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PRESIDENT

Lynn Prichard

Happy February and Happy Valentines Day!

Since moving to Laramie, I've met some amazing people and have felt so welcome. I joined Laramie Woman's Club to meet like-minded women and 'pay it forward'. Little did I know I would find myself in the role of President. I certainly appreciate the support I have received and will work my hardest to make you all proud.

"We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then is not an act, but a habit." - Aristotle.

1ST VICE PRESIDENT

Lynda Hidalgo

PARKING FOR SPEAKERS

We are going to place an orange road safety cone in one of the parking spaces in back of Alice Hardie Stevens Center for our speakers on luncheon day. It will be stored in our closet.





It will be up to the head hostess to place the cone in a spot, retrieve it at the end of the meeting, clean it off (snow etc.), and place back in the closet.

Any questions? Call Lynda Hidalgo—760-7260.

3rd VICE PRESIDENTS

Ina Buckner/Cheryl Fleener

BUNCO is scheduled for Sunday, February 25, at the Eppson Center for Seniors. Doors will open at 12:30 p.m. with **Bunco** play beginning by 1:30 p.m. Please get money from your tickets (handed out in December) to Ina ASAP. If you have not been able to sell your **Bunco** tickets,  please return them to Ina so they  might be sold to the general public. Money generated from this fundraiser will be donated to *Feeding Laramie!*

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Janice C. Pelton

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Laramie Woman's Club is accepting applications for the Mary Godat Bellamy Scholarship. The scholarship will benefit a **non-traditional Albany County, Wyoming, resident** age 18 or older that is currently attending or will be attending a Wyoming university, college, or licensed and accredited technical, vocational, or trade school during the 2024-2025 academic year. A non-traditional applicant must meet at least one of the following criteria:

- Did not attend an institution of higher learning immediately upon completion of high school or after obtaining a GED, but may currently be enrolled, OR
- Withdrew from an institution of higher learning before receiving a diploma or

certification from the institution for any reason.

The amount of the Mary Godat Bellamy scholarship for the 2024-2025 academic year will be \$1,000. Additional information and the application form can be found at www.gfwcwyoming.org/scholarships.html. The **deadline for applications will be midnight, Saturday, April 13, 2024.**

Annie Nelson

INTERFAITH - Interfaith is still accepting spices, egg cartons (unless you'd like to donate your cartons to the Clark chickens of Jana and Jennifer Clark, our members), non-perishable food items, travel size soap/shampoo/lotions and monetary donations. The money donated is used to purchase items from Food Bank of the Rockies which is only open to non-profit food organizations. Interfaith can buy large quantities of items through the Food Bank, for much cheaper than any local grocery store sale.

They are not accepting pill bottles at this time.

Josh Watanabe, Director, recently stated that Interfaith doubled the numbers of clients helped when they moved to their current location by LaBonte Park a few years ago. The food pantry averages 2000 visits per month and is open to anyone in the community. During the recent 2023 holiday season of Thanksgiving and Christmas, 750 households were served through the Interfaith Holiday Program. This program is based on income.

Interfaith helps an average of 3500 people each month through their housing, food and assistance programs. Thank-you for your help!

STUDENT SUPPORT TEAM (formerly School Success) - This program addresses the needs of homeless students in Albany County. Lisa Theis (sounds like 'dice' but with a 't') is the Liaison for the school district. You can contact her (at the Middle School, 721-4430) if you have household items, or furniture

to donate. They are always looking for kitchen items, gently used furniture, clothing and hygiene items.

Also, this time of year, hats, gloves, gently used outerwear are appreciated. Travel size deodorants for either gender are needed as well as regular size shampoo/conditioner/lotions of any kind are useful. New socks, underwear of any size and color are also helpful. You can bring your donations to the meeting and we'll make sure they are delivered to Lisa. These students are working hard to get their education despite circumstances that are beyond their control, so our efforts make a big difference in their lives. Thank-you.

CAN TABS - Please keep saving your can tabs, our goal is 20 pounds which helps families at the Ronald McDonald House in Denver.

PLEASE HELP FILL THE RECIPE BOX! In mid-December 2023, a local lady lost her



home to a fire that burned everything to the ground. One of the many things she misses are her recipes as she loves to cook. If you have a great recipe you'd like to share, you can write it on a recipe card and bring it to the February meeting. If you have recipes on your computer, you can print out a couple and bring them. There is a 3-ring notebook we'll put them in. Or, you can pick up an index card at the meeting to take home and write your recipe on the index card.

PLEASE: Put your name at the top of your card and add a few words as to why your recipe is special.

We hope to collect the majority of the recipes at the February meeting but we will also collect the last few at the March meeting.

Questions - please contact Annie Nelson, #307-761-3145.

Let's help Sandy make new, good memories. Thank-you!