



# General Federation of Women's Clubs



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**Preserve our Past – Protect our Future  
Trish Peoples – GFWC Wyoming President**

**Newsblast  
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**GFWC members  
Since 1904**

Welcome to our Summer Newsblasts! Several of our clubs take a break over the summer, so these editions will be smaller. For those clubs (and clubwomen) who take part in GFWC activities all year, we want to make sure you have up-to-date information.

A group of GFWC Wyoming women are attending the GFWC International Convention in Louisville, Kentucky this month. We'll be cheering on Wyoming's accomplishments, furthering GFWC's work at the business meetings and learning important information at the workshops. We will be sure to share it all with you when we return.

GFWC Wyoming's Fall Board Meeting and Workshop will be September 29 and 30 at the Riverton Branch Library. We have rooms reserved at the Hampton Inn & Suites in Riverton. You can call the hotel at 307-856-3500 and ask for the GFWC Wyoming block. The cut-off date is August 15, 2023, at midnight. <https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/general-federation-of-womens-clubs-of-wyoming-sept2023/> is the link.

September 30 is also the date of GFWC International's first Day of Service, and the focus is food insecurity. In support of this initiative, during our board meeting and fall workshop weekend, we will support GFWC Fremont Ladies' food drive. Both the library and the hotel have agreed to be drop-off locations for the food. If you plan to attend, please bring food to add to the drive. I also encourage all clubs to sign up and create a plan to tackle food insecurity in your community.

## **Karen Kent – Vice President/Membership Chairman**

I do believe summertime has finally arrived. Just because it is summer doesn't mean that you can't still be recruiting new members for your clubs. As you travel around the state this summer, seek out and participate in local activities. While you are having fun don't be afraid to tell folks about the General Federation of Women's Clubs. Last summer while at the arts festival in Casper, I talked with women and handed out our tri-

fold. It never hurts to have a few with you all the time. Even if you plan to stay close to home, take in some of what your community has to offer, i.e., concerts in the park, Fridays on the Plaza, International Day, farmers markets, rodeos, carnivals and so much more. We have had a fantastic year building our membership, we're on a roll, keep up the great work.

### **Pam Crochet - Wyoming State WHRC Chairman**

Just another reminder that State President Trish's first challenge to us was to Preserve our Past. We are requesting our clubs write their histories for the past 20 years (2004-2024). Wyoming clubs do so much good in our communities and our world. Let's not let that information disappear. Please let me know. I can work with your clubs to make that happen. The information will be sent both to WHRC and be placed on our award-winning GFWC Wyoming website. Let's preserve our past!



### **Leslie Jo Gatti - Arts & Culture Chairman**

As we enter into our summer season, many of our Clubs do not hold regular meetings, and many of our members travel. Remember to take in concerts in the Park or take advantage of summer membership at local museums. While on vacation, visit local museums. Recently, my daughter and I visited the Bonaparte Family Museum in Ajaccio, Corsica, Spain and later in May we watched the Little Theater production of "Rogers and Hammerstein's Cinderella" in Cheyenne.

The Women's Club of Sweetwater County held a reception on May 9 for all nine artists from Rock Springs who had their pieces shown at the GFWC Wyoming State Conference in Torrington. The Club donated money to each of the artists. This was in addition to their state winnings. Please, remember to support local cultural and fine arts events. If you don't support them, who will?

### **Phyllis Salzburg – Environment Community Service Program GROW A LITTLE EXTRA**

Weather is getting warmer, maybe your seeds and starts are in the ground for your summer garden. Think about growing a little extra this summer to participate in GFWC's National Day of Service to collectively work to end hunger in our communities. Invite your friends, family, prospective new members, those who also might be gardeners, to participate – they'll learn the benefits of volunteering and making a difference in their community. Let's hope for a bountiful harvest in our gardens this summer and then share with our National Day of Service Saturday September 30!



**Linda Stowers - Signature Program: Domestic and Sexual Violence Awareness and Prevention Chairman**



Women's Civic League of Cheyenne attending the luncheon fundraiser for the Laramie County Safehouse on May 16<sup>th</sup>. The keynote Speaker was Lynne Boomgarden, Wyoming Supreme Court Justice. Safehouse Services has assisted victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in Cheyenne and Laramie counties for 44 years. In 2022 they helped 1,036 victims in various ways.

