



**Preserve our Past – Protect our Future
Trish Peoples – GFWC Wyoming President**

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One of the great things I was able to do this summer was send in our Jennie Award nominee to Western States Region. Polly Wade is a deeply deserving, life-long volunteer from GFWC Laramie Woman's Club. We wish her the best at the WSR competition!



GFWC Wyoming has new bylaws and standing rules, which have been posted on our website. Please take time to read them. An important note is that club presidents are now part of the state board. This aligns GFWCW with how the GFWC Board operates. More importantly, it allows our presidents a voice at state level and keeps the rest of the board connected with our clubs.



This quilt is a GFWC Wyoming fundraiser. An interesting note about its creator: although women were the first computer coders as early as WWII, most were edged out of that business in the 1980s by men. This woman was not; Sharon started computer coding in 1980 and is still at it today. Her quilt displays the kind of attention to detail you would expect from a coder, and she has donated it to us to raffle off. It will make its way around the state, and you can also contact me if you'd like tickets. Its dimensions are king-sized, 111" by 104." Tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$25.

The Call to Fall Workshop and Board Meeting will arrive soon, but in the meantime:

Fall Board Meeting and Workshop, September 29 and 30, in Riverton. Rooms at Hampton Inn & Suites, 307-856-3500. **The cut-off is August 15.**

Karen Kent – Vice President/Membership Chairman

I have attached our bylaws as they were updated at our annual conference in April. Please take some time to familiarize yourself with the changes that were voted on. Notably, for the position of Vice President, this office will no longer be responsible for the newsletter. For the sake of easy and transition I have agreed to continue as your editor for the remainder of this administration.



I'll just bet you are dying to learn about fireflies. You may already know that they have special chemicals in their bodies that allow them to emit light. When most species of firefly mate they randomly emit this light in a specific sequence to attract a mate. For most species on any given night the success rate is approximately 3%. It has been discovered in the Smoky Mountains of the United States and a few other places in the world that

there is a species of the firefly that have neurotransmitters that allow them to emit their light in a synchronized pattern with the entire swarm. By "lighting up" all at the same time the mating success rate increases to approximately 82%.

Why am I telling you this, you ask? We can learn a great deal from nature. While we are looking to increase our membership individually, with some success, I would like to suggest that if we work, as a whole, we might achieve more. One person's enthusiasm is infectious, a whole group's enthusiasm is contagious! Many of our clubs will be finishing out the summer with club picnics, farmers' markets, and other community activities. Let's use these opportunities to show our communities that we aren't "all work and no play". Let us invite every woman around us to get to know The General Federation of Women's Clubs and offer them the opportunity to become an integral part of this amazing sisterhood.

Lucy Russell – Spiritual Advisor

I want to do a short article about August and what this month represents. The month is often a quiet and calm time. A time to regroup and get ready to start school and to get our clubs gearing up for the club year. I thought sharing some of the things we should celebrate in August would be of interest to all of you.

On August 1st and 4th, we celebrate the US Air Force and the U.S. Coast Guard. On August 4th we get to celebrate Chocolate Chip Cookies which I think I will have a few on that day, then on the 6th is National Root Beer Float Day, that sounds delicious. August 9th is book lovers' day which should make Deb McCann very happy, we should all read a book on that day. Even better is the 10th, which is National Lazy Day, let's all lay on our patios and take a nap. I would like to also celebrate the 12th as National Middle Child Day, I was born a middle child and we need all the recognition we can get. The next day is truly my day because it is International Left Handers Day. Left handers have always had a rough go as the world was made for right handers, so celebrate with me on that day. August 19th is National Humanitarian Day which falls right into GFWC and all that we stand for. There are many other things to celebrate in August. I encourage you all to

look this up and see how many things we can celebrate in August. The last one I want to highlight is August 26th which is National Women's Equality Day.

I encourage all of you to celebrate August, enjoy the warm weather and all the outdoor activities. Have a root bear float with some friends or join a book club to discuss a book you enjoyed. Whatever you do celebrate the women in your lives and all the wonderful things they have done for you. I wish everyone a happy August.

Marcia Volner - Women's Club of Sweetwater County President

We continue to raise money for a bench at the veteran's columbarium in the local cemetery. Jars have been at our yard sale, International Day booth and at Farmer's Market in Green River where people have been generous with their donations to this cause. We had a very successful yard sale in June and International Day booth in July. The boy scouts put our purple cow with gold lettering out in July to support our rodeos. August 3rd will be a board meeting and then it is back to work in September with our food drive for the local soup kitchen.



Lucy Russell - GFWC-X-JWC President

This summer is just zooming by, I hope that everyone has had a good summer. I have been working on the yearbook this summer. We have not had a lot going on but have a few things going on in August. We will be having our budget meeting on August 1st at Phyllis Salzburg's home. Phyllis is our treasurer again next year and I very much appreciate all she does for our club to keep us on track financially. We will also be having our annual picnic on August 8th from 11 to 1 at Mylar Park in Cheyenne. Everyone will bring something to share and then we will play BINGO. This is always a fun activity that I really look forward to. We will also have our BUNCO game which will be on August 16th from 12:30 pm to 3:00 pm.

We will start again with our board meeting on August 29th at 9:00 am and we will again be meeting at Point Frontier. I am looking forward to another great year full of fun and a lot of service. I look forward to seeing all our members at one of our many events in August.

Deanna Frey – Casper Active Service Club President

The Casper Active Service Club will be providing refreshments for the new USI open house on Aug 5th in Mills.

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