



KALEIDOSCOPE

May 2021

President's Message

Linda Stowers



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I love this time of year; my tulips and daffodils have bloomed without snow surrounding them (oops I spoke too soon lol). I have a slight spring in my step as well since I will be turning over the reins of the Club to my friend Pam Hendricks who will do an outstanding job. Despite the difficult times this past year we did receive 5 First Place and 7 Second Place Certificates of Merit from GFWC-Wyoming, \$25 for increased membership and 18 members recognized with Anniversary Scrolls. I was proud to receive these on your behalf and share our success with you.

I have had the help of a great Board of Directors. I salute each of them and cannot express my gratitude enough for all their work. The final meeting, we reviewed the Budget and made a recommendation to add another line

item for Special Project to help with the renovations of the WCLC Peace Garden. We will have a Standing Rules suggested change regarding Dues for those joining January and after. We nominated Pam Crochet for your consideration as the GFWC Jenny Award representative from WCLC. Finally, we received the Review of the 2020 Christmas House books and the report will be shared at the meeting.

I leave you with my favorite line from our Collect, “Let us take time for all things; & to grow calm, serene, gentle. Have a great summer!”

Corresponding Secretary



Brenda Hart

April Correspondence

Get Well	Kristin Voycheske
	Joan Carey
Sympathy	Sheri Geringer
Thank You	Linda Fabian
	Starley Talbot

Second Vice-President

Sue Ann Shaffer



The General Meeting
Will be at the
World Headquarters of Blue Credit Union
Located across from the Veteran’s Administration on Pershing.
Wednesday, May 12, 2021

11:30 am

\$17.00

Entrance is on east side of building.

Masks are not required by Blue.

I want to thank members who have made the job of 2nd Vice President so much easier.

Thank you to my daughter, Susan Johnson for doing the Sign Up Genius and providing lists for the cashiers.

Thank you to Deb Phillips and Jo Anne Bassett for serving as permanent cashiers at each meeting. They brought skills and stability to a sometimes-difficult role.

Thank you to Trish Palluck and Brenda Hart for providing outstanding centerpieces and such clever birthday and guest mementos.

Thank you to our monthly artisans who generously provided such unique door prizes. - Linda Stowers, Linda DeMartine, Heather Roberts, Heidi Beranek, Susan Johnson, Bev Dowling, Joanne Bassett, Claudia Wiley, Patty Benskin.

Thank you to Joyce Bailey for featuring the artisans, taking their pictures and arranging the door prizes at the meeting.

Thank you to Teresa Kunkel for her talent and time as Treasurer. It always involves time after the meeting.

And last - thank you to the members for coming to the meetings and participating in the crazy challenges.

It was a good year despite COVID and my pleasure to serve as your 2nd Vice President.

Thank You,

Sue Ann Shaffer

ARTISAN OF THE MONTH

May Artisan of the Month

Patty Benskin

Joyce Bailey, Historian



Patty Benskin joined Civic League in 1988. She has chaired Christmas House, served as club President, served as state President, and as GFWC Western States Region President. Currently, Patty belongs to WCLC, XJWC, and the GFWC Meadowlarks.

Patty says she was privileged to serve as Installation Chair for Ernie Shriner's installation as International President in 2004.

(The photo was taken at the Christmas House 2019 members' break room.)

Along the way, Patty has served as chairman of numerous committees for Civic League (including Christmas House), GFWC Wyoming, and GFWC International. In 2008, she was the first Jenny award recipient for Civic League and was selected as the 2008 Western States Region Jenny winner, a very high honor.

Patty says that one of the best things about her involvement with GFWC at the local, state, regional, and international levels is the opportunity to travel to places she probably never would have visited, and had wonderful experiences serving at many levels. Having said that, however, Patty says what she most values about Civic League and her membership is the friendships she has made, having met many incredible women that she calls friends; friends she had the opportunities to meet through her memberships in Civic League and GFWC.

She and Bill will celebrate their 44th anniversary in August. They have two adult children, four grand-dogs, and one dog of their own. Patty loves to travel, bake, and read. Currently, she is trying to teach herself to crochet and quilt.

