



# GFWC X-JWC

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## HOT LINE FEBRUARY 2025

February is American Heart Month. **Go Red for Women!**

### FROM THE PRESIDENT

**Patty Benskin**

Welcome to February. I hope everyone is staying healthy and warm!

Our nominating committee is working on a slate of officers. The bylaws committee is working on revising bylaws and standing rules.

Karen Kent and I are hoping to have a membership tea at the end of the month. We have been challenged in finding a location, but it is coming together.

The Arboretum needs support with our legislators. The funding was stripped, but there is still a bill that is looking to continue the project. Please consider contacting your representative or state senator.

There will be a tour of the Children's Museum on March 31. More information will be available.

Thank you for all you do for our club and our community.

Patty

**MEETING:** Tuesday February 4, 2025, Red Lion Inn, 11:30. Lunch \$15.

As part of our Health and Wellness Community Service Program, come prepared to enjoy and learn about armchair yoga during the February 4 membership meeting. Joyce Swanson, yoga instructor at the Cheyenne Senior Center, will join us and take us through some of the exercises.

**Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Katherine Van Dell.** A special thank you to all who donated cocoa mix for the MLK March on January 20, 2025. With the weather being so bitterly cold, the entire event was held inside the Cheyenne Depot, so without marching we were able to stay warm and enjoy the program.

Special thanks to Nancy Krois, Pam Nelson, and Karen Kent who joined me in distributing hot cocoa and cookies. The sister clubs, X-JWC, Meadowlarks and Women's Civic League, were acknowledged and thanked for providing the refreshments. We also received a standing invitation to participate in future events. The leftovers were delivered to Comea, Wyoming Coalition for the Homeless, and Unaccompanied Student Initiative .



Taking care of the MLK JR. DAY crowd: Nancy Krois (X-JWC), Marianne Gatti (WCLC), Karen Kent (X-JWC and Meadowlarks), Flo Beville (Meadowlarks) and Pam Nelson (X-JWC). Not pictured Katherine Van Dell (X-JWC, WCLC).

**EDUCATION AND LIBRARIES Community Service Program, Susan Reagan, chairman**

**TOUR OF CHEYENNE CHILDREN’S MUSEUM** – Trish Peoples will be leading the tour on March 31, 10:00 a.m.

The Children’s Museum is conducting a **craft supply drive, unopened/unused items** please. See last page of Hot Line for list of donations needed. If you would like to donate, you may bring them to the Tuesday meeting.

Susan and her committee have been collecting books for the new little library outside the Children’s Museum.

**DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SALE** Clean out your unwanted books, CDs, DVDs, puzzles and games by donating them for their annual sale at the old Big Lots in Cheyenne Plaza (next to Trampoline Park) on **March 1, 2, 8, 9**. Collection boxes are located at both Albertsons, Safeway, YMCA, Sprouts and Gold’s Gym. If you have a large quantity, call 630-3682 or 421-1775 for help. **No old textbooks, encyclopedia, or VHS tapes.** Sale supports a variety of local educational programs.

**ENVIRONMENT COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM**

**HIGH PLAINS RESEARCH STATION AND ARBORETUM, Trish Peoples, Phyllis Salzburg**



HB0229, the bill to designate the Arboretum a State Historic Site, is scheduled to be heard in the House Appropriations Committee, Monday, February 3 upon noon recess, room E301 in the Capitol and on line. It is the fourth bill on the schedule.

Funding was stripped from the supplemental budget. The members of the House Appropriations Committee are: Trey Sherwood from Laramie, who has been very supportive and voted against stripping the funding. Abby Angelos from Campbell County was absent for the vote last year. All the rest: Chairman John Bear (Campbell Co), Bill Allemand (Natrona Co)

Jeremy Haroldson (Platte, Laramie), Ken Pendergraft (Sheridan), and Scott Smith (Goshen Co) voted against introduction last year.

The current bill is sponsored by Representative Bob Nicholas. Co-sponsors are Representatives G Brown, L Brown, Davis, Eklund, Filer, Geringer, Johnson, L. Larsen, Singh, Styvar, Washut and Wylie and Senators Anderson, Driskill, Gierau, Nethercott, Olsen and Pappas.

**The road to success is not going to be easy. The Joint Appropriations Committee voted to strip the funding for the Arboretum project in the supplemental budget.** The supplemental budget will need to be approved by the House, Senate, and Governor, so it is not final yet. Now is the time to use your voice! Link to Representatives and contact information:

<https://www.wyoleg.gov/Legislators/2025/H>

Senate File 192, also establishes the state historic site and restores funding. It has been introduced in the Senate and referred to the Senate Agriculture, State and Public Lands & Water Resources Committee. It has not yet been scheduled for committee consideration.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE**, Katherine Van Dell, Chairman. The slate of officers for the 2025 – 2026 club year will be announced in March, voted on in April and officers installed in May

**MEMBERSHIP**, Cindy Hardesty, Chairman. Reminder that we will begin collecting dues in March for our next club year.

**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

**Happy Birthday to Fran Fooks Feb 10**

### **SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE**

Do you know someone getting ready to head off to pursue their dream of higher education and looking for financial help? Or maybe a student currently enrolled in a Wyoming higher education institution.

GFWC Wyoming and GFWC Women’s Civic League of Cheyenne offer scholarships each year to students in Wyoming planning to attend a Wyoming school. Both have scholarships for Wyoming graduating seniors and a scholarship available to a non-traditional student. GFWC Wyoming scholarship is also available to students already enrolled in a higher education institution.

Links to GFWC Wyoming and GFWC Women’s Civic League of Cheyenne scholarships are below. GFWC Wyoming application deadline is in April; GFWC Women’s Civic League’s application deadline is in March. Questions? Contact Phyllis Salzburg.

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# CRAFT SUPPLY DRIVE



**CHEYENNE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM**

We are grateful for any donations of unopened/unused items from the list below to spark creativity in our classroom space! Supplies can be purchased anytime from our Amazon Wish List by scanning the QR Code below or dropped off at the Cheyenne Children's Museum between the hours of 11am-1pm from Monday, January 27th to Friday, January 31st. Thank you for your support!

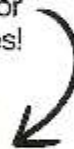


### DONATIONS NEEDED:

- SIDEWALK CHALK
- CRAYOLA MARKERS
- CRAYOLA COLORED PENCILS
- CRAYOLA CRAYONS
- TEMPERA PAINT
- CRAYOLA
- GLUE
- TISSUE PAPER
- PRINTER/COPY PAPER
- CONSTRUCTION PAPER
- STENCILS
- FISKARS SAFETY SCISSORS
- FELT SHEETS
- WASHI-TAPE
- BUTTONS

Check out our Amazon Wishlist for more specific supplies!

- POM POMS
- PIPE CLEANERS
- FEATHERS
- YARN
- RIBBON
- CRAFT STICKS
- STICK-ON JEWELS
- MODELING CLAY
- WINDOW PAINT
- SELF-ADHESIVE GOOGLEY EYES



### Drop-Off Information:

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Cheyenne, WY 82001

**11AM-1PM  
JAN. 27-31**

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