelters, and motels. The goal of the program is to provide safe and stable housing for the students, so they can graduate high school with their peers.

A residency for the students is in the works. The Unaccompanied Students Initiative is working on securing land for the house. Holy Trinity Church is helping to provide a temporary residence in the meantime. The temporary residence will house three students. The housing is free, and the only requirement is that they attend school. House parents will also live with the students. The house will get some updates, and the hope is for students to move in in January.

What is Holly's Pillows?

Source: Facebook "Holly's Pillows, Cheyenne"

Holly's Pillows was created to give children in foster care their own pillow and blanket. CASA (court appointed special advocates) take a donated pillow and blanket to children they are advocating for. Holly's Pillows was started in Berrien County, Georgia. The CASA director there had heard an incredible story from a little girl named Holly. Holly told a story of how every house she moved to during her time in foster care smelled different. But, at night, when she buried her face in her pillow, she could smell herself, and for just a little while, she felt at peace. Can you imagine what a child must feel like when they move into foster care? All the comforts of home are gone. You now live in a stranger's house. You don't have your things. Almost everything is a reminder that you are simply not home. If you think about it, how many of us take our own pillow when we travel? Probably quite a few of us. The hope of Holly's Pillows is to give these kids a small gift to bring them comfort. Something that is just theirs. Something to bury their face in and find some peace.

Special Announcements

Jump into Jewels

When and Where:
Saturday, April 23, 2016
10 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
1243 Jessi Drive
(Homes by Guardian model
home at The Pointe)

The following items are still needed: jewelry, watches, purses, belts, and scarves. Donated items may be dropped off at the Habitat ReStore, 1721 Ames Ave., or at Donna's Wear it Again Apparel, 1609 Capitol Ave. Deadline for donations: April 22.

Proceeds will directly fund Habitat's 2016 Women Build home. For more information call the Habitat ReStore, 637-8067.

X-JWC is holding a Bingo Fundraiser!

Saturday, March 19, 6:00 p.m.
Grandma's Pickle Parlor, 800 S. Greeley Highway
Come on out and have some fun,
while supporting X-JWC's community improvement efforts!



Thank You!

Blankets for Laramie County Kids

On January 16, Blankets for Laramie County Kids (formerly Project Linus) hosted its First Annual Blanket Party, and we want to thank all of the volunteers who attended. We made 169 fleece-tied blankets and 5 quilt tops which will be delivered to children experiencing difficult situations in their lives, such as hospitalization, military deployment of family members, and homelessness. Thanks to Taco John's on East Pershing, Epic Escape Games, and **Sue Tardif** for providing door prizes and to members of X-JWC, **Women's Civic League**, Girl Scouts, 4-H, military personnel, and other family and friends who attended and made this event such a success. A special thanks to the E-Free church and its members who welcomed us and assisted with the luncheon. All proceeds from the silent auction and bake/craft sale will be used to purchase more material to provide comfort and security to children throughout the year; we hope to provide 1500 blankets in 2016. Thank you to all who participated and supported this event and who volunteer throughout the year to support our organization.

Jan Felton, Coordinator
Blankets for Laramie County Kids

Juniorettes

Antoinette Brown and Sarah Brown, Co-Advisors

Our membership has pretty much dropped off the map after the long lull in no activity. We ask that if any members know of any young ladies that are close to being 12 up to about 15 years of age that you think would be interested in, or a good fit for the Juniorettes, Antoinette and Sarah would love it if you would share Juniorettes information with them. (See last page of this newsletter.)

Next Meeting of the Juniorettes

Sunday, March 13
1:30 to 3:30 pm
Westgate Clubhouse

If you know of a girl or girls who might like to attend the meeting, Antoinette and Sarah would love to have them. Please contact Antoinette or Sarah, and let them know they would like to attend, as that would be very helpful for planning purposes. Contact information:

Antoinette: akbrown67@gmail.com or 630-4094
Sarah: sarahabrown40@gmail.com or 214-3173

What YOU may have missed...