Patty says she was honored to have been asked by Sue Ann Shaffer to contribute cookies for the door prizes for the May General Membership meeting. Cookie baking is one of her great stress relievers and says she is always trying new recipes. What she enjoys the most, however, is sharing her cookies with others. To quote, "Giving the cookies away allows me the fun and a taste, but Bill and I don't have to eat them all."

Thank you, Patty. I, for one, plan on purchasing raffle tickets Wednesday. (I've tasted your cookies, and they are fantastic!)

MEMBERSHIP

Thank you to those of you that have already paid your dues. If you have not done so, Teresa will be collecting dues at the May general membership meeting. You may pay online using signup genius. Link to signup genius will follow. There is a small fee for using this service.

Checks made out to WCL should be mailed to:

WCL
PO BOX 4062
Cheyenne, WY 82003

Dues for Active and Associate members are \$50.00.

Lifetime members are not required to pay dues.

Spring Fling will be held on Thursday, May 20th. If you have a potential member please contact me or email contact information. Invitations are being sent to new members, potential members and sponsors. Feel free to contact me with any questions.

Thanks for all you do to support Women's Civic League.

Trish Palluck
cell 307-6308700

YEARBOOK CHANGES

It is that time of year again where the yearbook will be getting updated. Please take a minute to look at your information in the yearbook and make sure it is correct. Some corrections have already been made; those corrections are below. You can email me at eweave_2000@yahoo.com or call 307-631-1958, with anything that needs changed. Thank you. Earleen Weaver

Changes are in bold.

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

Debbie Baldwin – Cell Phone number: 307-509-9884

Pam Crochet – new address – 200 Talon Court

Add to the yearbook –

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ART

The Art Committee will be participating in the "Artwalk" on Thursday, May 13 from 5:00 - 8:00 pm. in downtown. We will meet at 4:30 pm. at the Albany for a bite to eat. If you want to meet at the Albany let Cathy McMikle or Marcy Helser know as we will be making reservations. If not eating, then meet us at 5:15 pm. at the Albany for the walking tour.

Also, on May 20th the CFD Old West Museum will be sponsoring "Art Uncork'd" with watercolorist, Joy Keown, cost for members is \$40,00 and for non-members \$50.00.

June 26th is the Historic Ranch tour to the Nimmo ranch. I think the cost is \$50,00. We will meet at the museum at 10:00 am taking the trolley, it includes lunch and soft drinks, You need to call the museum for tickets at 778-7202 {Jean Krouse} for both the art workshop and the ranch tour.

Marcy Helser and Cathy McMikle. co-chairman

CGC

The Community Grant Committee will have a zoom meeting May 20th at 9 a.m. to discuss CGC giving X amount of the proceeds to the Peace Garden renovation project at the Botanic Gardens from 2021 Christmas House. If you would like to be included in this meeting, please let Linda Stowers (lpstowers54@gmail.com) know by May 19th and you will receive an invitation to the meeting.

STANDING RULE CHANGE

The Board of Directors is submitting the following change to the Standing Rules regarding New Member Dues. This is notice we will be acting on it at the meeting May 12th.

Section S-3. Active Members

c) Active member dues are \$50.00 and are due by the April General Membership meeting and are effective for the upcoming Club year beginning in September. **New members joining in September through December shall pay \$50. Members joining in January or after shall pay \$25 for the remainder of the current year.**

MILITARY

Military Outreach

This year has certainly been different but rewarding nonetheless! Though our "hands-on" projects this year were limited, I am thankful for what we were able to do: clothing drive for the Veteran's Rock, Christmas stockings for the Cheyenne VA's Intensive Community Mental Health Program, Valentine's Day Cookie Drive for the Airmen in the Dorms at FE Warren AFB, All-female Alert Celebration virtual event, and basket donation for the Warren Spouses' Club Boots and Baubles Scholarship Auction. Thank you all for the many ways you have supported the military in our community.

