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From PRESIDENT PATTY BENSKIN

Happy New Year! I wish you all a prosperous and happy 2025!

We were really busy during the fall and accomplished a lot. I am looking forward to continuing our projects this spring. Below is a list of activities we will be working on:

Bylaws and Standing Rules revisions.

Nomination and election of officers.

Tour of the Children's Museum.

Bunco Party.

Membership event for recruitment of new members and to celebrate current members.

Patty

MEMBERSHIP MEETING, TUESDAY, January 7, 2025, 11:30 a.m., Red Lion Inn, luncheon \$15.00.

Speaker will be a representative from Legislative Service Office who will speak on the upcoming legislative session. Menu: Beef stew in bread bowl, salad, dessert or choice of chef or cobb salad.

SAVE THE DATES!

January 20, Martin Luther King Jr. Day March

March 31, Cheyenne Children's Museum Tour

April 12, Big Bunco Game Fund Raiser

April 25 & 26, GFWC Wyoming State Conference

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY MARCH, January 20, 2025. Katherine Van Dell.

The GFWC X-JWC Board approved participating in the Martin Luther King, Jr Day on Monday, January 20, 2025, by providing hot cocoa for the marchers at the Cheyenne Depot. Sister clubs GFWC Women's Civic League and Meadowlarks will also participate by providing cookies. Katherine Van Dell is coordinating the efforts with march organizer Mercedes Brooks. It is requested that members bring cocoa mix that come in individual packages to the luncheon on Tuesday, January 7. Van Dell also requested members, if able, to attend and assist in handing out the refreshments. The set-up time is 10:00 – 11:00 am inside the Depot. Marchers will begin gathering at 11:30 with the march beginning at 12:00. Van Dell is thanking the membership in advance for participating in this activity.

ARTS & CULTURE COMMITTEE, Karen Schroeder, Chris Ryan, chairmen

"All Aboard" was heard by many of our X-JWC members and guests this year when they climbed onto one of the trolley extravaganzas that our committee provided for our club.

The first trolley was the “A Day at the High Plains Arboretum”. The trolley was full for the wonderful trip to the arboretum. Jessica Friis was our tour guide. She provided information on the history of the arboretum and its current function. Our club feels very strongly that this facility should be in the State Parks system and we have sent our Legislators for the State of Wyoming information of our feelings.

While we were in the vicinity of the Cheyenne National Cemetery, we made arrangements to look around the facility. Some members had never been to this wonderful tribute to our servicemen and servicewomen. We were able to walk around the cemetery and learned that a road into the facility had been paved, thanks to the City of Cheyenne. Much needed restrooms will be installed soon by the Federal Government. It seemed that the cemetery offered some respect and peace for the people attending.

Our second trolley was “Holiday Street Trolley Tour” held before Christmas. The trolley stopped at various addresses in Cheyenne that had decorated their homes. The mood was festive and the members and guests filled the trolley and enjoyed the beautiful decorations. It was a chance to get together and enjoy this festive time of year.

The Arts and Culture Committee has enjoyed putting together trips that are of interest to members for their information and education in arts and culture. If you have any places you would like to go, please contact Karen Schroeder or Chris Ryan. Thanks for supporting our committee by attending these trips. HAPPY NEW YEAR!



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

Rooted in Cheyenne, Texas Roadhouse Dine to Donate fundraiser, Monday, January 13, 3:00 – 10:00 p.m. Present flyer (see last page of Hotline) or have it on your phone to show TRH staff. 10% of proceeds that day will be donated by TRH to Rooted in Cheyenne. Dine in or to go. Rooted in Cheyenne is a long-term tree planting program in our city to help support a more diverse and resilient urban canopy and cultivate greener, healthier and more livable neighborhoods.

Christmas Lights – Phyllis is still collecting Christmas lights. If you have strings of lights to get rid of bring them to the meeting, 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. Let’s keep them out of the land fill!

