



# KALEIDOSCOPE

April 2022

## *President's Message*

PAM HENDRICKS



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As the weather gets warmer and the flowers start blooming, I want to thank everyone for their continued support in all that Civic League does. We do so many amazing things and we need to continue with all these amazing projects.

We were able to give \$25,000 to the Botanic Gardens Peace Garden, \$8,769 to the Atlas Theater, \$2810.31 to The Old West Museum, and \$3,387.40 to Support Our Students. We were able to distribute these dollars because of all of your hard work and commitment to Christmas House 2021.

I was so pleased to be able to attend the Spring walk-thru of the 2022 Christmas House. I would like to thank our Christmas House Co-chairs, Deb Fairchild, Pam Crochet, Deb McCann and Kathy Lind for their hard work in locating the

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beautiful home of the Conwell's on Big Sky Trail. I think this home will be another phenomenal home to put in our record books.

I am looking forward to the GFWC Wyoming State Convention at the end of the month. There are several WCLC members attending. We will see all of our statewide friends and be able to hear some fabulous speakers.

Hope all stay Happy and Healthy,  
Pam



*Corresponding Secretary*

**Brenda Hart**

March Correspondence

Get Well                      Marietta Dinneen

Sympathy                     Patty Benskin  
   Linda Kirkbride

Thank You                    Mayor Patrick Collins

***Second Vice-President***

***Lucy Pauley***

April lunch will be April 13<sup>th</sup> at the Country Club.

**Wear blue to the meeting on Wednesday recognizing April as Prevent Child Abuse awareness month!!!**

**YEARBOOK CHANGES**

**Yearbook Updates/Corrections for 2021-22**

Nancy Black-Campbell's new address is 4704 Storm Ct., 82009

Joanne Mill's new address is 2350 Limon Dr. #118, Ft. Collins, CO 80525

Add *Lifetime Member* to Mary Weppner's address

Remove Joyce Bailey as Administrative Assistant under Christmas House information

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Delete:

Patty Purcell, Associate Member  
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Bev Havens , Active Member  
Marsha Tempte, Active Member  
Fran Smyth, Active Member  
Linda Demartine. Active Member  
Connie Stearns, Active Member  
Claire Snyder, Active Member  
Starla Sexton, Associate Member  
Carolyn Iceneder, Active Member

### ARTS, CULTURE AND INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH

The Arts/Culture/International Committee decided to donate \$500.00 to the Genealogical and Historical Society for "Tiptoe Through The Tombstones" to assist with their annual project.

In March we collected 22 boxes of waterproof markers for Stride Learning Center in honor of Youth Art Month. Thank you so much for all who donated to our cause!

For April we would like to ask for donations of sidewalk chalk and outdoor art supplies which we will give to the YMCA and the Boys and Girls Club. Thank you in advance for any items you could donate.

We have decided to donate through GFWC-Wyoming to UNICEF the remainder of our funds (\$369.16) to aid in the crisis in Ukraine. They certainly need assistance.

For anyone who might be interested in attending the upcoming **Cabaret Dinner Theatre** at the Atlas Theatre on May 7th please let me know by Thursday April 14th so we can make reservations (Cathy McMikle @ [cmcmotr@aol.com](mailto:cmcmotr@aol.com)). The price is Adults \$46, Seniors \$42, Students \$40, Children \$24. If you want to know about the menu, please email me. It would be fun for us to go as a group.

In May we would like to meet at Deselms Fine Art and Framing to hear Harvey talk about the artists and describe their bronzes which are being placed in downtown Cheyenne.

### ESO

ESO is meeting on April 18 at 9:15 AM at Barnes & Noble. We will be discussing "This Tender Land" by William Kent Krueder.

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Election of Officers will take place at the Luncheon. Below are the Slate of officers for 2022-2023

### **President - Denise Lathrop**



### **1st VP - Claudia Wilen**



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**2nd VP - Lucy Pauley**



**Recording secretary - Meredith Dexter**



## **Corresponding Secretary - Kristie Ackerson**



## **Treasurer - Linda Stowers**



Nominations may also be taken from the floor.