Did you miss the February General Membership meeting? If you did, these are only a few highlights of what you missed at what can only be described as an absolutely wonderful meeting:

- An enlightening presentation on heart health for women, presented by Lou Ann Montgomery, speaker.
- A slide show introducing the fabulous home that will be Christmas House 2016.
- Bucks for Bags! Purses were weighed, with Charlene Baktamarian the undisputed "winner," with a 24-lb purse (which she had, admittedly, stuffed with jars of peanut butter). Forty members participated, and \$245 was donated to the cause. (Do the math...that's 245 pounds of purses.) All proceeds were donated to GFWC-Wyoming.
- Trish Peoples gave each member a lovely bar of homemade soap.
- Marsha Temte gave each member a carnation for Valentine's Day.
- Wendy Owen and Tandie Opsal, Membership Chairs, did a special membership promotion, with each member being awarded a beaded Mardi Gras (reminder) necklace.
- Members decked out in red and pink to commemorate Valentine's Day.
- And lots more... Aren't you sorry to have missed it?



Bucks for Bags

(Members were levied \$1 for each pound of purse weight.)

Heaviest Purse
Charlene Baktamarian
(Awarded Gift Certificate)



Bucks for Bags Chairwomen
Flo Beville and Trish Peoples



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Most Unusual Purse
Kim Brokaw
(Awarded WCLC Cookbook)



Needs, Inc. "Can Man" Program

Charlene Baktamarian (aka Mrs. Peanut)

A note of thanks for your giving hearts!

I will announce the total of donated Peanut Butter and Jelly at the March General Membership meeting, but, in the meantime, wanted to say, **You Ladies Rock!!!**

My child has never gone to bed hungry, and, personally, I like being a part of trying to make this dream come true for every child in our community. **God Bless you from the bottom of my heart!**



Grant me a sense of humor, Lord, the saving grace to see a joke.
To win some happiness from life, and pass it on to other folk.

Corresponding Secretary

Barb Kuzma

Cards sent to WCLC members during the previous month:



Denise Dijkstal	Sympathy (loss of husband, Dirk)
Connie Hein	Thinking of You
JoAnne Bassett	Thinking of You
Jane Uchner	Thinking of You
Kay Coletti	Thinking of You
Margaret Cox	Thank You <i>(for offering to do the web page for X-JWC)</i>
Linda Borchert	Get Well
Joanie Micale	Congratulations (new granddaughter)
Diana McDougal	Sympathy (loss of husband, Robert)

Remember! E-mail or call Barb Kuzma any time a member should receive a card from Women's Civic League...for any reason.
E-mail: kuz001@aol.com Cell phone: 630-1070

Nominations

From our bylaws: *The slate of one candidate per office shall be recommended in writing to the membership in March and shall be read at the March General Membership meeting. The slate shall be read at the April General Membership meeting. At that time nominations may be made from the floor. Elections shall be by written ballot only if nominations have been made from the floor.*

A slate of officers for 2016-17 was presented to the Board of Directors on March 2, 2016, by the Nominations Committee Chairwoman, Lucy Russell.

WCLC Slate of Officers

2016-2017 Club Year

President	- Katherine Van Dell
First Vice-President	- Trish Peoples
Second Vice-President	- Patti Reese
Recording Secretary	- Earleen Weaver
Corresponding Secretary	- Barbara Kuzma
Treasurer	- Teresa Kunkel

Thank you, Lucy, and members of the Nominations Committee, for your hard work.

Do not resent growing old. Many are denied the privilege.

Membership

Wendy Owen and Tandie Opsal



WCLC Dues Reminder: Dues of \$50.00 for all WCLC Associate, Active, and Inactive members are due no later than the April 13, 2016 General Membership meeting. Please bring your dues on or before that date and give them to the WCLC Treasurer, Fran Smyth. Or mail your dues to Fran Smyth, 217 Crestline Ave, Cheyenne, WY 82009. This is your DUES REMINDER. Please be prompt and pay on time!

Save the Date!!!

Spring Fling will be Friday, April 15, 2016
More information to follow in the April Kaleidoscope
Location to be announced... Theme: *High Tea*

Active to Associate? Associate to Active? If you are wanting to change your membership status, now is the time!!! Please note the following requirements:

- An Associate membership shall be available to any member who has completed seven years of Active membership. A letter requesting Associate status must be submitted to the Membership Chair no later than the April General Membership meeting (April 13), to become effective the following September.
- An Associate member desiring to return to Active status must make written application, in the form of a letter, to the Membership Chair by April 1.

Welcome New Members – Winter 2016 GFWC Women's Civic League of Cheyenne

Please add these new members to your member yearbook:

Kelly Dalton
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Beverley Havens
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Diane Edgar
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Brenda Laird
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Kathy Hartwig
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Claire Snyder
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May the blessings of each day be the blessings you need most.

