



KALEIDOSCOPE

JANUARY 2025



President's Message

KRISTIN RILEY

I hope everyone has had a wonderful Holiday Season and is having an amazing start to 2025. This is a time to reflect and refresh to start a new. Our board met this past week and reflected on where we are as a club halfway through the club year. We have had many successes in the past four months along with opportunities where we can improve. In reflection of these areas of improvement we have developed three new sub-committees; Strategic Planning Committee for Christmas House, Membership Retention Committee, and Technology Advancement Committee. Our goal is to respectfully come together sharing ideas, recommendations, and constructive criticism in hopes of accepting and acting on changes that will enhance and cultivate the environment for the Women's Civic League of Cheyenne to be more rewarding in all aspects of the club. Anticipate emails soon with meeting dates, times, and locations for these sub-committees.

The craziness of Christmas House is behind us, but our time continues to be engaged with upcoming opportunities. This month we will be collaborating with our sister clubs, GFWC X- JWC and GFWC Meadowlarks in serving cookies and hot chocolate for Cheyenne's annual Martin Luther King March on Monday 1/20/25, further information is outlined in the article by Katherine Van Dell. That same week on Wednesday the 22nd, we will be meeting at the library to review the grant requests for the Community Grant Committee. We are extremely fortunate that we had such an amazing 2024 Christmas House and can give back to our community. Please mark your calendars for the last weekend in April, as this is GFWC Wyoming's State Conference, which will be held in Rock Springs. More information to come!

I am looking forward to the 2025 half of this club year.

“Celebrate endings- for they proceed new beginnings.” Jonathan Huie. Kristin

***CORRESPONDING
SECRETARY***

LYNN MCLAUGHLIN

No cards were sent out in December

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

Hi everyone, hope you all survived the holidays with love and grace.
At last month's brunch, we had 3 no show members. We are working on notifying and collecting on these.
This month, we are back at the Country Club on January 8th. We are having a buffet (cost is \$22) with tomato bisque soup (gluten free), chicken noodle soup, grilled cheese sandwiches, house salad with a choice of dressings and cheesecake for dessert. Hope the weather holds out, and we will see you there!

Elise Johnson
Laura Gorman

YEARBOOK

Yearbook updates:

New Members

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Resignations:
Kim Brokaw
Arlene Lowery

MARTIN LUTHER KING CELEBRATION

The GFWC WCLC Board approved participating in the Martin Luther King, Jr Day on Monday, January 20, 2025, by providing cookies for the marchers at the Cheyenne Depot. Sister clubs GFWC X-JWC and Meadowlarks will also participate by providing hot cocoa mix and cookies. Katherine Van Dell is coordinating the efforts with march organizer Mercedes Brooks. It is requested that members bring cookies to the Depot, or 1732 Oxford Drive (Katherine Van Dell's home) on 1/19, or call Katherine Van Dell (307-630-5058) to pick up cookies. The set-up date is January 20, 10:00 – 11:00 am inside the Depot. Marchers will begin gathering at 11:30 with the march beginning at 12:00. Katherine also requested members, if able, to attend and assist in handing out the refreshments.

A sign-up sheet will be able at the luncheon on Wednesday, 1/8/2025. Thankyou in advance for participating in this activity.

YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES

The Youth & Family Committee will have a meeting on January 8th at 10:45 (prior to luncheon) to discuss upcoming projects. All are invited to join us.

MILITARY OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Happy New Year from the Military Outreach Committee!

Thank you to everyone who shared Christmas cheer with the VA by donating items for the 60 stockings we assembled for the veterans!

Please join us for our 8th annual Valentine's Day Cookie Drive for Airmen! We will be collecting cookies from the community on Wednesday, February 12. Please keep your eye out for the Sign-up Genius for details on drop-off locations. If you would like to be part of the fun of packaging the cookies, we will be putting them in bakery bags on Thursday, February 13, so mark your calendars! Details will also be on the Sign-up Genius.

We will be having our committee meeting this Wednesday at 10:30 am. Please join us!

All the best,
Carolyn and Trish

COMMUNITY GRANT COMMITTEE

Wow what a Christmas House! Congratulations ladies. Now we have the opportunity to spend the MONEY by offering Community Improvement Grants to organizations and entities within Laramie County. Please help spread the word that we are currently accepting grant request. The application is available on the website, <https://www.cwomen'scivicleagueofcheyenne> Applications must be postmarked no later than January 15, 2025.

The Community Improvement Committee (CGC) will begin the selection of 2024 Christmas House grant requests on **Wednesday, January 22 at 9:30** in the Cottonwood Room at the Library County Library. This meeting will determine which requests move forward either to a subcommittee, or for further consideration by CGC. The committee will meet again on **Tuesday, February 18** at the same time and place to hear requested presentations and vote on the grants to recommended to the board and general membership.

