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### **Katherine Van Dell, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President/Incoming President's Report**

The May 4 meeting concludes the 2020-2021 club year and what a year it has been. President Kathleen Petersen kept us going on an even keel, even though there were many times she and we didn't know which way to turn. Kathleen is now on a very much-needed vacation in the Galapagos Islands, swimming with the turtles! She has always managed to travel to some very interesting places and it will be fun, and I know entertaining, to hear all about the trip and her experiences at our first meeting next fall.

Our club did so many outstanding activities and successful fundraisers, even though we were unable to meet several times during the year because of the pandemic. We received many awards at the GFWC WY State Convention held in Laramie April 24 and I for one was extremely proud. We also had a good showing there as Kathleen Petersen, Bev Campbell, Carolyn Turbiville, Joanne Bassett, Becky Hart, Lucy Russell, Patty Benskin, Phyllis Salzburg, Trish Peoples, and I were in attendance. The awards are listed in this Hotline; pat yourself on the back as you deserve it!

Discussion was held at the state convention regarding some summer activities with various clubs. The Yoder Club would like to co-host a picnic and invite other GFWC-W clubs to get together for lots of good conversation and fun. No date or location has been decided yet. The Laramie Woman's Club may host a fundraising walk for Robbie's Place and/or Grace for 2 Brothers. Robbie's Place is a facility creating a comfortable, supportive living environment that restores well-being for people with special needs. Once these activities are set we'll let everyone know and so you can make plans to participate!

It is my hope that the 2021-2022 administration year will be more normal. I look forward to serving as your president and it is exciting to think of all we can accomplish in the upcoming year.

Have a wonderful fun-filled summer. Hopefully, you'll be able to get with family and friends, vacation, travel, enjoy all those activities we need to do before winter sets in once again. I am definitely going to enjoy this summer and it is my hope you will also.

**MAY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**, Tuesday May 4, 2021, 11:30, Red Lion Inn. Usual social distancing guidelines in place for the luncheon/meeting. Program will be installation of 2021 – 2022 club officers.

## **EDUCATION AND LIBRARIES Carolyn Turbiville Chairman**



Our latest project has been delivering goodies to schools to thank the staff for all that they do for the children they work with. We had nine members take goodies to elementary schools and two take treats to South and East High Schools. Thanks to all X-JWC members who took part.

Let's be thinking what we might want to do next year to be active with education, including the library. There are so many opportunities and each all of us can contribute to help our young people. Think about volunteering in a public or private school, a daycare, library (public or school), Boys and Girls Club and many others. I am here to help you get started.

We will be collecting school supplies for Laramie County School District #1 (Cheyenne Schools) again this fall.

### ***Food for thought:***

"I'm not going to school just for the academics - I wanted to share ideas, to be around people who are passionate about learning." Emma Watson

A great solution to shopping with children who may ask for things they see. Let them select an item to put in the box to go to the Food Bank. Janine-Laramie Woman's Club

Procrastination is totally a good thing. You always have something to do tomorrow, plus you have nothing to do today.

## **MEMBERSHIP – DUES OF \$38 ARE DUE!!**

### **Upcoming birthdays:**

**May:** Chris Ryan 5/1; Joanne Bassett 5/8; Barb Turk 5/8; Donna Martin 5/11

**June:** Carol Pralle 6/17

**July:** Phyllis Salzburg 7/1; Karen Lee 7/16; Loretta Humphrey 7/18

**August:** Jacque Gargyi 8/4; Toni Greene 8/4; Becky Hart 8/9; Janice Torrance 8/12; Cindy Hardesty 8/14; Wendy Owen 8/15; Beth Schieck 8/20; Carol Ash 8/22; Carolyn Turbiville 8/23; Bev Campbell 8/31

**Jean Oxley** has been experiencing some health issues lately. Keep her in your thoughts.

**Iris Trosper** – We mourn the loss in April of our very special 40 year member Iris. She was X-JWC president 1990 – 1991 and served in other club and state offices over the years. She and her husband Clayton with past club presidents Carol Pralle and Betty Kline and their husbands

were responsible for building the X-JWC gazebo in the Cheyenne Botanic Gardens. She is survived by her daughters Cherrie and Bonnie, their husbands, 5 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. We helped her celebrate her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday last year.



