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President

Lynn Prichard

Hello May! I can't believe that we are ending our meeting year. I want to thank all of you for your support during these first few months of my tenure. I am excited to move us forward into the future with new project ideas so we can all get involved, no matter how small the task.

Starting in September the cost of our luncheon will increase to \$10 and Board luncheons will increase to \$12.

The 118th GFWC Wyoming Annual meeting was held here in Laramie, April 25 - 27. It was a wonderful gathering of great minds, loads of new things to learn and a lot of fun. Thursday was a celebration of 120 years of GFWCW. Our out-of-town guests were treated to a tour of the Wyoming Women's History House. Friday included a tour of the Laramie Plains Museum and in the evening our first Art, Wine, and Cheese Event. It was quite the evening. The artists and guests were very positive about the event.

On Saturday, many Creativity certificates were given out. Laramie Woman's Club received three for the following: Inspiring Young Readers Program, Wyoming Authors Programs and Flamingo a Friend Fundraiser. Three of our young artists also won awards: first place and best of show, and two third place winners.

Deanna Johnson was given a certificate for 30 years of membership in LWC, and Joyce Stoner also received a certificate for 20 years of membership in LWC. Saturday evening Jolie Frankfurth, GFWC 2nd Vice President, installed Karen Bard as the new GFWCW President. CONGRATULATIONS Karen!



I want to express my sincere gratitude to those who stepped up to plan, stuff gift bags, served, set up, cleaned up and many behind the scenes work to make this conference the success that it was. It is amazing what can be done when we all work together for a common purpose. You ladies are amazing and much appreciated. And our guests were very impressed.

Have a wonderful summer and as the song goes, "I'll see you in September."

"The true measure of all our actions is how long the good in them lasts." Queen Elizabeth

1st Vice President

Lynda Hidalgo

When Lynn Prichard moved to the Executive Officer position of President, I lost my co-chair in the 1st VP slot. I have asked Linda Cavalli to co-chair with me and she has accepted. For you new members, 1st VP is in charge of updating the membership book (Linda Cavalli) and scheduling speakers/programs for the club year (Lynda Hidalgo).

If you have any comments regarding past programs—pro or con—I would appreciate hearing from you so I can give you more of what you would like to see in the coming club year.

1st Vice President

Linda Cavalli

Please let us know if your information in the club directory needs to be updated for next year (new address, change in phone number or email address).

Pay dues of \$40 for the 2024-25 club year to our treasurer by June 15th to have your information included in the new directory.

3rd Vice President

Ina Buckner

1. NU2U: This business accepts all clothing items from babies to adults—including apparel, wallets, purses, adult backpacks, jewelry, belts, ties, shoes, boots, coats, bathing suits (when in season) sweaters (when in season) dresses (short to long) (costumes from sassy to formal). **No items from Kmart, Walmart, Dollar Tree or Dollar General will be accepted.**

2. NU2U - SPORTS: This business is located at a separate location near the train depot. At this location all sports items are sold based on 2 seasons (winter and summer). This includes all weather-related clothing as well as a vast amount of sports equipment used during these seasons. Shoes accepted include: golf, skates, cleats, ski boots.

Ina Buckner is the main contact (307) 272-3562 for both of these locations. Reminder: only 25 items are accepted for consignment at available times determined by the locations. Ina has agreed to accept these items to be delivered to one of the two locations within the 25-item maximum. A reminder to get friends, neighbors and co-workers to donate items to LWC which then brings income to our club versus donating to Goodwill. LWC receives 50% of the sale price on all donations.

Student art pictures were displayed and judged at the state conference in Laramie this past weekend. Of the approximately 10 pictures displayed during the state conference, a Snowy



Range Academy 4th Grader again took 1st place in her division (3rd & 4th grade) and she also was awarded the Best of Show—so proud to have the Best of Show be a Laramie art student!

Education & Libraries

Committee

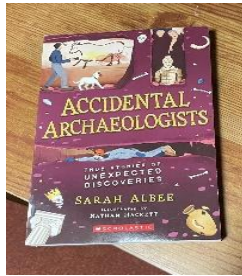
Janice Pelton &

Irene Peach

The Education & Libraries Committee recently sponsored a presentation to the Linford Elementary fifth graders by Wyoming State Archaeologist Spencer Pelton. At the conclusion of the event, each student received a copy of the book, *Accidental Archaeologists*, courtesy of



LWC. We are hoping to be able to provide two educational events for Linford Elementary students during the 2024-2025 school year. In the fall, the US Forest Service will make a presentation about wildland fire to the fourth graders at nearby Kiwanis Park (weather permitting). Each fourth grader will receive a free US Forest Service Christmas Tree Pass and a Every Kid Outdoors Pass that will provide free access for the child and his/her family to hundreds of federal parks and lands for a year. Also, we are checking into the possibility of a field trip to the UW Geological Museum for fifth graders in the spring. The fourth and fifth grade classes will each number about 50 students. At the conclusion of each of these two events, we hope to present each student with a copy of a subject-related, age-appropriate book.



As you are aware, our LWC Education and Libraries Committee funding is limited. If there are members that might be interested in providing additional support for these events, please reach out to LWC President Lynn Prichard. Committee members Irene Peach (512-663-1237) and Janice Pelton (865-654-6845) would be happy to answer any questions you might have. Thank you so much for your consideration!

Bunco Fundraiser
Ina Buckner

At our April meeting, BUNCO proceeds of \$1,000 were awarded to Feeding Laramie. From the 50/25/25 raffle: 50% was awarded to the Eppson Center, 25% to Betty L. Wills and 25% to Lynn Prichard. Congratulations everyone!

Corresponding Secretary
Janine Kropf

M A Y B I R T H D A Y S



Sally Palmer
Lorraine Saulino-Klein
Janice Pelton
Makenzy Dysland

Barb Hoffman
Darlene Olson
Jean DeGenaro

Rooted in Laramie
Bernie Horst

Rooted in Laramie is in need of volunteers to



help with the June 6th "Tree Prep Day" and the June 8th "Planting Day". If you want an exact description as to the types of jobs available, Hilery Lindmier is the person to talk to. Email Hilery at hilerywwy@g.mail

LWC members will be providing breakfast food at the "Planting Day" June 8. Be thinking about what food you might like to donate to this event. A sign-up sheet will be available at the May meeting or you can email me your food donation choice.