

Wyoming News Blast

April 2019



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GFWC Wyoming President's Message - Mary Lee Dixon



Be Silly—Be Honest—Be Kind

April is conference time for GFWC-Wyoming! By now your club presidents should have made available the Call to Convention for all the members. I sincerely hope many of you will consider attending. Remember registration is needed by April 12 with resort reservations being made sooner. The Saratoga Resort and Spa will honor the prices set for us, if rooms are available, if you call past the deadline date.

I have been working on the agenda. We will have learning presentations, skits, bylaws discussion, nominating committee appointments, awards and of course some silliness along the way to keep with my theme! As I stated when I was installed, I hope to simplify the conference yet make it worth YOUR time.

GFWC-W officer and club presidents, please refer to the Call for all the items you are responsible for. Reports and silent auction baskets come to mind.

Reminder: I have tickets for an opportunity to get \$200 towards the Western States Region Convention this September in Idaho. I'll have them at the conference – they are \$10/each or \$20 for 3. The deadline for buying them is June 10, 2019.

March of Dimes

Fund received 930 dimes from GFWC-Women's Civic League of Cheyenne towards our mile. Your club challenge is if you collect \$500 in dimes I'll come pick them up and you do not have to convert them to a check!

Silly Calendar Day for April (Partner Appreciation Month)

Friday, Apr 5 – Day of Hope (...for all sorts of things and people)

Tuesday, Apr 9 – Cherish an Antiquecould be an item or a person!

Friday, Apr 12 – Licorice Day (personally, I like the black licorice!)

Tuesday, Apr 16 – Save the Elephants Day (Look into how many are left)

Saturday, Apr 20 – Volunteer Recognition Day (Thank your club members!)

Sunday, Apr 21 – Tea Day (Iced or hot...take time for some)

Tuesday, Apr 23 - World Book night (buy, read, give)

Wednesday, Apr 24 – Federation Day! (Our Birthday as an organization)

Quirky Fundraiser for the month:

Retro Candy Sale

Search out retro candy; buy a stash and have a candy sale at a meeting; take folks back to their childhood. Proceeds going where you wish

Have fun! Be Silly! Be kind to your fellow club members.

In Federation,
Mary Lee Dixon
GFWC Wyoming President



April Showers (or Bomb Cyclones) bring May Flowers!

Club and District News

West District Liaison Leslie Jo Gatti

The Farson Eden Progress Club is planning a community-wide Easter Egg Hunt. As always, their activities include the communities of Farson and Eden.

The Bridger Valley ladies are still working on their paperwork for presentation to the State Board. They are hoping to have it ready soon.

The Woman's Club of Rock Springs planted a pinwheel garden at the local Headstart building. They also began distributing the fruits of their fundraising efforts. They are still collecting Dr. Seuss books and shoes for Soles4Souls. The Club president has already mailed 88 pairs.

All the Western Wyoming Clubs are winding down their winter activities and switching gears for the summer. Looking forward to Saratoga.

Yoder Woman's Club President Bev Yeik

April 8th several of the Yoder Woman's club members were able to go to Douglas, Wyoming, and help Hazel Malone celebrate her 95th Birthday. Hazel's daughter, Susan, provided a beautiful cake, decorated with a teapot and teacup on top, along with ice cream. We had a great time with a lot of laughs.

Rock Springs Woman's Club President Marcia Volner



The Woman's Club of Rock Springs has given money to a variety of organizations recently. Two of them receiving \$1000 donations are Waldner House a place for people from out of town to stay free of charge while receiving cancer treatment in Rock Springs and The Scottish Rite Language Center for children needing extra therapies.





GFWC X-JWC President Trish Peoples

The XJWC Sprinkle with Love Quilt raffle will end soon. The drawing will be held on April 28th. (We've moved it from April 13th due to another ticket-selling opportunity for our Community Improvement Project). Contact Bev Campbell at bevrogercampbell@gmail.com or call [634-4483](tel:634-4483) to purchase tickets for the raffle.

We turned in 250 more dimes for March of Dimes!

Notes from the Board

Dean of Chairmen Nancy Kaufman

Hope you all are enjoying Springtime in Wyoming!

All the reporting is done! I would like to thank each of you very much for your diligence and hard work. All 8 active club Presidents submitted a report this year. Their information was then disseminated to the appropriate Committee Chairwomen, compiled, and sent to International. The number of volunteer hours spent and the number/scope of the projects was truly amazing. We rock!

As much fun as it was to read all the reports, I most enjoyed visiting with every Club President and almost every Committee Chair over the last few months. Moving to electronic communication is always challenging but for the most part successful. I appreciate your patience in this endeavor. I look forward to seeing many of you in Saratoga!

Community Improvement Program Chairman Karen Brannon

Have at least one person in your Club keep a record of all activities and take pictures. Also involve your new members as they might have new ideas for activities.

Photography Contest Chairman Robin Broumley

This is a reminder to those who sent applications and waivers by the April first deadline for photography entries: please read the rules again and follow them carefully! Remember to bring your entries - and pick them up at the end!