Member Yearbooks

Trish Peoples, Chair

Yearbook Updates		
Yearbook Section	Name & Page #	Update
Active Members	Molly Myer, 54	Resigned in good standing
	New Member Diane Edgar	3422 Wills Rd., Cheyenne 82001 281-684-3799, diane.edgar@gmail.com
	New Member Kathy Hartwig	1741 Andover Dr., Cheyenne 82001 514-2735, kathy.hartwig@wyomingbank.com
	New Member Beverley Havens	2522 Van Lennen Ave., Cheyenne 82001 433-4701, bev@jchtrans.com
	New Member Brenda Laird	2916 Thomas Rd., Cheyenne, WY 82009 635-5910, brenda.laird@outlook.com
	New Member Claire Snyder	149 Hobbs Ave., Cheyenne 82009 399-7568, claire.snyder@wyomingbank.com
Associate Members	Suzanne Preiss, 72	New e-mail address: suzpreiss522@gmail.com
	Annette Temte, 75	Resigned in good standing
	Julie Tennant-Caine, 75	Resigned in good standing
	Vicki Wilkins, 77	New e-mail address: vlwilki5@gmail.com

Need a Yearbook update included in the next issue of Kaleidoscope? E-mail Joyce.Bailey33@gmail.com

May the luck of the Irish lead to happiest heights—
And the highway you travel be lined with green lights.



Christmas House
Nancy Kaufman, Karen Kent, & Tandie Opsal, Chairwomen

Flo Beville, Administrative Assistant

Traditions

Please take time to read the March Christmas House E-Gram, sent to the membership via e-mail on February 25.

The Christmas House is still filling positions. Contact any of the members listed above, to offer your assistance!

Top 10 Irish Sayings

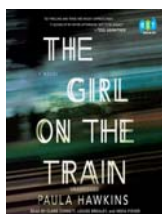
AskMen.com

1. May the luck of the Irish be with you!
2. If you want praise, die. If you want blame, marry.
3. Here's to a long life and a merry one. A quick death and an easy one. A pretty girl and an honest one. A cold pint and another one!
4. If you're enough lucky to be Irish... You're lucky enough!
5. May you have the hindsight to know where you've been, the foresight to know where you are going, and the insight to know when you have gone too far.
6. A man may live after losing his life but not after losing his honor.
7. All the world's a stage and most of us are desperately unrehearsed.
8. You've got to do your own growing, no matter how tall your father was.
9. It is often that a person's mouth broke his nose.
10. It is better to spend money like there's no tomorrow than to spend tonight like there's no money!

ESO Book Club

Lucy Russell, Chair

Heather Dodson, Co-Chair



The next book we will be reading is *The Girl on the Train* by Paula Hawkins.

We have changed the date, so please make note:

The next meeting of the ESO Book Club will be March 28 at Barnes & Noble, beginning at 9:15 a.m.

Club Websites!

GFWC: www.GFWC.org

GFWC-Wyoming: <http://www.gfwcwyoming.org>

GFWC Women's Civic League of Cheyenne: <http://www.womenscivicleaguecheyenne.org>

Christmas House Facebook page: GFWC Women's Civic League of Cheyenne

Group e-Mails

GFWC Women's Civic League of Cheyenne: wclcmembers@googlegroups.com

WCLC social group (non-club topics): wclcsocial@googlegroups.com

WCLC Board of Directors: wclcboard@googlegroups.com

As you slide down the banister of life, may the splinters never point the wrong way.

Featured Recipe

Cuban Sandwich

The Cuban sandwich, sometimes called a Cubano, is a Latin variation of a grilled ham and cheese sandwich.

Marinade:

4 cloves garlic, minced

Juice of 2 limes (about 3 Tbsp)

1/3 cup orange juice

2 tsp ground cumin

1 tsp coarse sea salt

1 tsp freshly ground pepper

1 16-oz pork tenderloin, trimmed

1 Tbsp olive oil

1 loaf of Cuban bread (Substitutes: French or Italian Bread)

Dijon or yellow mustard

1/2-3/4 lb Swiss cheese, thinly sliced (8 slices)

Kosher dill pickles, thinly sliced

1 lb cooked ham, thinly sliced

Butter

In a re-sealable plastic bag, combine garlic, lime and orange juices, cumin, salt, and pepper. Pierce pork as many times as you can with a fork, place in bag, and marinate, refrigerated, for at least 4 hours.

Preheat oven to 400° and coat an ovenproof skillet with oil. Sear the tenderloin over medium-high heat until brown on all sides. Bake uncovered for about 40 minutes (until the internal temperature reads 160°). (Turn tenderloin once, halfway through roasting, using tongs.) Remove from oven, cover with foil, and let sit for 10 minutes. Slice (thin).



