



GFWC X-JWC
Member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs



HOTLINE

MARCH 2021



FROM THE PRESIDENT

Happy St. Patrick's Day, top of the morning to ya! Hope everyone is well, warm, and happy. We are going to have another in-person meeting at the Red Lion on March 2nd under the continued guidelines: Everyone attending must wear a mask; the mask can be removed while eating and put it back on then when done eating. Minimize wandering around the room; maintain 6-foot social distancing. Anyone who wants to address the group will come to the front to use the mike, keeping their masks on. We will have 4 people to a table. Please use hand sanitizer available at the front when you enter. Extra masks will be available if you forget yours. Remember, if you signed up to attend, but don't feel well on Tuesday, please do not attend! We won't charge you for your lunch. Safety before all else.

We continue to be active as a Club. We are still collecting old used tennis shoes, used batteries, and keeping track of our recycling. We are continuing a Terri Lynn candy, nuts and snacks fundraiser for GFWC International Run Roses campaign. See Trish Peoples. Bev Campbell is hosting blanket tying events, to be donated to organizations and area law enforcement. She has already had one group meeting and is scheduling more tying events. Let her know if you want to help. Trish has been tying blankets at home and has a bunch to contribute to the cause.

Carolyn Turbiville coordinated a "Goodies for Teachers and Staff" event in February. Nine Club members brought snacks (individually wrapped) to nine different schools. If you haven't already done so, let Carolyn know if you delivered some goodies to schools and if you plan to do it again in March.

The Nominating Committee has met and a slate of officers for 2021/2022 will be brought to the Membership. Thank you to all those who have stepped up to put their names forward to serve if elected by the membership. If you want to be considered for an office, you will have an opportunity at the March meeting to do so.

There will be a GFWC-W Annual Conference in Laramie. Save the dates -- April 23 and 24. More information will be coming out soon.

It was just announced that the Annual National GFWC Convention will be in Atlanta, Georgia August 28 - 30, was originally scheduled for Toronto, Canada in June. Mark your calendars!

As always, take care of yourself, your family, your friends, and your community. Hope to see you sometime soon.

Kathy

MARCH 2, 2021 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Katherine Van Dell, 1st Vice President

The speaker for the March meeting is Sarah Urbanek, Executive Director of CASA of Laramie County. CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) recruits and trains volunteer community advocates to become the voice for children who find themselves in the court system as a result of abuse or neglect. Sarah first joined CASA in southern Georgia 7 years ago as a volunteer advocate. When she moved back to Cheyenne, she became an advocate here. When she became a victim advocate at the District Attorney's office she switched from being an advocate to a board member where she served for 4 years. Most recently, Sarah became the acting board president until she took the job as executive director.

EDUCATION AND LIBRARIES

Carolyn Turbiville Chairman



Goodies for Educators “In the best schools, everyone in every position is a teacher. There are dozens of job titles, but they all share the same role: CHANGE A KID’S LIFE.” Hal Bowman.

We have had seven X-JWC members deliver goodies to seven schools for teachers and staff. (Alta Vista, Buffalo Ridge, Goins, Hebard, Hobbs, Pioneer Park, Stride and PEEPS -including Storey Gym. Indications are that all enjoyed the treats and they didn’t last long.

Cracker Crunch

There are two members who offered to take treats, but I haven’t heard if that has happened. If you would still like to participate in this activity, please let me know where you would like to deliver your treats. It is a way of showing appreciation to all that the teachers and staff do for our children. Let me know if I can help you in any way. The treats need to be individually wrapped.

“Do you handicap your children by making their lives easy?” Robert A. Heinlein

Read Across America is March 2, the birthday of Dr. Seuss, born in Springfield, MA in 1904. A day to celebrate the privilege of being able to read, so head to the Library (wearing a mask), or curl up on the couch and just be a bookworm! Or put on your Seussian hat and find a kid to read to! Or just enjoy Green Eggs and Ham yourself! And March is **National Reading Month** so get busy, and then report all your good reads to Norine Samuelson for **ESO!**



ENVIRONMENT

Jenny Mullin and Phyllis Salzburg

The collection of old Christmas lights over recent months was very successful! X-JWC and Women’s Civic League members came up with 44 strands of lights, filling 3 large boxes, which were taken to the Ft. Collins Hard to Recycle collection area. Thanks to everyone who donated!

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH

Sue Tardif, Chairman

It's never too late or too early to be prepared for winter in Wyoming! The four Checklist areas everyone should be concerned about are Car Winterization, Home Winter Preparedness, Home Winter Survival Food, and Car Winter Survival Kit. **Winter Slips, Trips and Falls Safety Tips** is also good information. Tips include such things as when walking on ice, take small steps or shuffle for stability, wear proper foot gear, and if a walkway is completely covered with ice try to travel along its grassy edge for traction. Both the Checklist and Safety Tips will be available at the meeting or contact Phyllis for a copy.

MEMBERSHIP

Joanne Bassett, Director of Membership

Dues -- \$38 are payable at the March, April, or May meeting for the next club year. Joanne will be accepting payment at the March and future meetings. Checks payable to X-JWC.



MARCH 6 HAPPY 100TH TO PHYLLIS BLACK!



