



KALEIDOSCOPE

December 2020

President's Message

Linda Stowers

Last year we were tired, this year we are tired, but for a different reason. I sure missed not having Christmas House this past weekend. Today, my feet don't hurt and I missed seeing all of you working so diligently for the community. I applaud all of you for helping Kelly and Heather do the first (and I hope only) online Christmas House Action and Bake Sale. It was really put together very well, and I spent money as usual. Hopefully, next year we will be at the House selected and my feet will hurt again.

The Board met on Wednesday and discussed the Christmas House Pop Up at Kathy Lind's house on Friday and Saturday. If you have items to sell, crafty or baked, please get them to Kathy's by Thursday at 3. I really appreciate the work Pam Crochet and Kathy Lind are doing on behalf of Christmas House.

The Board reinstated Leigh Ann Manlove and Denise Dijstal and welcomed three new members to the Club. Please see the Yearbook additions.

I really will miss seeing you this week at our regular meeting, but hopefully you will join us on Wednesday the 16th via Zoom for a special presentation and drawing of the CH 50/50 and raffles. You can still buy raffle tickets on our website and they will be available at the Pop Up.

Here's wishing you all a Happy, Safe and Healthy Holiday Season!

Happy
Holidays!

Corresponding Secretary



Brenda Hart

November Correspondence:

Get Well	Lindi Kirkbride Patti Reese Starla Sexton
Thank You	Keren Meister Emerich Mary Guthrie

December Correspondence to date:

Get Well	Pat Caldwell
Sympathy	Katherine Van Dell
Thinking of You	Lynn McLaughlin Judi Johnston

Second Vice-President

Sue Ann Shaffer

One of our members, Susan Johnson, had the unique and wonderful opportunity of volunteering for decorating the White House for Christmas. She has prepared a series of posts with pictures she took at the First Lady's reception. In addition she copied the booklet they received with explanations of each room. You can find this on Facebook under EABaily. You will notice that the pictures do not have guests in them. The reason for that is Susan stood in line in the rain for two hours in order to be first into the White House. Needless to say, she was thrilled to be alone in these rooms before the crowd gathered.

At our Zoom meeting on December 16th Susan will give a presentation on her experience with pictures complete with her personal comments. She says it was definitely a once in a lifetime experience. She is happy to share it with you. It is her Merry Christmas to you.

Thank You,
Sue Ann Shaffer
sas@bailyranch.com



YEARBOOK CHANGES

NEW Changes are in Bold. Previous changes were as follows:

Yearbook Changes 2020/2021

Please make the following changes in your yearbook –

Claire Snyder – new address – 5422 Murray Hill Drive, 82009

Tracy Wilson – correct mailing address – PO Box 961, 82003

Vickie Fry – new address – 1884 Lauver Lane, 82009

Remove Kristen Riley from Co-Chair under Membership

Under Board of Directors change Sue Ann Shaffer's phone number to 631-2062 and Brenda Harts number to 634-8050

Maureen Ray's birthday is November 1 please remove the November 11th date

Heather Jensen – delete the phone number 307-514-2238

Pam Hendricks – new address - 4701 Storm Court, Cheyenne, 82009

Add to the yearbook –

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New Members:

Deb Fairchild



Rosemarie Harding



Sandy Theriault



MILITARY COMMITTEE

Thank you to everyone who has participated with the Military Outreach Committee in spreading some holiday cheer to the Cheyenne VA's Intensive Community Mental Health Recovery (ICMHR) clients. The goal of the ICMHR outreach team is to assist at-risk veterans in living independently by providing life skills training, vocational rehabilitation, art therapy, and case worker services. The veterans in this program are at-risk for homelessness and suicide. They tend to be social isolated without much family support, and the holidays can be quite challenging.

If you have not had an opportunity to join us in sharing some holiday cheer, yet, the sign-up to donate a few small items is still open. The Sign-up Genius link is below.

If you have already signed up, but have not yet dropped off your items, you can drop them off at the home of Wendy Owen or Pam Crochet no later than this Wednesday, December 10.

Thank you all for blessing these at-risk Veterans!

[Christmas Stockings for VA](#)

Thank you!
Carolyn Ritschard

YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES

Youth and Family Services want to thank all the ladies with their "loose change" at the October luncheon. Over \$90 was collected and Shelley will purchase jewelry from the Star Fish project. This is a project from GFWC

International. In January we will raffle the jewelry and money collected will go to Safe House to benefit the children. Thanks again for supporting such worthy projects. Here are pictures of the Jewelry. Shelley and Pat



SENIOR SERVICES

Senior Services has not been able to visit any of the Senior Facilities, so they have sent a Mystery to share with the residents. Here is the last one, can you figure it out?

Who Stole Grandma's Christmas Cookie Recipe

Every year, Grandma baked the best cookies at Christmas. She always shared a generous supply of them at her daughter's house as well as a supply for her granddaughters to take home but REFUSED to share the recipe. It was her secret, and it made the cookies that much more special to all of them. They were called a "Touch of Love". They had a perfect round shape like peanut butter cookies in that she used a jelly jar to flatten them after they were placed on the cookie sheet. They melted in your mouth and had a hint of cinnamon and were topped with a red raw sugar.