### **SPECIAL NEEDS**

The Special Needs committee met on March 3, 2022, to discuss the funds that the committee has and who we could donate some of our funds to. 5 members were in attendance. We decided to award funds to the following organizations. Bodyline Dance, a Special Needs Dance Group with 10 students. They needed shirts for a

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performance in April and so the committee decided to donate \$170.00 to them. Wyoming State Advocates & Leadership organization wanted money for a formal dance for people with disabilities, which is supposed to happen in Laramie County. The committee granted them \$500 for this project. The Platte River Vets Fly Fishing Project is asking for a donation to help fund their program of teaching Vets to tie fly's and fly fish and go on a fly-fishing trip. The committee decided to donate \$850.00 to this organization. The ARC of Laramie County is a group for people with developmental Disabilities. The committee decided to give \$300 for folks to pay for their memberships in this organization. It can be used for family memberships or individual memberships. That left the committee with \$700.00 for any other projects.

### DUES

Your Dues are to be paid by the April Meeting. You can send a check to PO Box 4062, Cheyenne 82003. The dues are \$50. Checks can be made out to WCLC. Credit cards will be accepted at the meeting as well and that charge is \$51.40.

### GFWC-WYOMING

Congratulations to Pam Crochet – the Jennie Award winner From Western State Region 2022! This is a huge, well-deserved honor! She joins Patty Benskin as a previous recipient and Phyllis Salzburg as a runner up.

GFWCW Convention is coming up, but it is not too late to register. The Convention committee has planned some fun activities between all the business, including the election for the 2022-2024 administration where Lucy Russell is running. There will be QPR training, leadership workshops, a pajama party with opportunities to buy jewelry, and Installation of new officers followed by a reception. Mary Beth Williams, GFWC Treasurer, will be out guest and we will have guests from the Thermopolis area as well as we try to grow our Federation. So pack your bathing suit and pajamas – and be there!

GFWC Wyoming will be collecting money at the April meeting for UNIEF for Ukraine. UNICEF is a GFWC partner, and it has been arranged that all donations will go directly to Ukraine relief. Contributions can also be sent to Katherine Van Dell directly with checks written to GFWC Wyoming. All GFWCW clubs are participating, and many other State Federations are as well.

GFWCW is also participating in a world-wide project to make quilts for Ukrainian children championed by a noted quilter in Berlin. The goal is to send 8 ½ inch quilt blocks in blue and yellow (any pattern) to Germany where they will be made into quilts. I will be collecting them and send the initial batch after convention. Contact me with any questions – I know some will be there Wednesday for inspiration.

### ENVIRONMENT COMMUNITY SERVICE

**April Meeting Cheyenne Animal Shelter collection.** It's "kitten season" at the Animal Shelter! If you can help, please bring any of the following to the meeting. They need: wet (canned) kitten/cat food; non-clumping cat litter (Walmart); cat toys; catnip.

Other items: Dog food sold by Cheyenne Dog Food Company, Blue Buffalo dog food, peanut butter (used in Kong toys). Donations of office and cleaning supplies - trash bags, Scotch tape, paper towels, bleach, blankets

and towels (all sizes, no rips please). Cash/checks also accepted! Thank you – any and all donations are appreciated!

### **Cheyenne Greenway Adopt a Spot**

When we have a chance for a nice day in April, or maybe May, we will schedule a spring Greenway cleanup of our Spot in the Sun Valley area (previously thought to be in the Mylar Park area). More information to come!

### **In March the following awards were made by the Environment CSP:**

\$500 awarded to **Rooted in Cheyenne** to support their mission to “help re-establish a long-term tree planting program in Cheyenne, helping support a more diverse and resilient urban canopy and cultivate greener, healthier, more livable neighborhoods.”

\$200 awarded to the **Cheyenne Animal Shelter** for their medical fund. The fund provides services to animals, many “seniors,” that they would not receive elsewhere.

\$500 (\$200 from Environment, \$300 from Senior Services) awarded to the **Cheyenne Greenway Foundation** for a Wayfinding sign. Our sign, which will recognize GFWC Women’s Civic League of Cheyenne, will be installed at the intersection of Storey and Converse, southwest corner of Storey. It should be installed sometime this summer.