The following instructions are provided for those **without a Panini press**: Cut the loaf of bread into half lengthwise, then slice into quarters (to make four sandwiches). Spread mustard on the bread. Then make each sandwich by layering in this order: cheese, pickles, roasted tenderloin slices, ham, and another slice of cheese. Preheat griddle or frying pan on medium heat. Lightly coat the cooking surface of the griddle or frying pan with butter. Place one sandwich onto the hot surface. Put a clean, heavy skillet on top of the sandwich to flatten it. Press the bread down to about 1/3 of its original size. Leave the skillet on top of the sandwich and grill for one to two minutes, being careful not to burn. Lift the heavy skillet, turn the sandwich over, and repeat for the other side of the sandwich. The cheese should be melted and the bread golden brown. Slice each sandwich in half diagonally and serve.

If using a Panini press: Heat Panini press. Butter each side of the press. Place the prepared sandwiches inside, press down, squishing the sandwich, and grill until the cheese is melted and the bread is flat and browned, approximately 5 minutes.

Cuban Reuben

For a taste of St. Patrick's Day!

French sandwich roll

3 slices Swiss cheese

4 slices corned beef

2 Tbsp sauerkraut

Thousand Island dressing

4 Tbsp roasted pork, shredded

1 dill pickle slice



Heat sandwich press (or Panini press). Slice roll in half, and lay two pieces side-by-side. On one half, layer a slice of Swiss cheese, 4 slices corned beef, sauerkraut, and top with 1/2 slice of Swiss cheese. On the other half, add dressing, then layer a slice of Swiss cheese, roasted pork, dill pickle slice, and top with 1/2 slice of Swiss cheese. Close the sandwich, then press down on top of the sandwich, flattening it a little. Place the sandwich in the heated press, and close the lid tightly. The sandwich is done when the cheese has melted, the meats have warmed, and the bread is crisp. Cut sandwich on the diagonal, and serve.

Wander through Way Back

Joyce Bailey, Historian

What tradition started 32 years ago, at the 1984 Christmas House?

Christmas House 1984 was the first year cookies were baked on-site. The Cookie Chairwomen were Dianne Kirkbride and Jean Darnes. WCLC President was Nancy Rutledge, and Bonnie Brown was the Christmas House Chairwoman. The homeowner was Paul Smith, owner of the Hitching Post Inn. Because his home was a former carriage house, the theme was "A Carriage House Christmas."

The Original Recipe: Christmas House Cookies



2 cups butter, margarine, lard, or shortening
1 cup sugar
1 cup powdered sugar
2 eggs beaten
Vanilla or almond flavoring

4 cups flour
1 tsp soda
1 tsp cream of tartar
Dash of salt

Mix shortening, sugars, eggs, and flavoring thoroughly until light and fluffy. Stir in flour, soda, and cream of tartar, along with a dash of salt. Blend well. Chill at least 2 hours. Shape dough into a long, smooth roll 2" in diameter. If desired, roll in colored sugar, and sprinkle with candies or nuts. Wrap in waxed paper, twisting ends. Chill in refrigerator. When chilled, cut roll into ¼-inch slices; set slices about 2" apart on ungreased cookie sheet. Sprinkle with colored sugar. Bake at 325° about 8 minutes or until lightly browned on top. Let cookies sit on sheet for 1 minute, then remove to a cooling rack.

What was the very first year that the Christmas House was held for three days?

Same year that sugar cookies were first baked on-site: Christmas House 1984. Yes, Chairwoman Brown tried several new things that year. The House was open each day from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. (noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday). House tour tickets were \$1.50. Horse-drawn carriage rides were given, sponsored by Bill and Chris Francis and Cheyenne Frontier Days.

Recipients of Christmas House 1984 proceeds were Meals on Wheels, American Cancer Society, Grandma's Safe House, Stagehands, Goodwill Industries, YWCA, Cheyenne Animal Shelter, Special Friends, Cheyenne Frontier Days (carriage restoration), the Symphony, and an East High School student (wheelchair).



Special Occasion Éclair Cake

Looks complicated...but take it step-by-step, and it's relatively easily to make, with tasty results!