Phyllis Hughes Black was born on her father's (Frank Hughes) homestead, located between Little Horse Creek and Yoder in Goshen County. She graduated from Yoder High School, attended Scottsbluff (NE) Junior College, and finished her schooling at Oklahoma University, then earned her Master's Degree in Education at San Jose State University, CA. Her greatest passion was aviation; she became a private pilot while working in Abilene, TX for her uncle during World War II. After joining the Navy in 1944, she was assigned to the Naval Air Transport Service

2014 Memorial Day Ceremony (NATS) at Moffett Field, CA. As a flight orderly (stewardess), her "terrible duty" was flying between Honolulu and California!

Phyllis taught elementary school in Colby, Wisconsin and Goshen County, WY. She also worked for Soil Conservation, Dept. of Agriculture, State of Wyoming, Her final employment was a rural mail carrier for USPS in Goshen County, driving over 100 miles a day, six days a week for almost 20 years.

She met her husband Grover "Bud" Black, a naval flight engineer, on a blind date and married in 1947. They had three children: Michael, Robert, and Nancy, all of Cheyenne. Grandchildren: Mark, Greg, Brett, Rebecca, and Jennifer. Great-Grandchildren Breanna, Carter and Leona.



We're so proud to have Phyllis as a dedicated member of X-JWC *GFWC-WY Convention 2011, Saratoga* since 1977!



MORE MARCH BIRTHDAYS!

Jane Davidson, March 10 Donna Newland, March 12 Julia Ortner, March 19
 Thelma Harrell, March 20 Judy Kallal, March 25 Katherine Van Dell, March 25
 Jenny Mullin, March 28

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS – Revisited From Trish Peoples

A few years ago GFWC X-JWC chose the Children’s Museum of Cheyenne as one of the club’s CIP projects. Due to some setbacks, COVID and other challenges construction was delayed. Now, however, we have good news!

The **Children's Museum of Cheyenne (CMC)** is using the funds that have already been raised to construct the museum in a phased approach. The CMC Board of Directors has hired an architect, Studio R.E.D. to create a structure approximately 4,000 square feet for the museum’s first building, to be located on 17th Street, between O’Neil Avenue and Bent Avenue. This property is owned by CMC and is shovel-ready. CMC will break ground September 2021, with a construction completion date of April 2022. HOORAY!!

The **Unaccompanied Students Initiative (USI)**, also a recent recipient of X-JWC CIP funds, is having a Family Fun Night, June 11, 2021, 5:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at The Garden at Frontier Park. Fun, games, music, food, drink, raffles all to celebrate burning their mortgage! Members are encouraged to attend! We will be working on a Silent Auction item for their event.

XJWC BYLAWS

Patty Benskin, Parliamentary Advisor

The bylaws below will be considered for amendment and voted on at an upcoming club meeting. The additions to the bylaws are in red; existing bylaws are in black.

Article III. Meetings

Section 1. Regular meetings. GFWC X-JWC of Cheyenne shall hold its meetings the first Tuesday of each month, September through May. A quorum shall be fifty percent plus one (1) of the club membership. Meetings may be suspended by the Board of Directors due to inclement weather or a national or state emergency. Meetings may be held virtually at the direction of the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Board of Directors meetings. The Board of Directors shall meet once a month, with the exception of May, June and July, at such time and place as the President shall determine. A quorum shall be fifty percent plus one (1) of the board membership. Meetings may be suspended by the Board of Directors due to inclement weather or a national or state emergency. Meetings may be held virtually at the direction of the Board of Directors.

BUNCO

Karen Schroeder, chairman



BUNCO IS BACK! The X-JWC Bunco group is now meeting! Our numbers have remained steady and everyone seems to enjoy themselves.

Since COVID 19 has changed our lives, our Bunco group has also changed some rules. We sanitize all the necessary items such as dice, pens, bell and also the tables and chairs. We social distance our tables and we are required to wear masks.

The X-JWC Bunco has been changed to **WEDNESDAY** of each month at the Moose Lodge, 1019 South Greeley Highway, at noon (bring your lunch and visit with the other members) with Bunco starting at 12:30 p.m. The Moose has been very accommodating to our group, but COVID has required the manager to move groups around. Each player is assessed \$5 to play. The total amount collected is distributed at the end of the game to the winners of various categories. Our games are usually completed by 3 p.m. The next game will be Wednesday, March 10th.

If you are not familiar with Bunco, please attend one of our games, and our members will be more than happy to help you learn. It is a simple game and so much fun!

If you would like to come and join our group, please contact Karen Schroeder, e-mail: klikoffice@bresnan.net or 307.630.1602 or Karen Lee, e-mail: troopkaren@aol.com or 307.638.0811. Come try us, you'll like us!

MARCH IS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH **From GFWC News and Notes**



In 1918, **Opha May (Mae) Johnson** became the first woman to be sworn into the U.S. Marine Corps during World War I – two years before women were even allowed to vote. Also, while it may be surprising to people today, the women serving in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War I earned the same pay as their male counterparts, as they were considered valued members of the Corps. Years later, during World War

II, the first statue honoring women in the military was commissioned by local New Orleans sculptor Enrique Alferez in hopes of increasing the number of women who chose to enlist. The statue, “Molly Marine,” depicted a young woman in a military reservist’s uniform with a book in her left hand and binoculars held in her right hand. The book she carries is said to contain the history of female Marines, and the binoculars are used to look toward the future of the U.S. Marine Corps.



Now, the Molly Marine Award serves as a symbol of pride for women who have earned the U.S. Marine Corps emblem of an Eagle, Globe, and Anchor, and is used to promote and continue the legacy of women in the U.S. Marine Corps.