International Women's Day/All-female Alert Celebration recap

The dozen WCLC women who participated with the International Women's Day zoom conference on March 8 hosted by FE Warren AFB not only learned much about women stationed here, but also continued to build a great partnership with female active duty in our community. We learned of the personal experiences of women in a variety of career fields and of a variety of military ranks. We heard from and talked with women in the medical, security forces, linguistics, logistics, and missiles career fields. During our conversations with them we were not only given the opportunity to ask them questions, but they also asked us questions about the mission of GFWC and the involvement of our club at a local level. This group of outstanding young women asked about how they could be involved in partnering with us to serve in the community.

In participating with the All-female Alert Celebrations and including them in our projects, WCLC builds meaningful relationships with those stationed at FE Warren AFB. Our interest in learning more about those who are serving here vividly demonstrates that we care. This warm and welcoming attitude helps build resilience in these women who move frequently. Numerous military mental health and resilience studies have shown that meaningful community engagement increases the quality of life for those in the military. Thank you for the ways you have come alongside to make their time here in Cheyenne fulfilling and memorable.

**The Military Outreach Committee will be meeting just before our May General meeting at 10:30 am Wednesday, May 12.

We will be discussing project proposals and donations to finish out our year. Some of the projects we are considering include: gardening supplies for the Cheyenne VA's Residential Recovery Treatment Program residents, donation to FEW Warm Heart which assists families in need, and donation to Operation Homefront's Back to School Brigade in support of junior enlisted military members and their in Cheyenne. All are welcome to join us!***

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn Ritschard



MARCH OF DIMES

MARCH OF DIMES - Making baby hats and blankets

GFWC has had a long association with the March of Dimes. Two ways we can support them involve activities many in our club enjoy – knitting. If you have a passion and skill for knitting read on! These projects involve using that skill to create hats and blankets for babies and children connected to March of Dimes Military Baby Showers.

Instructions for creating the baby hats, newborn preferred but preemies also accepted, are for knitting but those who crochet probably can use the sizes provided to create hats. Any fabric, style or size blankets are accepted. Blankets can be sewn, no sew, crocheted, or quilted. They can also be purchased and donated.

Instructions and information will be available at the Wednesday membership meeting or they can be emailed to you by contacting Phyllis Salzburg. Contact Patty Benskin if you need yarn for these projects.

SOCIAL MEDIA

I would like to share some social media etiquette, or pet peaves whichever you would like to use.

- When replying to an e-mail, most programs allow you to reply to the sender, reply to all, forward, etc. When you are replying to an email sent by one person, it is socially correct to make sure you reply to **JUST THAT PERSON AND NOT EVERYONE**. Double check who you are sending a reply to before you hit that send key.
- Facebook can carry some terrible bedfellows when printing pictures. You should only print pictures with the approval of that individual. A GFWC member had her identity stolen through a picture posted on Facebook, so you really need to be careful.
- We do have a Facebook page and anything you want printed can be sent to Starla Sexton or Linda Stowers to be printed. I know we are tempted to print on our own page, but we really need to be careful when it is a WCLC function.

GFWC WYOMING

Thank you very much to my sisters in WCLC - the flowers sent to GFWCW Conference were stunning. It was a complete, but sincerely appreciated, surprise. It was so much fun to be able to meet in person after so long and thanks in a large part to the Laramie Women's Club I think it was a huge success. We had 13 members of WCLC attend but every club in the state, save one, was represented - which is always a good thing when we change by-laws!

WSR will be hosted by GFWC Colorado September 9-12 in Colorado Springs. This should be a lot of fun and I would encourage as many of you as are able to take the road trip south. Colorado is having an opportunity raffle where they sell tickets for \$10 a piece or 3 for \$20 and I have those tickets if you are interested. The prize is having your hotel stay while in Colorado Springs covered up to \$359! I will have them at the meeting as well.

The Newsblast will come out in May and July but lots may be happening at the state level as we cooperate with other clubs to support NAMI (Robbie's House) and Grace For 2 Brothers and place Buddy Benches in schools as part of the President's Project of Mental Health Awareness and Suicide Prevention. Communication will be via e-mail when these issues come up. Clubwomen around the state are eager to work together on projects with a common goal and the camaraderie was palpable in Laramie.

I look forward to seeing you at our May meeting! Remember to be kind and Be the Light -Nancy

NEEDS

BRING PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY!!



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