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HOTLINE

Phyllis Salzburg, Editor

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From PRESIDENT LUCY RUSSELL

As write my report for the Hot Line I am thinking about the past year and the many fun activities that we as club women have taken part in. It has been a very fast year. I am proud of all the projects and activities we have done. A group went to the Little Theatre together and then rode on the Christmas Trolley to see the Christmas lights. Karen Lee has been busy taking scarves that our members have made around town, distributing them to folks who could use a little warmth. We donated money to St. Jude Children's Hospital, Friday Food Bags and Family Promise. Many of our members have visited our home-bound members. I was able to take 100 signed Christmas cards to Life Care and 50 to the VA Hospital. I also received 50 books from our membership for Meals on Wheels; thanks to those who brought them for this project. Trish Peoples also collected food items for Veterans Rock and we received a nice thank you letter.

At our board meeting on the 27th we began establishing the Nominating Committee for the upcoming year, Carolyn Turbiville volunteered to chair this committee and Nancy Krois will serve also from the Board. I will be asking for 3 volunteers from the general membership to serve on this committee. Please consider helping out with this committee.

We also formed a committee to review the bylaws. The members of this committee are Patty Benskin as Chairman, Trish Peoples and Katherine VanDell. If anyone has suggestions concerning changes to the standing rules or the bylaws, please send them to Patty Benskin. I am thankful for all you wonderful women and for all you do to support our community. I look forward to seeing you at the meeting on the 2nd.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING, TUESDAY, January 3, 2023, Red Lion Inn, \$13.50. Menu: Beef Stew in Bread Bowl, Salad, Carrot Cake, coffee/tea. Speaker will be Colonel Tim Sheppard speaking on Raising Readers.

WAYS AND MEANS, Karen Lee, Chairman



TEXAS ROADHOUSE Fundraiser

I would like to acknowledge Carolyn Turbiville's hard work on this year's Texas Roadhouse fundraiser. She sold 85 tickets to 9 deliveries and had \$275.00 in donations, for a total of **\$1,625.00!**

Thanks so much, Carolyn!

BIG BUNCO GAME Fundraiser The Ways and Means Committee will begin planning in January for the club's second big fundraiser of the year, the Big Bunco Game, which will probably be sometime in March.

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM, Trish Peoples, Chairman

At the November membership meeting members brought donations of non-perishable food and snacks for Veterans' Rock, an agency which provides **ROCK** solid support for homeless veterans, veterans in need, and their families. Cindy Stockdale, Veterans' Rock Volunteer Board President, sent a very nice letter thanking members for the long list of donations, estimated to be close to 40 pounds!

EDUCATION AND LIBRARIES COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM, Joanne Bassett, Chairman

In December Bev Campbell volunteered to read a Christmas book to a Kindergarten class at Buffalo Ridge School. While there, the teacher said the school counselor had asked the staff to help provide presents for some of the children who would not be receiving any Christmas gifts.

Bev had eight wonderful Christmas stockings so she and Joanne Bassett bought candy and fruit to put in the stockings. Fleece neck scarves made by X-JWC members in November were also included in the stockings. They also bought 8 small backpacks and toys for each backpack for the boys and girls. The stockings and backpacks were placed in big pretty Christmas bags and delivered to the school on December 15. The receptionist was so grateful and got very teary. It was a wonderful experience. Right -- Joanne Bassett busy filling the stockings.



Beginning January 3, the **Laramie County Library** is encouraging children ages 3 – 5 (and their caregivers, parents, grandparents) to read Laramie County Library's 100 Books for Every Child as part of an ongoing Beanstack Challenge. The 100 books were carefully curated by the Library's youth librarians who recommend they be read to children before they reach kindergarten. After all 100 books are read and entered into Beanstack participants can come to the 2nd floor of the Library and receive a book prize package!

