

KALEIDOSCOPE

November 2018

President's Message

Karen Kent

It appears that we have come to what many say is the busiest time of the year! It's almost the middle of November. We are rapidly approaching Christmas House and then the Thanksgiving holiday. Then comes Christmas! Do you find yourselves stressed? Do you find yourselves with "short fuses"?

In our efforts to get it all done we often lose sight of what is important. Almost everything in our lives is important in one way or another. If there is something that is not truly important, why do we stress over it? For everything else it is up to each of us individually to decide what is the most important and what is the least. When we formulate a clear view of our 'priority' list, we find ourselves more thankful for who we are and what we have. When we put ourselves in a position of thankfulness, we can begin to see the frenzy around us. It is like being in the eye of the storm. The center is calm. That is the most important place to be to avoid sustaining any damage.

This is and should be the most fun time of the year for all of us. (I can tell you that that Thanksgiving holiday at my house is a major food fest.) Then comes Christmas House. We have all been working tirelessly for an entire year and this year's Christmas House is going to be phenomenal!! Then come Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanza...holidays! Wow, what a year!

I hope that you all can find "the eye" of your own personal storm so that you may enjoy and appreciate every minute of every day in the coming six weeks.

"don't sweat the small stuff -- it's all small stuff"

Karen



Corresponding Secretary

Susan McHenry

Cards sent to WCLC members during the months of October:

Name	Card Sent	Reason
Pam Crochet		Thinking of you
Family of Norma Rector	Sympathy	Norma's death
Suzanne Preiss	Sympathy	Mother passed away
Bev Havens	Sympathy	Brother passed away

October Birthday Cards sent to Active Members:

Connie Hein
Mary Ellen Little
Julia Burke
Judy Lissman

Second Vice-President

Barb Robertson



Time: Social @ 5:00pm and Meeting @5:30pm

Where: Red Lion Hotel

Cost: \$20 per person

Speaker: Christmas House Fun and Workshops

Hostess Team: Nancy Kaufman & Darlyn Tucker

ASSIGNED SEATS @ Random for November! You will be assigned a seat to meet our members. This is a great way for everyone to "meet and greet" and network. At Check-In you will receive your seat assignment, learn a new name and make a new friend! Out of the comfort zone!

YEARBOOK CHANGES

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Yearbook Section and Page Number	Name	Updates
Active Members Page 38	Jo Anne Bassett	mjoanne.bassett@gmail.com
Active Members Page 39	Roberta Bolten	roberta.wyo@gmail.com
Active Members Page 41	Meredith Dexter	7545 Jessica Dr.
Active Members Page 45	Judy Lissman	jlissman1@gmail.com
Active Members Page 46	Jo Mullen	jomullen211@gmail.com
New Members		
Suzanne Mores		zangeo1@aol.com
LaVelle VanVoast		velvanvoast@yahoo.com

SENIOR SERVICES

Senior Services Committee held their monthly birthday celebration at the Granite Health and Rehab Center. Halloween baskets were made and delivered to the area nursing homes.

INVESTMENT STUDY COMMITTEE

Final Report

October 2018

This committee was formed in the Fall of 2017 at the direction of then-President Trish Peoples. Meetings were advertised via e-mail to all WCLC members and were never limited, despite some inefficiency as we acquired new participants and caught them up to speed. The committee consistently had 8 or more members attend (after the initial few that had 5-6) and they represented a nice cross-section of our club, including 20+-year members as well as 2 year members. The goal of this committee was to determine the most fiscally responsible way in which to invest our reserve funds and still be in compliance with our newly designated 501(c)3 status.

The first issue to address was how our excess funds were being handled. WCLC currently had a little more than \$10,000 in CDs, yielding 1.4 percent and roughly \$15,000 in a non-interest bearing checking account. The committee unanimously determined that this was not the most fiscally responsible manner in which to handle these funds. Although they were being held at absolutely zero risk, we were deriving no real benefit from them either. Research was done and experts were heard from over the next 6 months. We, as a committee, concluded

that there were several avenues to invest the extra money in ways that were low risk, relatively safe, and certainly a solid way to generate income, making our money work for us. This led to the decision that we WCLC would need to form an Investment Committee to manage these funds.

At the same time, we were also collecting information on the rules and regulations of being a 501(c)3. As a non-profit, WCLC is generally allowed to keep up to one year's operating expenses in reserve. Although our current reserve was slightly higher than this, any audit would recognize our efforts to address this via this study committee. We learned what language to certainly include in any investment fund and which language to absolutely avoid. We also learned what needed to happen with excess budgeted funds (i.e. unused Presidents discretionary fund, King Sooper, etc) at the end of the fiscal year. All budgeted items needed to be "0" on July 1st of each year. Those excess budgeted funds (these are NOT any Christmas House funds – those are handled differently according to our By-laws and Standing rules) are then moved to the "Undesignated Funds" line item of our assets in order to reach that "0" number. Under the new non-profit designation, WCLC is allowed to have an investment fund as long as there is a By-law that governs it and determines that the fund is also used for charitable purposes, in accordance with our mission statement.