*Iris and daughter  
Cherrie at 2019  
X-JWC birthday party  
for our senior  
members.*



*Iris installing new officers a few years ago*

## **CHEYENNE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM**

Looks like ground breaking will be happening in September! Watch for more information to come.

## **UNACCOMPANIED STUDENTS INITIATIVE (USI) FUNDRAISER**

X-JWC will be providing a basket for their fundraiser to be held June 11. Our basket theme will be Family Fun. If you would like to contribute to the basket some suggested items are games, bubbles, jump ropes – use your imagination. Contact Trish Peoples at 637-0131 to donate by June 1 or for questions.

## **MEADOWLARKS MARKET FUND RAISER**

X-JWC will participate in the Meadowlarks Market again in the fall. The date is October 30, 2021, at the Blue Federal Credit Union Headquarters. It was a fun and successful event for our club in 2020 so we're going to try it again! If you have spare time this summer to do some crafting, donations for the X-JWC booth would be appreciated!

## **DAY OF GIVING**

The 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Cheyenne Day of Giving will be a drive-through event on May 14, 2021 from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the Kiwanis Community House in Lions Park. They will be accepting donations of canned goods, non-perishable food items, personal care items, used prescription eyeglasses, leftover prescription medications and also welcome cash donations, craft supplies, hearing aids, cell phones, and medical supplies and equipment. For more details visit [cheyennedayofgiving.org](http://cheyennedayofgiving.org) or call Greta Morrow at 307-635-3943.

## **2021 GFWC WYOMING CONFERENCE**

Club women from around the state enjoyed the 2021 conference in Laramie, catching up after missing a year of getting together, learning about programs, projects, and activities of our clubs, supporting fund raisers, and generally just having a great time! Wendy Carriker, GFWC 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President from North Carolina made her first ever trip to Wyoming to bring greetings, information and inspiration from GFWC to Wyoming clubwomen. She was a wonderful speaker, good sport and now Federation friend to many in Wyoming.

Officers elected in 2020 were finally installed -- three are X-JWC members who all fulfilled the duties of their offices admirable at the conference! President Nancy Kaufman did a great job presiding over the conference, inspiring attendees. Over \$500 in dimes was collected for the March of Dimes, dozens and dozens of shoes for Nike Grind came to Laramie in bags and boxes, and bras in many sizes and colors arrived for Save the Girls. And awards! X-JWC received many – see below. Looking forward to another great conference next year!

### **Awards and Recognition**

#### **MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATES**

40-Year Member -- Iris Trospen

20-Years of membership --\_Norine Samuelson

10-Years of membership -- Betsy Hartman, Donna Newland, Carolyn Turbiville

#### **CERTIFICATES OF MERIT**

GFWC Wyoming clubs receive Certificates of Merit for their work in the Community Service Programs and Advancement areas. These awards are based on the club presidents' reports submitted in February for club activities done during the previous calendar year.

X-JWC is in Category 2, clubs with 21 – 60 members. The other clubs in Category 2 are the Woman's Club of Rock Springs and Newcastle 21<sup>st</sup> Century Club. Our club also received a monetary award for having more than two new members join last year. Congratulations X-JWC members for all your hard work and President Kathy Pederson for your great leadership!

**Juniors' Special Program: Advocates for Children - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place**

**Arts and Culture Community Service Program - 1<sup>st</sup> Place**

**Civic Engagement and Outreach Community Service Program - 1<sup>st</sup> Place**

**Education and Libraries Community Service Program - 1<sup>st</sup> Place**

**Environment Community Service Program - 1<sup>st</sup> Place**

**Health and Wellness Community Service Program - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place**

**Communications and Public Relations Advancement Plan - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place**

**Fundraising and Development Advancement Plan - 1<sup>st</sup> Place**

**Leadership Advancement Plan - 1<sup>st</sup> Place**

**Membership Advancement Plan - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place**

**Women's History and Resource Center - 1<sup>st</sup> Place**



*Installation*



*Shoes and bras  
being loaded for  
the trip home*



*Over \$500 in dimes!*



*Fun time was had  
by all!*



*Conference included  
a tour of the Ivinson  
Mansion, an ongoing  
project of the Laramie  
Woman's Club who helped  
save the Mansion.  
Beautiful!*



*Special guest Wendy Carriker, GFWC 2<sup>nd</sup> VP*

***HAVE A WONDERFUL SAFE SUMMER! SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER  
IF NOT BEFORE!***