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

Cheyenne Habitat Hero Workshop The Native Plant Garden: Planning, Planting, and Preserving
Saturday February 1, 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., LCCC. \$28, lunch included. For information and to register <https://www.ticketleap.events/tickets/cheyenne50th/HabitatHero-the-native-plant-garden-planning-planting-and-preserving-1223662526>

LEGISLATION AND PUBLIC POLICY



Tom Lacock, AARP Wyoming's director of communications and legislative affairs, will be the featured speaker at the Jan. 8 meeting of AARP's Cheyenne Community Group.

Lacock will be presenting an overview of legislation of concern to seniors in the upcoming 2025 Wyoming Legislature.



The meeting, which will be held at the Laramie County Senior Center, 2101 Thomes Ave., will be held between 12:30 p.m. and 2 p.m., and is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served at the conclusion of his presentation.

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 2025 – 2026 club year by the March membership meeting. President Patty Benskin has appointed Katherine Van Dell 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 President Elect, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Membership Chairman.

COURTESY REPORT, Pam Nelson and Carolyn Turbiville, Chairmen

January birthdays: Trish Peoples – January 19 Rosemary Korte – January 31

Illnesses/Surgeries – Becky Hart broke her left arm in two places while shopping at Walmart in early December. She is wearing a cast and will be evaluated in mid January by her physician to see when the cast can be removed. We hope the healing for her goes well.

Condolences go to **Karen Kent** whose brother passed away unexpectedly the weekend after Christmas. The funeral was in Cheyenne at St. Mary’s Cathedral January 3, 2025. Please keep Karen in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

It was a special milestone birthday for **Nancy Krois** in December. She and a friend from Maryland traveled to Williamsburg, VA where they enjoyed many historical sites and reenactments AND with fireworks displayed on her birthday!

Special congratulations go to **Karen Kent** and her husband, Moss, for their contributions to Cheyenne as “Unsung Heroes”. They both have spent many, many hours of hard work over the years sharing their special talents/hobbies to make Cheyenne a better place to live. Please refer to the December 20, 2024 issue of the Wyoming Tribune Eagle newspaper for more information about their accomplishments.

X-JWC Bunco, Karen Schroeder, Karen Lee, Chris Ryan Chairmen

The X-JWC Bunco has grown by a couple of members this year. It is a time for our members to get together and have fun (and we certainly do have fun) and enjoy each other’s company. We gather about an hour before our 12:30 p.m. start time to have lunch together and visit.

Several years ago, the X-JWC Bunco group started using the local Moose Club at no cost to our group. As time went on, we decided that we should give back to the Moose Club for the use of their facility. We started a 50/50 drawing where a member of our group wins 50% and the Moose Club receives 50%.

The Moose Club has an international project called "Moose Charities" which has two projects—Mooseheart Child City and School and Moosehaven Senior Living Community. When X-JWC donates to these projects, we are also supporting our local Moose Club. The X-JWC Bunco group has collected a total of \$599 this year for the Moose Charities. We are proud that our donation is going to such worthy projects.

We will have our **X-JWC Bunco fund raiser** again this year. Karen Lee, Cindy Hardesty, Chris Ryan and Karen Schroeder will help host the Big Bunco Game at the Moose Club on April 12 from 1 to 3 p.m. More information to come. This will one of our major fundraising activities to benefit our Community Improvement Projects so please tell all your friends.

THANK YOU!

From GFWC Women's Civic League to all who supported **Christmas House** in December!



GFWC WYOMING

ANNUAL STATE CONFERENCE will be held in Rock Springs, April 25 and 26. Rumor has it there may be a tour of Flaming Gorge for attendees the day before conference begins. Consider attending, learn more about our State organization, meet members from throughout the state, have fun! Car pooling, room-sharing are possible. More information to come!

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 2025 – 2026 year? GFWC-Wyoming will be considering scholarship applications for the Ruth Clare Yonkee, Mary N. Brooks and Paulena Hayes Scholarships in April. The Brooks scholarship is available state-wide, the Ruth Clare Yonkee scholarship is available to applicants living in the West District, and the Paulena Hays Scholarship is available to a non-traditional student. Applicant can be graduating high school or currently enrolled at college level. Share the information with your family and friends! Contact Trish Peoples for information or assistance. Information and application forms available at <https://www.gfwcwyoming.org/scholarships.html>

Happy New Year!

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