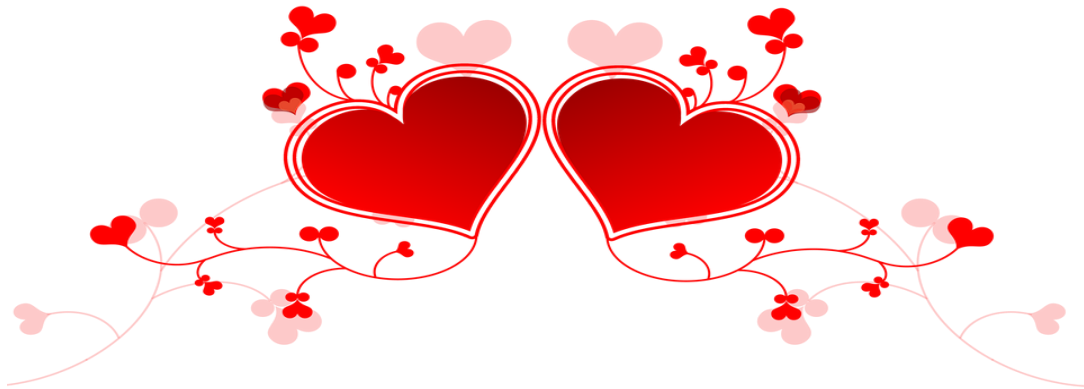


KALEIDOSCOPE

FEBRUARY 2024



President's Message

CLAUDIA WILEN

Happy Valentine's Day! In honor of this special day, as well as Heart Health month, let's see how many members wear red to Wednesday's meeting. Or, if you don't look good in red, orange is another choice in observance of teen dating violence month.

Speaking of being colorful, Kristen Riley and Marianne Gatti are hard at work redesigning our WCLC website, making it more attractive not only to our members but anyone interested in learning more about our club. A little pizzazz can go a long way!

I have appointed Brenda Laird as acting Membership Chair to call together the nominating committee for this Spring's slate of officers. Please consider becoming more involved in our club by taking on an elected position...we need YOU!

The CGC committee met in January to begin the process of reviewing grant applications---25 applications were received! Marianne has streamlined the process, making the initial review go extremely smoothly and quick.

The meeting to finalize the awards was held Friday. The list of allocations will be taken to the March Board meeting for approval with approval voted on by the membership at the March luncheon.

The Scholarship committee has already begun receiving scholarship applications. These monetary awards also reflect a part of the Christmas House proceeds given back to the community. It's so rewarding to be a part of a group that can bring joy to those in need.

I am happy to report I submitted the annual President's report to GFWC-WY with a total of 45 projects completed in the calendar year 2023, involving 1019 volunteer hours... but not including the gazillion hours put in for Christmas House! We all deserve a pat on the back for a job well done.

Finally, we wish to remember the life well lived of our lifetime time member, Ruth Storey, who passed away recently. The board voted to send a memorial in her name to the Old West Museum. Please keep her family in your prayers.

Claudia

Before You Speak...

THINK

T is it true?

H is it helpful?

I is it inspiring?

N is it necessary?

K is it kind?

Vice President's Message

Rochelle Toll

Starting in March, at the General Membership Meeting/Luncheon, the Cheyenne Country Club will increase our meals' prices by \$2.00 to \$22.00 per meal to cover the increases by their food vendors.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

KRISTIE ACKERSON



January Correspondence

Ruth Storey - 95th Birthday

June Wood - sympathy - mother-in-law passed

Deb McCann - thinking of you - sister diagnosed with cancer

BY-LAWS

- a) **Yearbook Committee:** The Chairman shall select committee members, as needed to assist with compiling information for the yearbook. She shall work with the President, the President-elect, the Vice-President, the Membership Chairman, the Christmas House Chairman, the GFWC-Wyoming President, and any other members as necessary to assemble the yearbook information by July 1. She shall be responsible for collecting **current CGC, and Scholarship Committee Community Service Program Committees and subcommittee's** expenditure information **for publication in the yearbook**. She shall make arrangements for printing and have the yearbooks ready to be distributed at the September General Membership meeting.
- i) She or a member of her committee shall ~~advise the membership~~ **keep a record** of any contact information changes that may occur during the Club year.

Rational: To update and conform to current practice.

Section S-2. Community Service Program Committees

Committee chairs are encouraged to use whatever format necessary to elicit suggested project ideas from their members. Any committee may work on special projects at the local, state, national and international level that promote cultural and international understanding.

Disbursements from the Community Service Program allocations require committee approval.

- ii) Any funds remaining after May 31, will revert to the Community Grant Committee. Upon request, exceptions may be granted by the Board of Directors. If a committee wants to earmark funds beyond the current budget year for a specific project, they must bring the issue to the Board which will have the authority to decide issues regarding the holdover of funds to the next year. **An expenditure report shall be submitted to the Kaleidoscope editor by June 1 for publication in the September issue.**

The Community Service Program Coordinator shall meet with the committee chairmen. She may chair the Health and Wellness Service Program Committee. She may choose her own co-chair.

c) Education and Libraries.

