



KALEIDOSCOPE

September 2023

President's Message

CLAUDIA WILEN

I hope you all had an enjoyable and restful summer! But the chill is already in the air these early mornings and that can only mean Fall is on the horizon as well as the start of our 2023-24 club year. Our newly elected officers were busy all summer acquainting themselves with their new positions and setting into motion the dynamics to make our club run smoothly. Little did we know how much behind the scenes work is involved in preparing for each new year. I am honored to be your President and ask for your support and guidance as I navigate through the many duties I will undertake.

Pat Stenback worked tirelessly over the summer assembling the information needed for our yearbook which will be available at the general meeting. Please make every effort to pick up your copy as soon as possible. This is your "go-to" for information about our club organization, bylaws, activities and membership, so please read through it and keep it handy.

The board had a lengthy meeting last week which resulted in a number of motions and recommendations to be voted on by the general membership. These include approval of the proposed operating budget, financial audit report, and the club's participation in the GFWC Day of Service project. You will receive information about these prior to the meeting to acquaint yourselves with the issues. Again, please take the time to read through them.

Christmas House workshops were held throughout the summer months and will continue through Fall, including several scheduled for September. Greenway cleanup will take place Sept. 23 and ESO book club Sept. 25. GFWC first annual Day of Service will be observed Sept. 30 with clubs across WY taking part. More information about these events will be made available.

There will be sign-up sheets at the membership meeting for all our service committees as well as our social groups. We encourage all members to get involved in both work and fun, so please look them over---we need your time and talent. Let's have a great year!

Before You Speak...

THINK

T is it true?
H is it helpful?
I is it inspiring?
N is it necessary?
K is it kind?



Corresponding Secretary

KRISTIE ACKERSON

Summer Correspondence

5/26/23 - Get well- Shri Reckling - back issues
6/8/23 - Sympathy - Family of Marietta Dinneen - she passed away
6/30/23 - Sympathy - Trish Palluck - Father passed away
6/30/23 - Sympathy - Brenda Hart - Father passed away
6/30/23 - Sympathy - Kristin Riley - Grandfather passed away
8/15/23 - Get well - Lynn Davis - knee surgery
8/28/23 - Congratulations - Kay Jessen - 60th Anniversary

Vice-President

SHELLEY TOLL

The first meeting will take place on September 13 at the Cheyenne Country Club. I'm looking forward to the 1st of 9 Luncheons. Remember it is your responsibility to RSVP for lunch each month. If you have any questions, please give me a call.



YEARBOOK CHANGES

I would like to thank Meredith Dexter for helping in proofreading and condensing the book. Also, to Paul for proofreading. Even so things get past us.
It will be available at the Luncheon. If you are unable to pick one up, please contact Pat to make arrangements to get one.

Changes to the 2023-24 Yearbook

Luce Anspach should be listed under Lifetime Members.

Designating associates (a) should be before Rosemary Barrett as should Teresa Lake and Nancy Russell.

Lucy Russell and Shauna Barnet should not have an (a).

Under By Laws the printer asked to make the print smaller. On review it looked good, but it could be larger.

Corrections:

Melanie Tibbitts
Kelly Heimsoth

Resignations:

Judy Moss - judymoss@live.com

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CIVIC ENGAGEMENT – CITIZENSHIP

2023-2024 will be exciting times for the upcoming elections in November of 2024. Our committee will be delving into issues related to being a responsible and informed voter not only in our local elections but national election issues as well. We hope you will be open to and invested in issues affecting our state and our nation. Please contact Wendy with any ideas or issues you want to bring forward to share with our membership.

ENVIRONMENT

Phyllis Salzburg, Chairman

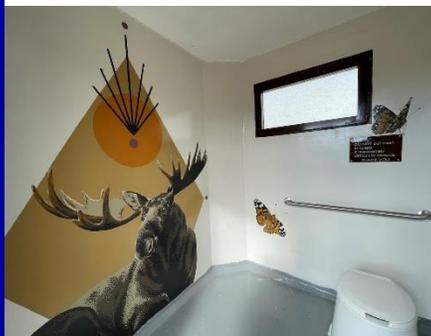
GREENWAY CLEAN UP. Saturday, September 23, 9:30 a.m.

Bags and light gloves (plastic, disposable) will be provided. Bring your own gloves if you prefer heavier ones and trash pickup stick if you have one.

Location (same as last year) is in Sun Valley, Henderson Dr. trailhead to Baldwin Dr. trailhead, approximately .61 miles (1.22 miles round trip). **Directions** from the north: Take Ridge Road south across Nationway, turn right on Belaire Ave., turn left on Henderson Dr., go to end of road where trailhead begins.