Fundraising Chairman Karen Kent

**State wide raffle.
Bargello quilt!**

**Approximately 100
inches square**

**Tickets are \$20
apiece. Only 300
tickets sold!**

**Drawing will April
2019 at the State
conference in
Saratoga.**

**Contact Karen at
wyokents@msn.com**



Membership Chairman Katherine Van Dell



I am hoping to see many of my GFWC Wyoming sisters in Saratoga on the 27th of April. As Registration Chairman, it's exciting to see how many have registered already to attend the state convention. With the registration deadline fast approaching, I'm hoping that in the next couple of days my mailbox will be brimming over with envelopes holding your registrations. Come join your sister GFWC W members to celebrate the year's achievements. Should you have any questions, please contact me either by email, kvandell1732@gmail.com, or by phone, 307-630-5058.

Activities for acquainting members with GFWC

1. Pair an experienced member with a potential or new member making sure they do not know each other.
2. Distribute paper and writing implements to each participant.
3. Ask each participant to write ten personally descriptive words or phrases. Include information on family, interests, hobbies, employment, etc. Allow five minutes.
4. Direct one of each pair to tell her partner about herself, in a conversational style using the list as an aid. Allow five minutes.

This group exercise is a unique way to get people talking and introduced to the club.
(2018-2020 GFWC Club Manual-Membership)

“If you invite people into your home, you're very gracious and accommodating but too many times at meetings that goes away. New members don't feel welcomed, valued, or interested. Lead by example.” Valerie Barnes, GFWC Membership Committee, at the GFWC WSR Conference in Las Vegas, September 14-16, 2018.

Please mark your calendar with this important membership reporting date:
Spring Recognition Mar, Apr, May; repot due June 1

Send reports to GFWC Recruitment Campaign, 1734 N Street NW, Washington, DC 20036-2990 and also to me, Katherine Van Dell, GFWC-W Membership Chair, 1732 Oxford Dr., Cheyenne, 82001-1663.

Home Life Chairman Phyllis Salzburg

Vial of Life -- Start a program in your club allowing each individual to have their complete medical information ready in their home for emergency personnel to reference during a home emergency. Utilize information located at www.vialoflife.com. Kits can be ordered free for valuable medical and health information to be compiled and placed where emergency personnel will have access to it if you are unable to provide the information. Other important information such as illnesses you have, your emergency contact person, special medical conditions can be included. Critical information is needed when experiencing a medical emergency; the Vial of Life helps save lives.

Monday, April 22, 2019 is **Earth Day** and while we may think that is a day to be working on Conservation CSP projects, Home Life projects can also be inspired by Earth Day. How, you may ask? Walk or ride your bike to the store – great for your heart health and for our environment. Encourage your club members to recognize Earth Day and engage in a Home Life project at the same time!

April is **Financial Literacy Month**, a great time to focus on financial education. The Women’s Institute for Secure Retirement is dedicated to improving long-term financial security of all women through education and advocacy. Their website, wiserwomen.org, has great information and resources on subjects important and directed to women – retirement, investing, care giving, Social Security, health care, etc. Check it out and share with your club.

Communications and Public Relations Chairman Pat Stenback

GFWC Communications and Public Relations Committee Newsletter
Generational Communication



It seems that new forms of communication are being introduced to the public constantly. Many people rush out to get the new device or devices to hookup to their present computer or phone, but many of our members are not among them. Not staying up-to-date on the latest technology has resulted in outdated communications methods and skills.

Let me introduce this member:

She doesn't text.

She isn't on Facebook.

She has a computer, but not one email account—or no computer at all.

She may make one or two meetings throughout the year or cannot come to any. Club activities are still communicated digitally (as they should be) so the masses are instantly in the know—and information resonates with members who prefer digital communications. But, we must keep the member who has paid her dues like everyone else, involved.

A good old-fashioned letter, phone call, or house visit still works! After the secretary has typed up her minutes from club meetings, she can make hard copies for those that cannot receive them through emails and mail them. A member could call her and let her know the highlights of the meeting and other activities taking place.

Or, a member could go to where she lives and share the news and club activities taking place, seeing how things are going with her in the process. For example, my club goes to a health care center to hold meetings where some members live. These members are so happy to see us and the entire club enjoys visiting with them.

Remember there is not a member that is not important, no matter how often they attend a GFWC meeting or event. Tailor your communications to each member's personal preference so that everyone feels a part of this great organization.

Seven Grand Initiatives' Tally

1. Number of trees planted by clubs/members on Arbor Day – 6 pending
2. Number of projects done for Women in the Military - 2
3. Pairs of Shoes donated for Soles 4 Souls - 252
4. Dr. Seuss books donated to city programs or GFWC HQs – 68
5. Number of projects done on MLK day – 2 (3 clubs participating)
6. Legislative Action Center sign ups – 13
7. Million Dollar Club (Capital Campaign – DC) - 0

GFWC Wyoming Initiatives' Tally

March of Dimes (90,000 needed for a mile)

We received 7,721 dimes--only need 82,279 more!



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