



KALEIDOSCOPE

JANUARY 2024



President's Message

CLAUDIA WILEN

Welcome to 2024! A new year with new opportunities to do great things for our community as well as for our own club members. Let's keep our spirit of giving and caring on a roll! We had a very engaged board meeting this past week with many ideas on the table to make our club bigger and better. Watch for announcements from our various committees for many ways you can participate in upcoming projects for the remainder of the club year. In fact, you can start out the year by joining the CGC Committee grant application review. Their first meeting is scheduled for January 25. Here is your chance to help decide how our Christmas House proceeds will be distributed to our local community through the form of larger funding requests. Watch for more details from chair Marianne Gatti who has designed a bit different approach to the process this year.

Scholarship applications have already been sent to the local high schools and LCCC. It's always a rewarding feeling to know that our hard work for Christmas House will enable our student population to continue on to higher education. Patty Benskin will also be taking another look into Bylaws revisions, although nothing compared to the deep-dive we did last Spring! We are also looking into the formation of a committee to review current Christmas House policies, procedures, requirements, member involvement and

statistical data to show where we can make changes for the continued success of this fund raiser.

The beginning of each year also means the start of a lot of work on the part of your President to submit reports to GFWC-WY throughout the Spring. I want to thank all our committee chairs for navigating their way around the State reporting form and getting them to me in a timely manner—it certainly sounds like this method has greatly eased the headaches of preparing the cumulative President’s reports in the past. I am also working to prepare updated procedure manuals for all officer and committee chairs. My intent is to have them as good as ready in some form before the Nomination Committee meets this Spring to choose a new slate of officers. Hopefully a more detailed description of the duties of each position will be helpful for those who are considering a position within the club.

Please consider taking a more active role in WCLC in 2024. Each member’s time and talent is so beneficial to the forward progress of our club.

Claudia

Before You Speak...

THINK

T is it true?

H is it helpful?

I is it inspiring?

N is it necessary?

K is it kind?

***CORRESPONDING
SECRETARY***

KRISTIE ACKERSON



December Correspondence

12/3/23 - Heather Roberts - Sympathy - Father passed away

12/7/23 - Pam Winter - Thinking of you - Hurt while on vacation

12/7/23 - Heather Dodson - Get Well - Knee Surgery

YEARBOOK CHANGES

Changes to the 2023-24 Yearbook

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Deb McCann
Membership Chair

MILITARY

Valentine's Cookies for Airmen

Save the dates! Please join us in showing our support of Airmen at FE Warren AFB and troops with the WY Guard with homemade Valentine's Cookies. The community drop-off date for cookies will be Monday, February 12. Please watch for details on how to join the fun of bagging the cookies on Tuesday, February 13, at the base Chapel Activity Center. A Sign-up Genius with all of the drop-off and bagging details will be sent out the week of January 8.

Military Outreach Committee meeting

Our January meeting will be immediately before our January luncheon on Wednesday, January 10, at 10:30 am.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
Carolyn

In December a small group of ladies packed some BIG Christmas bags for 57 patients in several VA care programs. Along with donations from our club, Trish Schlegel managed donations from community clubs/businesses. Thank you to the VA Center Outreach, Daughters of the American Revolution, WalMart, Sam's Club, Safeway, Delta Dental and Sky West Dental. A special thanks to Judy Lissman's(substitute) 3rd grade class at Deming Elementary for making a personal bag for each veteran. Each bag contained coffee, snack items/gum/candy, note pad/pen, stress balls, clips, hand lotion and sanitizer, chap stick, dental items, socks, winter hats/scarfs, and a small blanket. It was a wonderful way to show appreciation to our veterans.
Linda Hill



HEALTH AND WELLNESS COMMITTEE

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE:

This committee is asking for donations of liquid Laundry Soap for Safe House this month. Please bring your donations of liquid laundry soap, any brand, any size to the WCLC General Membership meeting next Wednesday and thank you all so much for your constant generosity and support of these awesome organizations helping those in need in our community.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE AWARENESS:

Recovery Wyoming needs coffee, regular size coffee pot filters, and powdered creamer for their weekly meetings here in Cheyenne. Please bring any donations to our WCLC January General membership meeting next week.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN HELPING WITH THESE HEALTH AND WELLNESS COMMITTEES, PLEASE JOIN US FOR A QUICK MEETING AT THE COUNTRY CLUB NEXT WEDNESDAY STARTING AT 11:15 AM. HOPE TO SEE YOU THEN !!!!

YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES

The Youth and Family Services Committee will meet at the Country Club before our regular luncheon. We will meet in the bar area on January 10, at 11:15 to discuss ideas for our community service programs. All members are invited to attend.

COMMUNITY GRANT COMMITTEE

The Community Grant Committee will be meeting on January 25. Look for details to follow. If you know any organizations that would like to apply, the deadline is January 15th. Attached is a link to the application.

https://www.womenscivicleaguecheyenne.org/_files/ugd/7c80e4_8d2d2b3ef15d4927ac1788d711f036b9.pdf

ENVIRONMENT

Phyllis Salzburg, chairman

In 2023, the Community Grants Committee (CGC) awarded funding to **Rooted in Cheyenne** to improve their on line educational materials. They have created 4 How-To YouTube videos varying in length (about 2 minutes to 5 minutes): Planting a Tree, Mulching a Tree, Watering a Tree and information on the Rooted in Cheyenne program. You can find them on line by searching Rooted in Cheyenne YouTube videos or using the link below. Good information on keeping our trees healthy and thriving! Watering is particularly important this time of year. <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCXhHgNpxvIqidrfPvI2jz3Q/videos>

The **10th Annual Habitat Hero Workshop**, sponsored by the High Plains Audubon Society, will be held February 3, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at LCCC. Registration cost is \$25 in person and includes lunch; \$5 for Zoom. The theme is “Ways to Make and Keep a Garden for the Birds and Bees Plus Advice on Trees.” Six local

gardeners will be panelists for discussion on what works and doesn't work when creating a Habitat Hero-style garden. One presenter will be Eric Dalton, WCLC member Kelly Dalton's husband, who has created such a garden at their restaurant Bella Fuoco on Warren Ave. Other presenters include Isaiah Smith from the Cheyenne Botanic Gardens, and Rex Lockman, from the Laramie County Conservation District, and Audubon Rockies staff. More information and registration at the following link. <https://cheyenneaudubon.org/habitat-hero/>

PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING on the **High Plains Research Station and Arboretum, Tuesday, January 16, 2024, 7:00 p.m. at Wyoming State Museum, 2301 Central Avenue.**

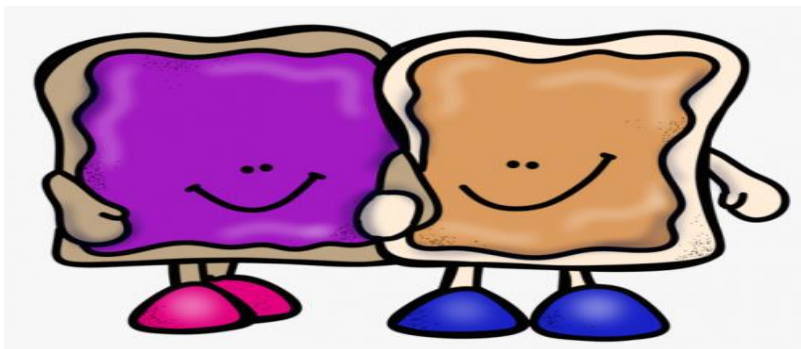
Staff from Wyoming State Parks and Cultural Resources and Cheyenne Botanic Gardens will present a short history of the site, its state-wide importance to agriculture and ranching in Wyoming, and current efforts to have the Wyoming Legislature designate 877 acres as a state historic site. The site will focus on educating the public on the past and future of horticulture and water in Wyoming.

ESO

ESO book club will meet on January 8th at 9:15 am. We will be meeting at the Boardwalk. We will be discussing the book, "Hello Beautiful" by Ann Politano. I hope many will attend this book discussion.

NEEDS

BRING YOUR PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY



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OTHER INFORMATION

Gourmet groups will be starting up again this month. Group leaders should have received the menu for the theme, Breakfast at Tiffany's. Please let Judy Lissman know if you still need a copy of the menu! Thanks to Joan Finney's group for the delicious brunch recipes! Check with your group leader for the group's meeting time and place!

Bunko will start again this month. The fun time starts at 12:30 on Monday, January 29 at 7408 Huntz Drive at the home of Judy Lissman. RSVP Linda Stowers, lpstowers54@gmail.com or Pam Hendricks, pamhendricks55@yahoo.com

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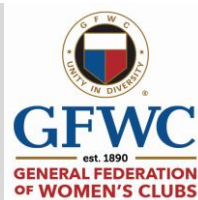
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