Saturday, September 23, 2023, Celebrating 30 years of National Public Lands Day. Curt Gowdy State Park, 10:00 – 2:00, cleanup of their pollinator garden. Volunteers meet at Visitor Center and help pull weeds in and around garden, making it cleaner and helping prevent invasive species from taking over. Time permitting take a brief hike around Kate’s Trail to discuss conservation and ecology at the park. In honor of this annual celebration, **day use and entrance fees will be waived at all Wyoming State Parks and Historic Sites on September 23rd.**

From WyoFile.com, Dustin Bleizeffer, “Art Gallery.” “Visitors in need of relief will find artistic inspiration inside public restrooms at the popular Vedauwoo recreation area.”



Next time you’re enjoying Wyoming’s great outdoors at Vedauwoo, check out the Reynold’s Hill and Nautilus public restrooms. Laramie artists Rhiannon Jakopak and Olivia Ewing were commissioned to spruce up the interiors of two public restrooms with murals to inspire visitors. The U.S. Forest Service reached out to Laramie Public Art Coalition with the idea. Visit website above for more great pictures **Photo by Olivia Ewing** and information! Road trip anyone?

CHRISTMAS HOUSE TICKETS

Your envelope of tickets will be available at the meeting on Wednesday. We would love to distribute all of them to you at this time. It is an important boost to available Christmas House funds. Please support the project by picking up your tickets. We will have a table which will be marked with red balloons.

In the envelope you will find four house tickets and six raffle tickets. The cost is \$30.00. Please make your check to Christmas House or bring the exact cash amount. We will not have change but we will be really grateful to you.

Ticket Chairs

Marcy Helser and Sue Ann Shaffer

ESO BOOK CLUB

The book for September is The Thursday Murder Club. The group will be meeting on Monday September 25, 9:00 AM at The Boardroom, 1788 Carey. Plan to join even if you haven't completed reading the book.

SOCIAL GROUPS

GOURMET NEWS.

Contact Judy Lissman to register or with questions regarding gourmet.

307-575-1102.

jlissman1@gmail.com

See you Wednesday for registration.

WCLC 2023-2024 SOCIAL SUPPERS GROUP

Do you love to cook? Do you love to try new recipes and challenge yourself to attempt culinary endeavors you haven't tried in the past? Do you love to just get together with great WCLC friends and participate in a wonderful evening of great food, great drink and great conversation? Well we have a group for you..... If this is you and your brave spouse or good friend is brave enough to join in, please participate in the WCLC Social Suppers Group. We will have an organizational meeting and split into groups in October 2023. Please email Wendy at wendyoproperties@gmail.com if you would like to join in. Or call Wendy at 307 631-5547 with any questions or concerns. All are welcome.....

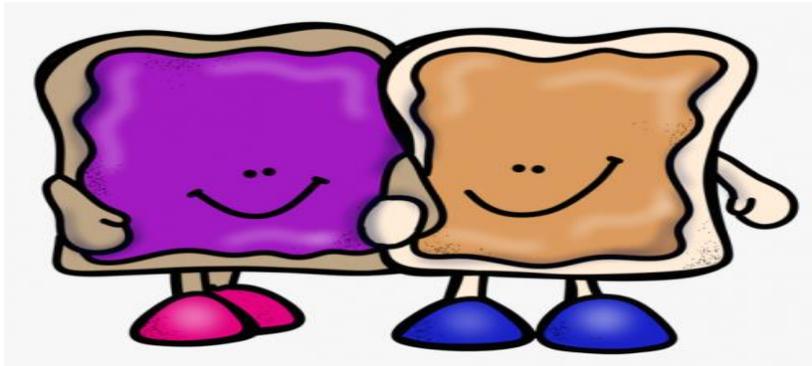
AFTERNOON BUNKO

If you like playing Bunko, join us September 25, at the home of Judy Lissman, 7408 Huntz Dr. If you plan on joining us call, Pam Hendricks, 631-7553 or Linda Stowers, 220-1219.

NEEDS

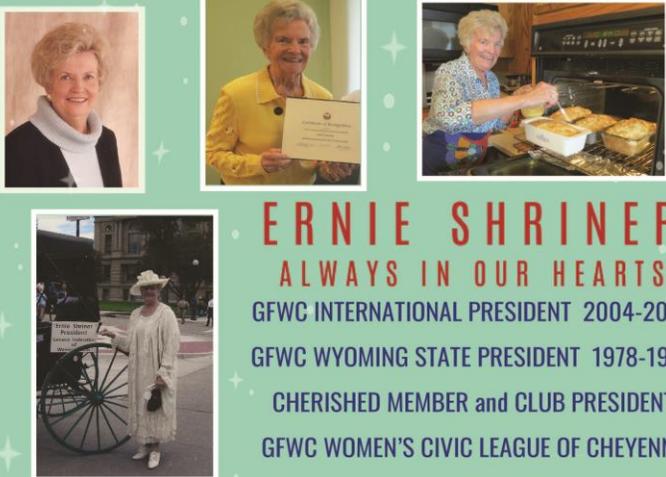
BRING YOU PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY TO THE MEETING!!