**Claudia Wilen - WCLC President**

Women's Civic League of Cheyenne ended its official club year with the installation of incoming officers at the May membership meeting. Laura Gorman, Education Chairman, also introduced the recipients of the scholarships made possible with funding from our Christmas House proceeds.

Membership chair Pam Hendricks presented anniversary certificates to nine club members with 10, 20 and 30-year memberships along with special recognition of Jane Broyles (70 years) and Sue Ann Shaffer (40 years). In recognition of our 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary, we were presented with a certificate from GFWC as well as a proclamation from the City of Cheyenne congratulating the club for serving the community and Laramie County. Joyce Bailey created a slide presentation and flyers for the tables recapping the history of WCLC.

The membership, led by Pam Hendricks, hosted a Spring Fling luncheon at the Old West Museum Carriage House to welcome members new to the club over the past 2 years. This event provided the opportunity to convey important membership information in an informal and relaxed social setting. Approximately 30 members attended. Members also participated in a wreath ceremony honoring our fallen military on Memorial Day. Although many will be taking the summer months off to rest and refresh, there will still be much ado within the club: preparation of the upcoming yearbook, handbook updates, preparation for the NDS in September and of course, Christmas House workshops and fun!





## Women's Club of Sweetwater County – Marcia Volner



We have continued to donate to a variety of groups, including a donation to a local pediatric dentist to help with dental needs of uninsured children, our local Foodbank, and several others. We enjoyed a wonderful installation dinner at which we installed our new officers: Marcia Volner – President, Kimberly Kellum – Vice President, Susan Arguello – Treasurer, Lynn Mornar – Secretary, Charlene Stillion – Correspondence Secretary, and Annette Burkey – Auditor. Baskets have been donated to the Alzheimer's walk we are registered for as well as the Alzheimer's golf tournament. We will be active this summer



at community events in Green River and Rock Springs raising money for a bench at the veteran's new columbarium. Michelle Smith and Marcia Volner had fun passing out trees at the Ray Lavato Recycling center in Rock Springs. Michelle also helped Green River pass out free trees on Arbor Day.

## Bev Yeik - Yoder Woman's Club President

The Yoder Woman's Club will be holding a Membership Drive on June 3rd, 2023, at the Yoder Community Center. We will be serving cinnamon rolls, coffee, and juice for the Yoder Clean Up and Garage Sale Day from 8am until 10am. We will be serving hamburgers and hotdogs with chips starting at 11am until 1pm for lunch.

## Marianne Gatti - Civic Engagement and Outreach Chairman

As many of our clubs have started their summer break (we know, we never really take a break) and we come off the Memorial Day weekend, it is a great time to reflect on all the patriotic holidays coming up during the summer and the difference in what they all mean. How are your clubs able to help the communities in conjunction with the various holidays? Do you encourage your members to display their flags? Do you educate your members on proper flag etiquette? I hope we all enjoy our summer but remember to take a moment to reflect on why we enjoy the freedom we have.

### *FLAG Etiquette*

You might be surprised to learn that prior to Flag Day (June 14) in 1923, there were no official guidelines on how to display our star-spangled banners. It was on this day that the National Flag Code was drafted by representatives of the Army and Navy under the auspices of the [National Americanism Commission](#) of the [American Legion](#). It was printed and given nationwide distribution. Years passed. Then, on June 22, 1942, Congress passed a joint resolution (later amended on December 22, 1942) that dictated what is known today as the U.S. Flag Code.



## US FLAG CODE

- 1. The flag should usually be displayed from sunrise to sunset.
- 2. The flag should be raised briskly.
- 3. The flag should be lowered ceremoniously.
- 4. The flag should never touch the ground.
- 5. The flag should not be flown in inclement weather unless it is an all-weather flag. The flag code allows for all-weather flags to be displayed in inclement weather.

Did you know the local VFWs have Flag Disposal Boxes? It is a terrific opportunity for our clubs to invite a VFW national officer to speak at your club and have members bring flags to be retired. June is a great month to honor our symbol of freedom and hear about the programs, duties, and responsibilities. It is a great partnership for GFWC and VFW.



Pam Crochet, Katherine Van Dell, Claudia Wilen and Phyllis Salzburg presented the GFWC Women's Civic League of Cheyenne's patriotic wreath at the Beth El cemetery Memorial Day ceremony.

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