



KALEIDOSCOPE

September 2020

President's Message

Linda Stowers

September is here and we are starting a new Club Year. Last year we ended abruptly with Covid 19 restrictions. We are still working under guidelines to keep us safe and healthy. We will be doing things somewhat differently this year and I hope you will all bear with us. Our September meeting will be outside and due to Mother Nature, we will have it on Friday rather than Wednesday. There are things we just cannot control.

The Board met via Zoom on September 2nd and conducted business as usual. It has been fun to conduct meetings this way and make sure everyone is heard, but your Board has done an excellent job. They accepted the Budget for the 2020-21 Club year, heard the review from the Financial Review committee on the WCLC and Christmas House Books, voted to send \$50 to the GFWC Wyoming State Endowment Fund in the name of our dear Club member Billie Neff, accepted resignations from Mary Ellen Little, Sharon Sara and Dee Clary, and suggested a Bylaw change regarding membership requirements for meetings.

I look forward to another great year. I salute all the work done this summer to help Comea Shelter, Safe Harbor, the many masks made and I'm sure other things I may have missed. You are a great group and I am proud to be your President again.

I would like to give a shout out to Heather Dodson for her Women of Influence Nominee in Health Care. We are so proud of you and the work you do.

A Big Welcome to Kristie Ackerson, sponsored by Brenda Laird and Shelley Toll, sponsored by Bev Havens. Be sure to say Hi to them at our meeting.

Bring Peanut Butter and Jelly and any other non-perishable items to the meeting for Lucy.

Finally, I have attached a copy of the Board of Directors to this Newsletter. I am so pleased to have them working for all of us this year.



Corresponding Secretary

Brenda Hart

June

Deb McCann	Get Well card/hip surgery
Linda Stowers	Thinking of you/cataract surgery
Billie Neff	Thinking of you
Fran Smyth	Thinking of you
Barb Clark	Thinking of you
Kristin Voycheske	Get Well

July

Evie Randall	Thinking of you
Rosemary Barrett	Sympathy/loss of sister-in-law
Victoria Fry	Thinking of you
Jerry & Kevin Steinhaur	Thinking of you/Sympathy (loss of mother)

August

Family of Billie Neff	Sympathy
Fay Zaharas	Get well/knee surgery
Judy Loomis	Sympathy/loss of brother



Second Vice-President

Sue Ann Shaffer

Women's Civic League
September General Meeting
WELCOME BACK

FRIDAY, September 11, 2020
Lions Park South Picnic Shelter

Covid & Mother Nature Complaint

11:45 a.m.

Bring your own sack lunch and drink - and wear your fabulous warm fall outfits!!!

RSVP So that you have a seat and we record your attendance!

PROGRAM - Public Relations and Parade Chairmen will update us on CFD and what the future holds.

We are so excited to once again see everyone!

Date: 09/11/2020 (Fri.)

Time: 11:45am - 1:00pm MDT

Location: Lions Park South Picnic Shelter

September Artisan of the Month: Linda Stowers



Joyce Bailey, Historian

Providing raffle prizes (homemade bread and jam) for the September General Membership meeting is Linda Stowers. Linda has been a member of Civic League since 2012. Her sponsor was Katherine Van Dell. (Thank you, Katherine!) As you know, Linda is currently our club President. Linda also served two years as co-chair

of the Youth and Family Services Committee and Co-Chaired Christmas House 2017 with Trish Palluck.

Linda has a BA from the University of Wyoming in and taught elementary school in Green River for 10 of the Wyoming Education Association (WEA) and Association (NEA) and served as Treasurer of WEA President of WEA for three years.



Elementary Education years. She is a member National Education for four years and

She worked at the Wyoming Department of Education, serving as Director of School Accreditation and Special Services. She was the Executive Director of the Professional Teaching Standards Board for the State which certified all Wyoming educators. She retired from that position in 2006.