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OTHER INFORMATION



ERNIE SHRINER
ALWAYS IN OUR HEARTS
GFWC INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT 2004-2006
GFWC WYOMING STATE PRESIDENT 1978-1980
CHERISHED MEMBER and CLUB PRESIDENT
GFWC WOMEN'S CIVIC LEAGUE OF CHEYENNE

Women's Civic League's ad in GFWC 2023 International Convention Program, June 10-12, 2023, Louisville, KY.

Trish Peoples, GFWC-Wyoming President, presented the following remembrance during General Session of the Convention:

“Ernestine Shriner, Ernie to her friends, was GFWC International President from 2004-2006. When Wyoming Clubwomen speak of Ernie tell of her grace and mentoring abilities. When she asked someone to do a job, she didn't just ask and let it go. Ernie made sure that resources and support were provided for any project, whether at the club, state or international level. She gave a great deal of support and encouragement to members. You always felt that she had your back and was ready to share her inspiration and knowledge.

Ernie was a generous friend and leader. She made time to visit, offer guidance, and advice when asked. She had a way of helping you figure out what needed to be done, often over a cup of Starbucks, without telling you what to do. She knew how to get things done and how to inspire others to follow her lead.

Ernie loved the staff at Headquarters and was grateful for their knowledge, the help they provided to members, and for their contributions to the success of GFWC. Ernie appreciated the contributions to the Federation by those who came before, sharing stories of how many had helped in her journey, thereby providing inspiration and education to those who were new to the wonderful world of GFWC. She was proud to add her special project to the list of GFWC accomplishments -- Literacy: Tutoring from the Heart.

When Ernie was able to come back to Wyoming for a visit and to attend a club or state meeting, she would graciously visit each table, working the room, connecting with old friends and introducing herself to those she had not met, welcoming those new to the organization. She was always in high demand to conduct installations at the club and state levels as her inspirational messages and special gifts for new officers, which were carefully chosen by Ernie, became cherished memories.

A few years ago, when her club presented her with her 50-year membership certificate, Ernie gave that beautiful smile and displayed the certificate for photos just as she had for all those photos as international president with state award winners.

It is a difficult task to describe in relatively few words the impact Ernie Shriner had on Cheyenne, on Wyoming, GFWC-Wyoming, and GFWC International. The many people she touched through those associations, as well as her business and other volunteer activities are countless. The poem, *The Dash*, comes to mind when thinking of Ernie.

You have probably heard this poem by Linda Ellis many times, but when we lose someone as dynamic and important to GFWC as Ernie, it bears repeating.”

The Dash by Linda Ellis

I read of a man who stood to speak at the funeral of a friend, he referred to the dates on the tombstone from the beginning...to the end.

He noted that first came the date of birth and spoke of the following date with tears, but he said what mattered most of all was the dash between those years.

For that dash represents all the time they spent alive on earth, and now only those who loved them know what that little line is worth.

For it matters not, how much we own, the cars.. the house.. the cash.

What matters is how we live and love and how we spend our dash.

If we treat each other with respect and more often wear a smile... remembering that this special dash might only last a little while.

So when your eulogy is being read, with your life's actions to rehash, would you be proud of the things they say about how you lived your dash?

AIRPORT FOUNTAIN REDEDICATION and HISTORIC AIRPORT TERMINAL OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, September 9, 2023

It was a beautiful day! Women's Civic League was recognized by Milward Simpson, Chairman of the Cheyenne Historic Preservation Board, as a donor to the fountain restoration project during his remarks about the history of the fountain and the long road to completing the restoration. There were interesting presentations on the history of aviation in Cheyenne, and the many steps over the years needed to restore the fountain. The Airport Fountain Park is now the newest Cheyenne City Park.

Arts Cheyenne is working with the Cheyenne Regional Airport to renovate and repurpose the circa-1961 Terminal into a new community space. They are looking for community input and hope to design a public arts and aviation history space that serves the public's desires and needs. A grant from the National Endowment for the Arts is helping with the project.

Our donation in 2020 to the fountain project was a Community Grant Committee award from 2019 Christmas House proceeds. A project we can all be proud to have helped bring to fruition and will enjoy for years to come!



Members attending were Phyllis Salzburg, President Claudia Wilen, Deb McCann, and Mary Guthrie. Also attending but not pictured Nancy Russell. And there was cake!



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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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