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Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service, Monday, January 21, 2019

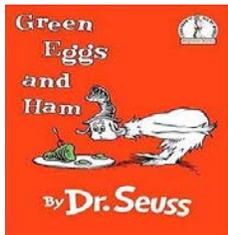
One of the GFWC Seven Grand Initiatives is organizing 1,000 projects during the 2018 – 2020 administration to honor the Day of Service. January 21, 2019 is recognized as Dr. King's birthday and on that day there will be a march from the Cheyenne Depot to either the Capitol or Supreme Court building (2019 site) for speeches.



The boards and general memberships GFWC-Women's Civic League of Cheyenne (WCLC), X-JWC, and Cheyenne Optimist Club have agreed to partner and participate in this event by providing cookies and hot cocoa for march participants. *Clubs are encouraged to identify how they will answer "life's most persistent and urgent question," to quote Dr. King: "What are you doing for others?"* The three clubs do many, many projects for the members of the Cheyenne community and this is just one more project serving the citizens of Cheyenne. It is usually a cold, windy day; school is out, so many children are involved in the march; members of the EAST High School ROTC will carry the colors. Hot cocoa and delicious home-made cookies "fit the bill."

Event organizer Katherine Van Dell is requesting that X-JWC members provide home-made cookies. Sister club WCLC will also provide cookies, with the Cheyenne Optimist club providing hot cocoa mix, cups and napkins. ***Katherine needs the cookies delivered to the Depot between 10-10:30 a.m. on Monday, January 21.*** If you are unable to deliver them there at that time, please contact her on Sunday at 630-5058 to make arrangements to have cookies picked up. She is also requesting that members be available that day to hand out the refreshments and hopes to have many of you will be able to attend. Katherine thanks you in advance for participating in this event!

Education Committee Carolyn Turbiville chairman



Fifty three Dr. Seuss books were collected. We will make some children in a rural school on the Wind River Indian Reservation at Riverton, WY happy. Thank you to all who donated a book or books.

Our volunteers, assisting in classrooms, donated 214 hours since September 2018, helping classroom teachers and touching about 170 children's lives. This is a big input into our community.

Dr. Seuss Fact: in 1959, he was the highest paid author in the world.

Remember to bring Box Tops for Education.

Conservation

The Board heard information on Rooted in Cheyenne, an organization whose mission is to re-establish a long-term tree planting program in our city to help support a more diverse and resilient urban canopy and cultivate greener, healthier, more livable neighborhoods. The Board recommended a donation to this organization to purchase trees which X-JWC will include under GFWC's Grand Initiatives.



As early as 1882, residents played an important role in establishing the tree canopy that we enjoy today. However, Cheyenne is experiencing a high mortality rate in its street tree population as the result of an aging forest and past extreme weather events.

City residents can apply for trees, maximum of 2, with certain requirements for location on their property. There is a cost, however there may be assistance for those with limited income. There are 2 plantings per year. If approved the Rooted in Cheyenne crews, in partnership with the Cheyenne Urban Forestry Division and volunteers, plant the trees, water, and help keep the trees healthy for the first year. A very worthwhile program in our community! For more information visit www.rootedincheyenne.com.

Community Improvement Project

The ribbon cutting ceremony for the first permanent Unaccompanied Students Initiative house was held Thursday, December 20th! It has taken lots of time, hard work and perseverance but the dream of providing safe and stable home settings for unaccompanied students is becoming a reality!!

Crafts

Thank you to those who bought the sets of 4 coasters the craft members made. 15 sets were sold earning \$150!! The money will help the crafts group purchase supplies for future projects.

Literary January 18, 2019 at Bev Campbell's 1:00



Literary has changed!!! We will no longer choose a book that everyone has to read. The group decided that we would like to read what we want to read. At the meeting we will take turns telling about our most current read and sharing what the reader thought of the book.

We think this will interest more readers and hopefully increase the number of members attending Literary. It is a fun time and an opportunity to get acquainted with members of the club.

We will meet at Bev Campbell's house, 2700 Summit Drive on **January 18, 2019 at 1:00.**

Please sign up at the back table if you plan to attend. We hope letting members read their own choice will increase the number of members attending. Come join us!



Remembering George H.W. Bush

Former President George H.W. Bush died on November 30. GFWC remembers him for his participation in one of the organization's most important moments. In 1984, when he was serving as Vice President, he cut the ceremonial ribbon of the **GFWC Women's History and Resource Center** and dedicated it at a gala event. He was accompanied by GFWC International President Juanita Bryant. As he cut the ribbon, he remarked, "This center we dedicate here today will help us record the triumphs of thousands of women over social injustice and inhumanity. May it, in turn, encourage and inspire multitudes more to do the hard and constant work of turning this fragile planet of ours into a more humane and gentle world." (Reprinted from GFWC News and Notes Dec. 6, 2018)

The Women's History and Resource Center collects, preserves, interprets, and promotes the history of the GFWC and women volunteers. The WHRC documents the social and political contributions of GFWC clubwomen from 1890 to the present through the GFWC archives, related special collections and publications. It is located at GFWC Headquarters, 1734 N St., N.W., Washington, DC. WHRC information can be accessed at GFWC.org.

Thank You!

A very special thank you to X-JWC member Amy Wagner and her husband for providing 3 beautiful Christmas floral arrangements that were raffled at the December meeting. A wonderful addition to the winners' homes to enjoy during the holidays!