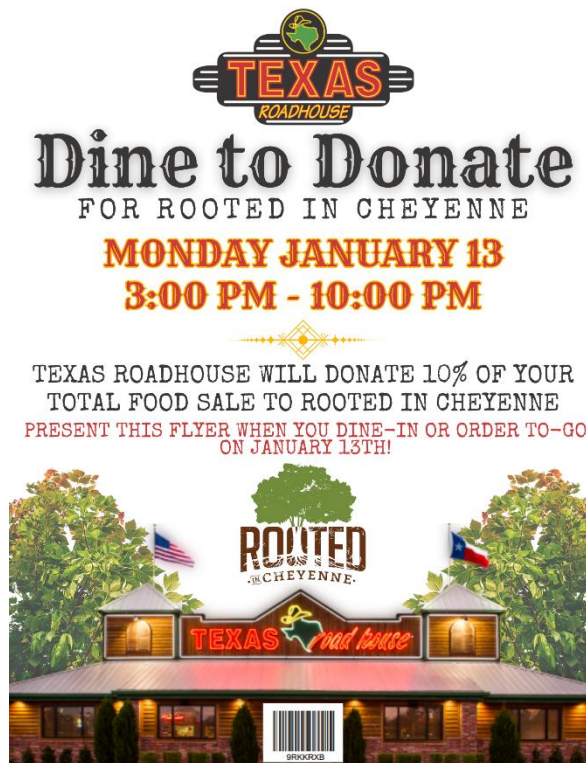
- Grant requests will be emailed to the membership prior to January 22. Please read the grants before the first meeting.
- Members are not required to attend both meetings.
- Members must be present for all the presentations to vote at the February 18 meeting.
- Comments/questions about requests from members not attending the January 22 meeting will be accepted until 5 p.m. on January 21. These should be sent to Linda Stowers or Trish Palluck.

ENVIRONMENT

ENVIRONMENT COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM - Phyllis Salzburg

Christmas light strings collection – Phyllis will collect unwanted lights, with or without bulbs, working or not working, to take to Hazardous Materials Collection site. Bring to the meeting or drop them off at her house. Help keep old or unwanted lights out of the land fill

ROOTED IN CHEYENNE –Texas Roadhouse Dine to Donate fundraiser, Monday January 13, 3:00 – 10:00 p.m. Present flyer below or have in on your phone to show TRH staff. 10% of proceeds will be donated by TRH to Rooted in Cheyenne. Dine in or to go.



Christmas Tree Recycling – Cheyenne Compost facility will accept real trees free of charge.

HABITAT HERO WORKSHOP: The Native Plant Garden: Planning, Planting, and Preserving
 Sponsored by Cheyenne High Plains Audubon Society. February 1, 2025, 9:00 – 4:00, \$28.00 includes lunch, LCCC Pathfinder Bldg. Keynote speaker Lauren Springer from Denver Botanic Gardens, “Planting for Birds,

Pollinators, Wildlife, People.” For more information and to register
<https://www.ticketleap.events/tickets/cheyenne50th/HabitatHero-the-native-plant-garden-planning-planting-and-preserving-1223662526>

From LARAMIE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT on their Facebook page:

“The **Women's Civic League of Cheyenne** was the first to join the District's Mariah Pasture Project partnership with \$5,000.00. Located on the City of Cheyenne's Belvoir Ranch, the project highlights will include a new trout fishery, riparian fencing, wetland enhancement, outdoor education, and stock water development.

A project win for recreation, wildlife, and grazing all on publicly accessible land to be completed in the summer 2025. Find out more about what and how they support Cheyenne at:

<https://www.womenscivicleaguecheyenne.org/christmas-house>”

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Happy New Year from the WCLC Health and Wellness Committee. Thanks to all members for your donations and support for all of our committee work in 2024. With this work we can make a huge impact for those in need in our community. Please take the time to get involved in whichever committee or committees touch your heart this coming year. All groups are looking for new ideas and ways to help. All members are welcome and encouraged to get involved. Cheers to a very safe and successful WCLC volunteer year! Wendy Owen

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The scholarship application was emailed to Central, East, South, and Triumph high schools the end of November, as well as the non-traditional application to LCCC. I have received confirmation that the applications were received by the appropriate individuals. The applications must be postmarked by March 15, 2025, to be considered. I will be scheduling a committee meeting in the near future to discuss the criteria we want to use to select this year's recipients. I will send an email to the membership when I determine a date and place for the meeting.

Brenda Hart

CHRISTMAS HOUSE STRATEGIC PLANNING

CHRISTMAS HOUSE STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE, Phyllis Salzburg

The Board has recommended forming a committee to discuss and make recommendations about Christmas House. The first meeting will be **Friday, January 17, 1:00 p.m., Willow Room at Laramie County Library** and is open to all members.

This is not a committee to evaluate Christmas Houses of recent years but to discuss how we've operated over the years and make recommendations for the future.

Christmas House is not a craft show, it's an experience! It has evolved into a large, financially successful event with lots of “moving parts” that requires time and commitment of all members. One of the beauties of Christmas House is the ability of our chairmen to bring new ideas to the event each year. Some “parts” need to be reviewed, maybe defined or redefined, so it is not so challenging for our chairmen when they agree to take on Christmas House leadership, and for members who are needed to support the event.

Very generally, some things the committee may be discussing: membership responsibilities and participation, tracking finances and attendance, procedures, communication, continuity, technology, history, records, and more.

Let me know if you plan to attend. If you cannot attend but have suggestions for discussion please forward to me, westernbps@gmail.com. We look forward to productive discussions which will benefit our club and our wonderful 56 year tradition!

COMMUNICATIONS

The Board voted to initiate a Technology Committee with the purpose of looking at ways we, as a club, can transition to and more efficiently utilize available technology. We are going to be exploring ways to update and streamline data collection, looking at cloud-based options for information sharing and storage that will allow our members to easily access information, and expanding our on-line presence in an effort to extend our reach in the community. Please reach out to me via email or at the January luncheon if you are able to assist. We will have our first meeting later this month.

Communications - Marianne Gatti

HOMELESS, HUNGRY AND NEEDY

Bring your peanut butter and jelly!

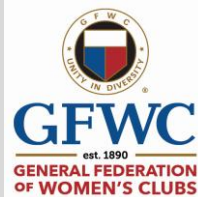


SOCIAL NEWS

BUNKO is scheduled for January 20, 2025, at 12:30. Be looking for an email with the information.

GFWC Women's Civic League of Cheyenne

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