

LARAMIE WOMAN'S CLUB

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MISSION STATEMENT

LARAMIE WOMAN'S CLUB STRIVES TO MAKE A POSITIVE IMPACT THROUGH COMMUNITY SERVICE.



*~Transparency Leads To Trust And Respect~
~Our Achievement Leads To Celebration~
~Our Joy Leads To Our Purpose~*

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Hello lovely ladies

March has always been an exciting month for me. In the past as we wrapped up our sled dog sprint schedule, the distance folks began their epic race across Alaska known as the Iditarod. For those that do not know, the Iditarod commemorates the heroic diphtheria serum run that saved the town of Nome, Alaska in 1925. It still gives me chills to think of the brave mushers and dogs that did what trains and planes could not accomplish!

(Tammy's team racing in Leadville, CO in about 2010)



Likewise, we at LWC break into spring with the excitement of our upcoming Art Wine and Cheese event on **Friday, April 24th**. At our next meeting on **March 12th**, we will go over our proposed budget so please plan to attend.

Please consider your participation in Community Service Programs (see below for a list from nationals and a local list). Currently Health and Wellness is busy donating

their time and talents into helping our community. Other than the two fundraising committees, most committees are no longer in existence. It would be a bundle of fun to revitalize Bunco and Flamingo a Friend. Please give your participation some serious consideration. Malea and I are here to help with reporting and I will never hit you over the head for reports. Also, don't forget to bring clothes for NU2U as LWC earns funds for the club with your donations.

I hope to see you all on March 12th.



March 8 Daylight Savings Time
March 17 St. Patrick's Day
March 20 First Day of Spring
March 29 Palm Sunday

Meeting: Thursday, March 12, AHSC, 12:00 p.m.

Program: "Visionary 250th Semi Quintessential Projects"
presented by Jan Thirkelsen

Hostesses: Annie Nelson, Bernie Horst, Brenda Hall, Gina Gibson,
Emily Schaneman and Ina Buckner

ART WINE AND CHEESE

Lynn Prichard



I first want to thank the evening group for stepping up and volunteering to complete three gift baskets to raffle for Art, Wine and Cheese. I also want to give a shoutout to Janine Kropf for volunteering to complete the Gardening Basket.

But ladies, we are still in need of four more gift baskets. Please choose one of the following and grab a few friends to complete one of these baskets or gather the items and bring them to the March meeting so the committee can put them together. Or we can have a basket building gathering and complete them together.

I have added some suggestions for each of the baskets, but you decide.

1. Spa Basket for A New Mom - fancy lotions, teas, mug, a fun book to read, bath bombs, some fancy sweets. I have a gift card from Luna Salon to donate. The goal is to pamper the new mom. Maybe add a stuffy for baby.

2. Dog Basket - some treats, toys, a fancy collar and leash, a bandana.

3. Two Party Baskets - some wine, charcuterie, wine glasses, chocolates, cocktail napkins, a wine sock. I have two movie tickets we can add to one of the baskets. Two wine sets were already donated which contain a corkscrew, wine charms, and a stopper.

Please create a list of the contents of your basket.

Also, don't forget we will welcome bottles of wine for the event itself.



Remember—all proceeds will go towards our Scholarship Fund.



Roses Created by Member Sharon Yovich Bring Joy Annie Nelson

At the February meeting, thirty-six members got an extra special treat when Sharon Yovich created candy roses on long sticks for every member attending that day. The roses were a surprise at the luncheon and brought a lot of smiles. After the meeting some members chose to donate their rose to the folks at the local nursing home—Cottonwood Care Center. The roses were transported to the nursing home Thursday afternoon.

The station nurse was startled when asked, "How many people here rarely get visitors?". "About 25 to 30" was her reply. There were twenty-seven donated roses. The nurse took them and quickly left, saying, "We'll get these out right away."

All told, 63 different people plus two nurses got some unexpected joy in their lives, on Thursday, February 13, 2026. It all started with one person—Sharon, who had an idea.

REMINDERS & ONGOING COLLECTIONS

Malea Brown

- **Spices for Interfaith** - Bring spices to support our community partners.
- **Dimes for March of Dimes** - Save your dimes and make a difference.
- **Birthday Donation Jars** - A club tradition! Members donate during their birthday month (summer birthdays choose another month); however, monthly donations are welcomed. This year's funds support Feeding Laramie Valley.
- **Wreaths Across America** - Help us purchase veterans' wreaths (\$17 each; \$5 returns to LWC).
- **NU2U Donations** - Gently used clothing, shoes, jewelry, and purses. Bring to a meeting or contact Malea or Ina. These monies support LWC operations.
- **School Success Program** (Laramie Middle School) - Collecting socks, hats, gloves, and full-size shampoo & conditioner.
- **Elementary Pantry Support** - Linford, Spring Creek, and Indian Paintbrush schools need snacks, fruit, meat, milk, and cheese for student pantries.
- **Art Wine and Cheese Gift Baskets** - Bring your baskets, wine or designated basket to support this event.

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS (CSP)

(summarized from GFWC Website)

Arts and Culture Community Service Program promotes and supports art and cultural programs in communities nationwide, and works to expand understanding on every level, from local and regional to national and international. Our goal is to create projects that include crafts, dance, drama, food, music, and other manifestations of art and culture that develop skills, awareness, and appreciation. (ie Art Wine & Cheese Fundraising Committee)

Civic Engagement and Outreach Community Service Program reminds us that each of us is part of a larger society and is responsible for undertaking actions that will create a better quality of life and foster a sense of community—locally, regionally, nationally, and globally focused on: citizenship, crime prevention, safety, and disaster preparedness; those in need, food insecure, and unhoused;

and our military personnel and veterans. (ie School Food Pantries, School Success, Interfaith)

Education and Libraries (ESO) Community Service Program are projects for children and adults designed to foster schools and other educational institutions, to provide opportunities, and to promote libraries, literacy and reading good books. (ie LWC Book Club, LWC Scholarship)

Environment Community Service Program specifically focuses on environmental issues at the local, state, national, and international levels in the areas of beautification, cleanup, preservation, and enrichment of natural resources and landscapes in communities. (ie Rooted in Laramie)

Health and Wellness Community Service Program is based on the tenet that people endeavor to achieve happiness by consciously paying attention to the importance of balancing the emotional, occupational, physical, social, intellectual, and spiritual aspects of our lives. (ie blankets, shawls, newborn beanies for WIC & IMH)

Social Media allows us to share information about our club and focuses on the importance of fulfilling our mission and to show the public what we are doing, why we are doing it and who we are doing it for. (ie LWC Facebook Page)