Éclair crust:

1 cup water
1 stick (1/2 cup) butter
1 cup all-purpose flour
4 large eggs

Cream filling:

2 (3.4 oz) pkg instant vanilla
or pistachio pudding mix
2½ cups milk
6 oz Cool Whip
(3/4 of an 8-oz Cool Whip)
1 tsp vanilla

Topping:

1½ squares unsweetened
chocolate (1.5 oz)
2 Tbsp butter
2 Tbsp milk
1 cup powdered sugar
1 tsp vanilla

Preheat oven to 400°.

Crust: In a medium saucepan, melt butter in water and bring to a boil. Remove from heat and stir in 1 cup flour until ball forms. Add in eggs, one at a time, mixing thoroughly by after each. (Use a wooden spoon or a King Arthur bread dough whisk.) The pastry dough is ready when it is smooth without lumps. Drop by spoonful into a ring on a lightly greased cookie sheet or round pizza pan. Bake at 400° 40-45 minutes or until the middle is dry. Sometimes the cake takes less time to bake; sometime more, so watch very carefully. Check with a cake tester to make sure it's done. After baking, crust should be a deep golden brown...don't remove from the oven too early (or too late)—the only tricky part of this recipe. Cool completely on a wire rack. Set aside.

Filling: Using an electric mixer or whisk, mix the pudding mix with milk for two minutes. Gently fold in the Cool Whip and vanilla with a rubber spatula. Cover the bottom half of the cake with filling, put the top half back on. You will have extra filling. Grab a spoon!

Carefully cut the cake into serving slices with an electric knife or serrated bread knife. (You will be piping the chocolate frosting on top, and it's much easier to cut the slices at this stage, then add the frosting.)

Chocolate Frosting: Melt chocolate in a saucepan over low heat. Add butter. As soon as it melts, remove from heat. Stir in milk until combined. Stir in powdered sugar and vanilla. Pack frosting in a pastry bag and pipe with a decorating tip going around the entire cake. (Or use a Ziploc bag with snipped corner). Refrigerate for a short time—until chocolate sets. Cover in plastic wrap, then return to refrigerator.

Should be served the same day it's made. However, you can prepare the three stages (crust, filling, and frosting) the day before serving, then on serving day put it all together.

Refrigerate leftovers.



March 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Board of Directors Westgate Clubhouse 9:00 am	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 General Membership 11:30 am-Social 12 noon-Lunch Military Committee Following GMM	10 Special Needs Committee Library Wildflower Room @ Noon	11	12
13 Juniorettes Westgate Clubhouse 1:30-3:30 pm RSVP to Antoinette Brown!	14	15	16	17 St. Patrick' s Day 	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 ESO Book Club Barnes & Noble 9:15 a.m. (Notice change in date!)	29	30	31 May you have: No frost on your spuds, No worms on your cabbage. May your goat give plenty of milk. And if you inherit a donkey, May she be in foal.		

WCLC Needs and Wants

Please bring your donations to the March General Membership meeting:

Area:

Can Man Program
Christmas House

Responsible member:

Charlene Baktamarian, Chair
Flo Beville, Administrative Asst.

Requested donations:

Jars of Peanut Butter and Jelly
Empty K Cups and Wine Corks

GFWC Junioresettes of Civic League

The General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC) Junioresettes of Civic League (Junioresettes) seeks involvement of girls ages 12 (or those soon to turn 12) to 16 who have an interest in helping their communities as part of a team while having fun and fellowship.

Dues are \$20.00 per calendar year.

The Junioresettes provide young girls the opportunity to work as a group to learn and develop personal and leadership skills, as well as make connections and friendships with other girls within their community.

Community service is a highly sought after attribute many colleges and post-high school learning institutions and employers value. As a member of the GFWC Junioresettes of Civic League, there will be many opportunities for community service projects that will be fun, develop new skills, enhance camaraderie amongst members of the club, as well as improve the local community.

Meetings and/or service projects will be conducted once a month. The maximum amount of time a Junioresette will be asked to give to the club in a month is four hours. The average amount of time will be around two hours per month.

Past projects the club has participated in include: Making crafts for and assisting with the annual GFWC Women's Civic League of Cheyenne Christmas House; making blankets for animals at the Cheyenne Animal Shelter, as well as for Project Linus; assembling Valentines for a local retirement community; and raising money for various organizations through a flamingo fundraiser.

Future projects being discussed include: baking treats for residents of local retirement communities and other groups, Greenway clean-up, reverse trick-or-treating at local retirement communities, as well as having fun activities that help promote camaraderie and fellowship among the girls in Junioresettes, such as treasure hunts.

For more information about the Junioresettes, please contact either of the co-advisors:

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