After all this, the Study Committee's focus changed to incorporate what we had learned and craft a recommended structure for a formal Investment Committee in a By-law format that defined how the funds would be used and managed. We were always acutely aware of needing to comply with the rules governing a 501(c)3. We were also acutely aware of the need to keep our general membership informed and ultimately in control (through the voting process) of any decisions made regarding this fund. This was the most difficult, and sometimes contentious, part of our work as we incorporated numerous documents and opinions. We were coordinating information from at least two professional templates for setting up an investment fund for a non-profit; examples of by-laws from at least 2 non-profits in Cheyenne that have such funds; all our individual research with accountants, lawyers, and other professionals with experience in this field; and of course our own ideas and institutional knowledge of WCLC. Once we gleaned and synthesized all this information the Study Committee was able to craft a prospective By-law, and accompanying standing rules, that created an Investment Committee for recommendation to the WCLC BOD at the October meeting. The proposal included the goals and purpose of a committee, the composition of the committee, and how funds can be added or removed. This recommendation was approved and the completed document will be sent to the By-laws Committee for their final approval and all associated/incidental changes that will need to be made to our current By-laws. The By-laws Committee will then present the proposed by-law for the formation of an Investment Committee to the BOD and then general membership for a vote as is required by our current governing document.

Committee members spent more than 300 hours, both while in meetings and doing independent research. I applaud their efforts and cannot thank them enough for the creation of this thorough, thoughtful document recommendation. Thank you Sherri Geringer, Wendy Owen, Flo Beville, Deb McCann, Trish Peoples, Linda Stowers, Karen Kent, Claudia Willen, Julie Gliem – in no particular order. Our sole commitment, throughout this process, was to WCLC and our mission statement to better our community. We spent absolutely no money and we moved no money. We did determine that keeping a minimum of \$5000 in a checking/savings account would be advisable, but that this committee does not make that decision. We are confident that the outline presented by this committee meets WCLC non-profit requirements and furthers the mission of our fantastic organization.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Kaufman, Investment Study Committee Chairman

ESO BOOK CLUB

BOOKS FOR THE YEAR 2018-19

We will meet at Barnes & Noble on the dates listed below at 9:30 am.

November 19-The Woman in the Window-A.J. Finn

January 28- Emma-Jane Austen

February 25-The Midwife of Hope River-Patricia Harman

March 18-Molokai-Alan Brennert

April 15- Camino Island-John Grisham

May 20-Into the Water-Paula Hawkins

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE

The International Outreach Committee will be selling beautiful holiday cards and assorted all occasion cards at the November meeting to raise funds for the UNICEF foundation. Please help us support this great organization by purchasing a few cards. This will provide necessary polio vaccines and hydration packets to children around the world. They are only \$2.00 a card! What a great deal and a win/win for us and for those in need. Thank you for your support. Cathy McMikle and Judi Loomis



MILITARY AFFAIRS

One of our own military needs help! WCLC member Carolyn Ritschard's son is an Air Force pilot. He and his wife were stationed in Florida and lost their home and all their belongings in the hurricane. The insurance will not come close to covering all they lost and what they will need to re-establish a home. They are awaiting orders (they will not be returning to the base in Florida). The military committee is asking that, if you are so inclined, you bring gift cards (Visa, Bed, Bath & Beyond, Walmart, Target, etc) to the Wednesday meeting. I will get the cards to them. Let's help one of our own who is serving our country.

Please call or email me if you have questions.

Thank you!

ART COMMITTEE

NOVEMBER and DECEMBER

Cheyenne Civic Center

The Oak Ridge Boys

Friday, November 30 @ 7:30

Mannheim Steamroller Christmas

Saturday, November 17 @3p and
8p

Great Russian Nutcracker

Thursday, December 6 @
7p

UW Art Museum

On Display: Nov 6th through July 2019

Artist Tashi Norbu (Tibetan, b. 1974) was educated as a traditional Tibetan thangka painter at the office of the Dalai Lama in Dharamsala, India. Born in Bhutan in exile, Norbu has Belgian citizenship, and lives and works in Emmen, in the Netherlands. He received his formal western artistic training at the Saint Lucas Academy of Visual Arts in Ghent, Belgium. As a result of this diverse background, his artwork is an amalgamation of both worlds, the fundamentals of Tibetan and Buddhist traditions and the influence of western art mediums, concepts, and icons.

The Cheyenne Little Theatre Players

The Lone Ranger (A live radio show)

Friday & Saturday, November 9th & 10th @ 7:30pm

It's A Wonderful Life

Nov 30th through

December 16 Dinner

Theatre available

UW Fine Arts

A&S Auditorium

Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker

Thursday, December 6

Friday, December 7

Saturday, December 8

The Ten Tenors

Kaleidoscope 6

Tuesday, December
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The 6th Biennial Touchstone Laramie Art Exhibition & Sale, one of Southeast Wyoming's most intimate and unique art experiences featuring new work from more than 30 of Laramie, Wyoming's top professional artists that transforms the entire third floor of a hotel into individual artist-designed mini galleries.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH -

10am - 5pm SUNDAY, NOVEMBER

11TH - 12pm - 5pm

Fairfield Inn & Suites, 1673 Centennial Dr, Laramie, Wyoming

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please keep Sherri Geringer and her family in your thoughts and prayers as she is experiencing some medical issues at this time. Below you will find information as to where you may send her your well wishes. The hospital has requested no gifts or flowers. Please send only cards.

Tucson Medical Center
ICU Room 455, Sharyn Geringer
5301 E. Grant Rd
Tucson, AZ. 85712

SOCIAL MEDIA

Facebook: Search "GFWC Women's Civic League of Cheyenne" Click "Like" to follow!

Instagram: womenscivicleaguecheyenne "Click Follow" to follow!

Pinterest: Search "Women's Civic League Cheyenne" if you are interested in becoming a collaborator and pinning to this page, email www.wclcpinterest.com



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