SCHOLARSHIPS

X-JWC received a very nice thank you letter from Jennifer Nolan, one of the club's scholarship recipients. She was very appreciative of the award which has allowed her to further her education to better herself for her family. She is enrolled in the Health Information Technology and Management Program. She has two children, ages 9 and 11, who are very supportive of her efforts to further her education. All of our hard work is helping to make a difference in the life of this young woman!

ESO, Mary Ann Kamla, Chairman

Book reports are due now! Please get them to Mary Ann as soon as possible!

ENVIRONMENT COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM, Jenny Mullin, Phyllis Salzburg, Chairmen



High Plains Audubon Society - The 9th Annual **Habitat Hero Workshop** will be held at Laramie County Community College on Saturday, February 4th, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Program details are available on the Cheyenne High Plains Audubon Society Habitat Hero [webpage](#). Lunch is included with the \$25.00 registration fee. In-person attendance is limited to 100 participants. The agenda and speaker information can be found at:

<https://cheyenneaudubon.files.wordpress.com/2022/11/2023-habitat-hero-workshop-information-2.pdf>

Registration available at: <https://rockies.audubon.org/events/landscaping-water-realities-high-plains>

Christmas Lights – Phyllis is still collecting Christmas lights. If you have lights to get rid of call her (421-1516) to pick them up or drop them off at her house, 5021 King Arthur Way. Any size, type, with or without bulbs, working or not.

Batteries – Jennie is collecting your old batteries to be taken to Hazardous Materials area of Cheyenne Sanitation Dept. Transfer Station.

Recycling Reports – Cups will be on the tables at the membership meeting with recycling report forms. Please fill them out for Jennie!

HEALTH AND WELLNESS COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM, Nancy Krois, Chairperson



January still has lots of SNOW AND Cold Wind. Go through the **Winterization Checklist as suggested in the December Hotline:** Did you check ALL smoke and carbon monoxide detectors to be sure they are in working order with new batteries installed? Do you have enough of those devices throughout your home? Keep your cell phones and other necessary chargeable equipment charged in case of unexpected POWER OUTAGES and remember to have your emergency phone numbers close at hand. Dress for winter weather including warm shoes/boots, hats, gloves and coat to keep you safe when going in and out of places. Is your car winterized with anti-freeze windshield wiper fluid, proper anti-freeze, good tires for snow and ice, and very good battery?

The **Welcome Mat with the Wyoming Coalition for the Homeless thanks you all for our December donations** of 4 warm coats.

Some members have asked about tying **fleece blankets**, SO – **YES!** I will get busy and have some ready to share at meetings and available to those who would like to take home to complete. They are cozy and fun to do while watching TV and when it is cold outside. As before, I am glad to deliver and pick up.

Remember to stretch, to get up from the couch hourly and to enjoy your Breathing Breaks! Happy New Year and Many Blessings.

LEADERSHIP

LEADS Deadline for applications is February 1. GFWC annually offers the opportunity for one club member from each state to attend the **Leadership, Education and Development Seminar (LEADS)** held at the GFWC Annual Convention. In June of 2023 the one-day seminar will be in Louisville, Kentucky. The purpose of the seminar is “to help potential leaders gain the capabilities, confidence and commitment necessary to pursue and achieve higher offices and serve with distinction.”

The attendee receives a \$325 stipend from GFWC for transportation and lodging. GFWC Wyoming and X-JWC (if the attendee is an X-JWC member) **may** also offer some financial assistance. The LEADS seminar is an excellent benefit of GFWC membership to learn more about GFWC and help development leadership skills! If you think you may be interested or would like more information, see the current GFWC-W Newsblast for link to information and application, or contact President Lucy Russell for information.

LEGISLATION AND PUBLIC POLICY



Legislative Information for Seniors January 11, 2023, 12:30 – 1:00p.m. - The Cheyenne Community Group will outline legislation of interest to seniors which will be considered during the upcoming legislative session at their next meeting at the Foxcrest Community Center, 4125 Cox Court. AARP Wyoming Director of Government Relations Tom Laycock will discuss



the legislation. Refreshments will be served. For more information, contact Don Morris at 307-421-5739.