Angie, her daughter, thought that when her mom moved to Naples, Florida, she would share it. When she came to Chicago for the holidays, they could have all the ingredients ready and work on them together. Her mom insisted on baking them and bringing the finished product to Chicago.

Angie decided that she would visit her mother and escape the nasty winter weather for a week or so. Her mother had a busy schedule in her retirement community so while she was out Angie searched for the recipe. She finally found it inside of a cookie jar that was a family heirloom. She copied it and replaced it so that her mom would not know that she found it.

ART

The Art Committee would like to encourage all our members to visit the Cheyenne Artists Guild from now until the end of the December. They are having an arts and crafts show and are featuring one of our members, Charlene Baktamarian's paintings. She is an awesome artist so let's go and support her. The Artists Guild is open Tue. through Fri. from noon to 5pm and on Saturday from 10am to 2pm. They are located at 1701 Morrie. Hope to see you there.

Marcy Helser and Cathy McMikle

ESO BOOK CLUB

BOOKS FOR THE YEAR 2020-21

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No meeting this month

January 25-East of Eden by John Steinbeck

February 22-The Boy Who Saw in Colors by Lauren Robinson

March 15-The Aunt Who Wouldn't Die by Shirshendu Mukhopadhyay

April 19-The Poisonwood Bible by Barbara Kingsolver

May 17-The Shadow of the Wind by Carlos Ruiz Safon

INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH

The International Outreach Committee recently donated \$1656.67 to UNICEF for their Nutrition and Food Security program to help reduce hunger in children around the world. There is so much need worldwide that we thought this was a very worthwhile cause with the current pandemic. Thanks for all your support. Cathy McMikle and Judi Loomis

WOMEN'S ISSUES

The committee still has funds remaining from last year's allocation as well as the current allocation from Christmas House 2019. We have received a couple of recommendations however additional suggestions from

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the club membership for committee consideration are welcome! Please contact Phyllis Salzburg with suggestions and information on programs/projects.

ENVIRONMENT

OLD CHRISTMAS LIGHTS --

Tired of the old lights, replacing bulbs? Purchasing new more interesting and environmentally friendly Christmas lights? Through January, drop off your old Christmas lights at Phyllis Salzburg's, or call her to pick them up. She'll send them to a company that will recycle and dispose of unrecyclable parts. Better for our land fill and the environment! This is a club and GFWC-W project

X-JWC

THANKS, FROM X-JWC

The club's annual Texas Roadhouse was very successful again this year -- thanks to all WCLC members who purchased meals for the fund raiser! Deliveries to local businesses were very popular and take-out meals were over the top. A few supporters even showed up to "dine in" -- social distancing was observed.

The club will be providing over \$3000 to each of its CIP recipients -- Family Promise and Friday Food Bags -- from Texas Roadhouse, Meadowlarks craft fair and donations received in memory of our very special member Carol Steinhour.

Club members are also providing Christmas presents this month for the children in the Family Promise program.

Club members have been able to gather at their monthly meetings with social distancing in place however December's meeting was cancelled because of health concerns. The club will decide each month if it is safe to hold in-person meetings.

HISTORY LESSON

CHRISTMAS HOUSE KEEPS ON GIVING!



The front of Christmas House 1991, the home of Michael and Lisa (Leschuck) Bohl, 320 W. 4th Avenue, was festively decorated, including wooden soldiers guarding the front door. Clarice Melinkovich was chairman and found the pattern for the soldiers. Her husband, Gary, a wonderful woodworker, cut them out and the chairmen, Clarice, Debbie Rowe and Phyllis Salzburg painted them in Phyllis's family room which was "under construction" -- bare floor, no furniture, and out of the cold!



But first they were used on our Christmas Parade float. Decorating are Patty Sanders and Marlys Henrickson. The "house float" was provided by Cheyenne Board of Realtors.



Van Mellblom and Vanda Carroll demonstrated the art of making pie crusts at a workshop at the Governor's Residence, courtesy of Honorary Member Jane Sullivan. We gave her free tickets to Christmas House! We did sell homemade pies at Christmas House from the workshop and Mrs. Sullivan did attend. Wood working equipment was not used to make pies...

Today the soldiers stand at the Historic Governors' Mansion, 300 West 21st St., for the holidays. Christmas House 2005, chaired by Dorrie Jones, Kathy Morrow and Collette Stadel (Elliot), was held at the Mansion. (First time was 1976, chaired by Joann Sigler and Kay Ross). As our thanks for a wonderful 2005 Christmas House, the soldiers were donated to the Mansion.



GFWC Women's Civic League of Cheyenne



CHRISTMAS —HOUSE—



CHRISTMAS HOUSE 2020 CONTINUES Pop Up Sale!

Beautiful items not seen on recent Christmas House auction.

Friday, December 11, 11 am - 7 pm
Saturday, December 12, 9 am - 1 pm

726 Oakhurst Drive in Cheyenne's Western Hills
No home tour. No admission fee.

Masks required and social distancing will be observed.
For more information, call Pam 634-6639

All proceeds benefit local programs, projects and scholarships for local students.

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

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