Phyllis

## **MILITARY OUTREACH**

### **International Women’s Day Tour of Missile Alert Facility**

The WCLC was invited to participate in this year’s International Women’s Day celebration with a tour of a Missile Alert Facility (MAF). After meeting at FE Warren AFB, we traveled by bus to a MAF in Nebraska. We began our tour with the MAF topside buildings where we gained a deeper understanding of how the airmen who serve in maintaining, securing, and providing support services to the MAF live and work. Hearing directly about the experiences of the facility manager who gave us the tour, eating lunch prepared by the MAF chef, and watching the security forces airmen perform their duties as we entered the MAF enclosure, building and capsule area gave us a first-hand glimpse into the life of the airmen. We then gained an amazing peek into the life of a missileer as we rode the elevator cage down into the missile capsule. Since the missiles are on alert 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, the two missileers in the capsule were on duty while they explained what they do day-to-day. We gained a first-hand understanding of their dedicated vigilance when we were quickly escorted out of the capsule when a secure message came through. The two missileers inspired us as they shared their stories of how they work and live for 24 hours at a time in a capsule. Overall, directly seeing a Missile Alert Facility and hearing directing from the airmen who work there to provide strategic deterrence of enemies of our country and our allies gave us an even greater appreciation of the airmen who live in our community while serving our nation at FE Warren AFB.

### **News Flash!**

The Ground Based Deterrent (GBSD) weapon system of which we have been hearing for a number of years has a name: Sentinel. The Merriam-Webster Dictionary and Dictionary.com define Sentinel: a person or group that watches over someone or something; a soldier stationed as a guard to challenge all comers and prevent a

surprise attack. Our recent visit to a Missile Alert Facility—where we interacted with the airmen who operate, secure, maintain, and support the missile mission-- vividly showed us what a fitting name Sentinel is!

Here's a great article about the new weapon system: <https://www.af.mil/News/Article-Display/Article/2990069/air-forces-new-intercontinental-ballistic-missile-system-has-a-name-sentinel/>

### **Military Spouse Support**

The WCLC supported the Warren Spouses' Club's new outreach, the monthly Deployed Spouse Dinner. Carol Cherubin and Lorraine Gallagher prepared a dinner of homemade lasagna, rolls, salad, and cupcakes. Gayla Brown and Linda Hill joined them to serve the dinner on FE Warren AFB. And many of you donated money toward ingredients. In addition to providing a homemade meal to spouses of the deployed, we provided support and encouragement to the ladies of the Warren Spouses Club who have taken on this endeavor. When community members come alongside to support morale projects that military members and their families identify, we demonstrate that we as a community listen to their unique needs and care for them. Participating in troop and family support projects like this one helps make those stationed at FE Warren feel like a welcomed part of the community. Thank you to each of you who participated in this base-community partnership in supporting families at FE Warren AFB.

### **Cinderella's Closet/Warren Spouses' Club Thrift Store**

Spring closet cleaning with a purpose! If you have gently used female or male formal wear and accessories, please bring them to our April 13 social.





### **YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES**

Youth and Family Services will be meeting at 11:00 on April 13<sup>th</sup> at the Country Club. We will be making decisions on grants to utilize our funds.

### **HEALTH AND WELLNESS COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM**

All members attending the luncheon this month will receive a pinwheel to place in their garden or flower beds this summer to pay tribute to all of the sweet children who have suffered from or who are suffering from child abuse.



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## SENIOR SERVICES

The Senior Services committee hosted a “Bunco Party” for the Foster Grandparents on March 30th at LCCC as a break during their annual training session. About 20 Foster Grandparents participated and we had a great time .

We will be hosting a tea for the residents of Sierra Hills on April 28th at 2:00. We will be providing little sandwiches, mini cupcakes, fruit kabobs, punch, and tea. The Centralaires, a singing group from Central High School, will be providing entertainment.

Claudia Wilen will be hosting a workshop at her home on April 20th 9:00 to assemble the “fidget mats” for the residents of Cottonwood Creek. She will be sending out an email to the general membership closer to the date with more details. Thank you all for all that you do.

Brenda Hart

## SOCIAL GROUP NEWS

The Gourmet groups have finished their menus for this year. Join us next year!



## NEEDS

DON'T FORGOT TO BRING YOUR PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY TO THE MEETING!!!



## SOCIAL MEDIA

As we continue to try to use email to keep our members informed, please be sure to allow WCLC members group email in your email settings. You might also periodically check your spam folder for emails from WCLC. Go to Facebook and Like the WCLC Facebook page and share items. Let's get the word out!!

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GFWC Women's Civic League of Cheyenne

Please keep the community posted on what we are doing with Civic League. Help tell a story by emailing or texting Joyce Bailey photos! Free advertising and a greater reach than TV or Newspaper!

### **GFWC Women's Civic League of Cheyenne**

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