Linda works part-time for the National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification. She is the Conference Coordinator and Secretary to the Board of Directors. This work requires her to work with a 12-member Board made up of State Directors from across the U.S. She also does the coordination for three national conferences including registration, working with hotel catering, and keeping everyone happy.

She loves being a grandmother to 10 grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Photos included above: *Left* - Linda and granddaughter Kehlani. *Right* - Christmas House 2017 Co-Chairs, Trish Palluck and Linda Stowers.

Raffle Tickets: 5/\$1



50-50 Raffle Tickets: \$1

Rosemary Olive Artisan Bread

Please bring exact change so that handling of bills is limited

YEARBOOK CHANGES

A special thanks to Earleen Weaver for her work on the Yearbook. It will be available at the Luncheon. If you are unable to pick one up, please contact Earleen to make arrangements to get one.

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

Add to the yearbook –

Reckling, Shri (Carlton) '09	307-514-4010
505 Thoroughbred Lane 82009	307-630-1767
	shridare@yahoo.com

ESO BOOK CLUB

BOOKS FOR THE YEAR 2020-21

I hope that you have all had a good summer. We will be trying to meet this year for our book club. I am attaching the list for the year, the dates and the time for our book club. I hope that many of you will choose to join us. I am also attaching the blank list that you can fill out. You can turn in when it is all filled out. I will be collecting the lists until Dec. 31. Thanks! Lucy Russell and Heather Dodson.

ESO BOOK CLUB

BOOKS FOR THE YEAR 2020-2021

We will meet at Barnes & Noble on the dates listed below at 9:15 am.

September 21-It All Comes Back to You by Beth Duke

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October 26-Naked in Death by J.D. Robb

November 16-Jane Austin Society by Natalie Jenner

December 14-Becoming by Michelle Obama

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

MEMBERSHIP

An orientation to Women's Civic League will be held later this fall for new members, prospective members, and sponsors. This club year we will be introducing new members at the September, October, and April meetings. Guests are always welcome to attend any general membership meeting, and social functions and committee meetings when appropriate. I ask each of you to please be scouting for new members throughout the club year. If you know of a potential new member but do not wish to be a sponsor, please let contact me at tpal57@yahoo.com or 307-630-8700.

A **BIG THANK YOU** to each of you for your continued support and commitment to Women's Civic League. It is because of you that we can make a difference in our community and beyond. Yes, our club has felt the impact of COVID-19. But I know the strength and determination of this club's amazing members will make this another awesome year filled with fun, friendship, and service to others.

Trish Palluck, Membership
Chair

BYLAWS

There are several Bylaw changes the Club needs to consider this fall. Patty Benskin will be Chair for the committee to review these changes. If you want to be on the committee please contact Linda Stowers, lpstowers54@gmail.com by September 10th. All meetings will be conducted via Zoom.

The Board is suggesting we suspend the current Bylaw regarding attendance at meetings. The requirement to suspend a Bylaw, Article IX. Amendments Section 1. If a quorum has been established these Bylaws may be amended, suspended, or repealed at any regular meeting by a two-thirds vote of active membership present. The proposed amendment, suspension or repeal shall have been presented in writing to the membership and read at the preceding meeting. The Bylaw change is as follows:

Article III Membersip

Section 3. Active Members

- ~~b) Members have a standing luncheon reservation for General Membership meetings. Members shall pay for any meal reservation that is not cancelled five (5) days prior to the luncheon.~~
- ~~e) After a member has missed three (3) General Membership meetings, the Membership Chairman shall contact her regarding her status. Prior to missing a fourth General Membership meeting, her options are to (1) communicate with the Membership Chairman prior to the next Board of Directors meeting stating the reasons for the missed meetings, creating a plan of action if necessary and requesting the Board's consideration of her retention in Active status; (2) apply for Inactive status; or (3) resign in good standing. Failure to comply with one of these options may result in the member being dropped by the Board of Directors upon a two-thirds vote.~~

SUBSTANCE ABUSE COMMITTEE



RECOVER WYOMING

Miracles are happening in Cheyenne every day at Recover Wyoming! Volunteers are walking alongside people in recovery from addiction to help build long-term recovery. Lives are being restored and our community is safer, more vibrant and healthier!