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, Beverly Campbell, Chairman

Our very successful Texas Roadhouse fundraiser in November raised \$4350. As directed in Club bylaws \$435 (10%) of Ways and Means proceeds are directed to the club operating fund. The remaining \$3919 will go to our Community Improvement Project, K9s for Mobility. The club voted earlier in 2022 to support the organization for two years. This amount will be combined with the proceeds from the Big Bunco Party. Club members will vote on presenting the money earned in 2022–2023 to the organization at the end of this club year. Keep up the good work X-JWC members!



BYLAWS, Patty Benskin, Parliamentary Advisor

The Bylaws Revision Committee will convene in 2023 to consider changes to the bylaws. If you have suggestions for changes to the Bylaws forward them to Patty.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee, according to club Bylaws, is organized in January to begin its work to submit a slate of officers for the 2023 – 2024 club year by the March membership meeting. President Lucy Russell has appointed Carolyn Turbiville as chairman of the Nominating Committee. 3 members will be elected from the membership to serve on the committee. **Please consider serving on this very important committee**, and/or serving as an officer. Candidates are needed for all offices except President as Kathy Petersen will move up to serve as our club President.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership Book Updates:

Barbara Price, 3419 Hynds Blvd, Cheyenne, WY 82001, bpricewy@gmail.com, 307-632-4262

Judy Kallal, 6215 Deer Ave., Cheyenne, WY, 82009, 630-2026

Julia Ortner, 8101 Stagecoach Rd., Cheyenne, WY 82009

Norine Samuelson, 1530 Dorothy Ln #205, Cheyenne, WY 82009

January Birthdays: Trish Peoples January 19; Rosemary Korte January 31

Courtesy, Carolyn Turbiville chairman

Phyllis Duncan is at Aspen Winds Assisted Living.

Judy Kallal had surgery recently and is in CRMC. She would appreciate visits and cards but no phone calls please.

Carolyn Turbiville is having eye problems causing difficulty seeing.

Visits to 5 shuts in, taking cards and cork Christmas Trees. They really appreciate visitors and it is such a joy to bring happiness, to see their faces light up. Plan a visit or two!

Our “snow birds” are hopefully enjoying warmer weather than we are! Ellen Sevall is in Texas, Karen Schroeder and Trish Peoples are in Florida.

X-JWC Bunco will take place on Jan. 11th at the Moose Lodge, 1019 S. Greeley Highway, at 12:30. There will be a signup sheet on the back table at the luncheon.



GFWC WYOMING

SCHOLARSHIPS

Do you know a student who is currently or will be attending a Wyoming university, college, or licensed, accredited technical, vocational or trade school in Wyoming during 2023 – 2024 year? GFWC-Wyoming will be considering scholarship applications in April for the Ruth Clare Yonkee District Scholarship and Mary N. Brooks Education Scholarship. The Yonkee District Scholarship will be available to those living in the southwestern part of Wyoming. The Brooks scholarship is available state-wide. Share the information with your family and friends! Contact Flo Beville, GFWC-W Scholarship Chairman, 307-421-3011 for information or assistance.

Links to the two scholarships are:

https://www.gfwcwyoming.org/uploads/1/3/3/1/133117490/marynbrooks_scholarship.pdf

https://www.gfwcwyoming.org/uploads/1/3/3/1/133117490/ruth_clare_yonkee_scholarship.pdf

MARCH OF DIMES

GFWC-Wyoming is still collecting dimes for the Mile of Dimes project supporting the March of Dimes. Begun under 2020-2022 GFWC-W State President Mary Lee Dixon, GFWC-W is still working on making it to the mile! If you'd like to contribute give your dimes to GFWC-W Treasurer and X-JWC member Katherine Van Dell.

Happy New Year!