- i) In addition to relevant educational projects, the committee is responsible for awarding scholarships to high school seniors from Laramie County to be used at the Laramie County Community College, the University of Wyoming, or any Wyoming college or licensed or accredited technical or trade school. The committee may also award scholarships to LCCC non-traditional, ~~female~~-student(s).

RATIONAL: To update.

MILITARY

We are once again donating a basket of homemade goods (jams/jellies/pickles/honey/etc) to the annual Boots and Baubles Auction. Our second item is a fly fishing trip. If any member would like to donate to either, please bring to the February or March luncheon. Wendy Owen will also accept items at her home. Any questions, contact Linda Hill.

YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES

The Youth and Family Services Committee will meet at the Country Club before our regular luncheon. We will meet in the back area at to discuss ideas for our community service programs. All members are invited to attend.

ENVIRONMENT

Phyllis Salzburg, chairman

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY, Jump Into Jewels

Collecting donations at February and March club meetings of gently used jewelry, scarves and men’s accessories for fund raiser.

Event: April 19-20, 2024, My Front Door, 3260 Nationway,

Volunteer opportunities

Weekly gatherings to sort and price donations at Habitat for Humanity office, 715 E. 15 th St. (north door)

Tuesday 4:30 – 6:30 pm beginning Feb 6, 2024

Saturdays (twice/month) 10:30 am – 12:30 pm: Feb 10, 24, March 9th & and 23rd,

April 6 & and 13

Dates subject to change.

Week of event – Set up Thursday and Friday; teardown Saturday

ROOTED IN CHEYENNE – Applications for trees open March 1, first come first serve, \$50 per tree and includes planting! Trees offered are specially chosen for our area, making a unique addition to Cheyenne’s tree

canopy. There is a free tree program for those who qualify. See their website for application and all the information. <https://rootedincheyenne.com/>

SENIOR SERVICES

5 members of our committee met on December 9th, 2023, at Pointe Frontier senior living facility, to wrap Christmas presents for residents. We also brought hot chocolate with toppings for an afternoon treat. Residents and staff were very appreciative.

In January, 7 of us met and started planning projects for the next couple months. We are planning to bring Valentine's treats and flowers to residents at Legacy senior apartments here in Cheyenne. The treat bags, cards, and flowers will be assembled/prepared just prior to bringing them over. We will meet at my house, 2963 Thomas Rd., at 11:30, on February 10th, then deliver them about 2:00. There are 55 residents at Legacy.

In March, we are planning a fun activity for the Foster grandparents, during their training session.

Respectfully,
Elise Johnson

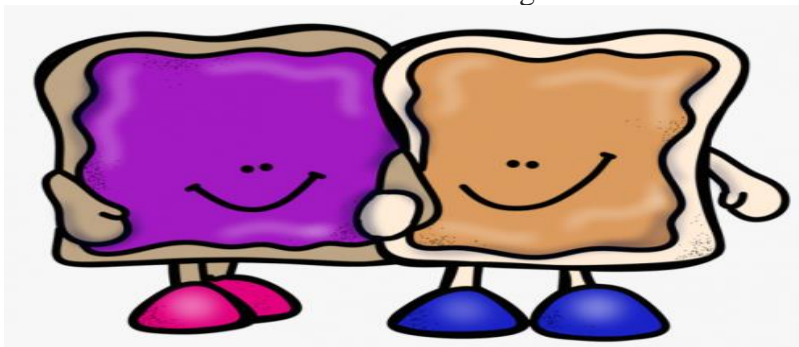
ESO

ESO-Will meeting March 18 at 9:15 am at The Boardroom. We will be reading Less by Andrew Sean Greer.

NEEDS

BRING YOUR PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY

Next month see changes



This Photo by Unknown Author is licensed under CC BY SA NC

OTHER INFORMATION

Gourmet groups will be starting up again this month. Group leaders should have received the menu for the theme, The Great Catsby. Please let Judy Lissman know if you still need a copy of the menu! Thanks to Linda Stowers's group for the delicious recipes! Check with your group leader for the group's meeting time and place!



Bunko this month. The fun time starts at 12:30 on Monday, February 26th at 7408 Huntz Drive at the home of Judy Lissman. RSVP Linda Stowers, lpstowers54@gmail.com or Pam Hendricks, pamhendricks55@yahoo.com

SOCIAL MEDIA

Follow Us on Facebook and Instagram

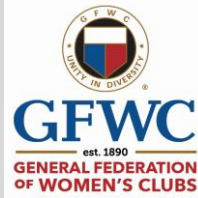
Search for us by Name:

GFWC Women's Civic League of Cheyenne

Please keep the community posted on what we are doing with Civic League. Help tell a story by emailing or texting Linda Stowers photos! Free advertising and a greater reach than TV or Newspaper!

**GFWC Women's Civic
League of Cheyenne**

Claudia Wilen, President
Kristen Riley, President Elect
Shelley Toll, Vice-President
Lynn McLaughlin, Recording Secretary
Kristie Ackerson, Corresponding Secretary
Deb Fairchild, Treasurer



Kaleidoscope
Published Monthly
September thru May
Linda Stowers, Editor
Lpstowers54@gmail.com