We are hosting the **9th Annual Country Cajun Fest** dinner and fundraiser on Friday, September 18, 2020 at Terry Bison Ranch starting at 5:30 p.m. The **COUNTRY CAJUN FEST** will celebrate National Recovery Month and the lives which have been enhanced by Recover Wyoming, in addition to raising funds to continue this important work.

This is our principal fundraiser, and money raised is vital to continuing the important services at Recover Wyoming. So... **Let the Good Times Roll!! literally!** To continue the celebration while helping ensure a safe, socially-distanced environment, we'll be hosting this year's event drive-in movie style.

Our loyal guests will hop in their cars and roll up to Terry Bison Ranch's drive-in movie area for a special twist on a beloved annual event.

You or your organization can invest in recovery and become involved in several ways:



Become a Corporate Sponsor – \$500 buys special recognition during the event including having your business and logo displayed on the big movie screen! Your organization will also receive 8 complimentary tickets.



Create and donate a themed basket that will be auctioned off in our live auction. Ideas for baskets may include hobbies (fishing, camping, biking, crafts, gardening); event promotion (sports events such as football tickets, golf lessons) or ways to enjoy life (cooking, relaxation/spa, reading). Please let us know if we can assist you in thinking of other creative ideas!

You and your organization will receive acknowledgement in the promotional materials related to the event, including our website and Facebook page. Your donation is tax deductible as we are a 501(c) 3 non-profit.

We hope you will choose to be a partner in making miracles happen in Laramie County and throughout the state!

Milward Simpson, Executive Director
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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 Linda Stowers photos! Free advertising and a greater reach than TV or Newspaper!

AFTERNOON BUNKO

Sign-up for Afternoon Bunko at the meeting on Friday, September 11th or contact Laura Gorman by calling 630-7513 or e-mail at ljjgorman@msn.com

AFTERNOON GOURMET

Sign-up for Afternoon Gourmet at the meeting on Friday, September 11th or contact Lynn McLaughlin by calling 281-723-1105 or e-mail at lj180@yahoo.com

GFWC-WYOMING

Message from GFWCWyoming

SOCKS! GFWC International Civic Engagement and Public Policy CSP has challenged all clubs to collect socks for needy organizations in our communities. I am asking CL members to bring socks to Friday's meeting (Men, women, children). I will collect them and make sure CL gets the credit. They will be going to Veteran's Rock, Coalition for the Homeless, Family Promise, and/or Safehouse. Thank you, Ladies,!

The Fall Workshop has been rescheduled to October 10th from 10-1 as a zoom meeting. Everyone is invited but Club Presidents and Club Committee Chairmen are particularly encouraged. There are lots of changes and challenges coming in the two-year administration to learn about!

Turning Point Suffragist Memorial – Wyoming has a chance to be on the commemorative wall of this soon to be brand new memorial dedicated to women suffragists and gaining the rights of women to vote. Since Wyoming was the first Territory to allow this (50 years before the 19th amendment passed!) the GFWCW Board voted to collect money for this project. Donations can be sent to Katherine Van Dell with checks made out to GFWCW – she will have a separate accounting for them. I am pleased to say we are well on our way to the \$1000 goal!

Finally, registration for WSR is through the member portal at the gfwc.org site. Although it will be virtual on the 26th of September it should still be fun. Register now!

Nancy Kaufman

OTHER ITEMS

Day of Giving Drive-Thru Event will be September 25, 2020 from 8-4 at the Kiwanis Community House in Lions Park. Visit www.cheyennedayofgiving.org.



GFWC Women's Civic League of Cheyenne

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