

KALEIDOSCOPE

A proud member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs

February 2017



President's Message

Katherine Van Dell

As GFWC Women's Civic League of Cheyenne President, I am required to submit the President's Report for 2016. In preparing this report, I am so very proud of all the good work that this club does within Cheyenne and Laramie County. We touch so many citizens' lives, charities, and governmental entities. Through our newsletter, Kaleidoscope, you are able to read all what the committees and Board are involved with; however, until you read all of the reports and compile this report you do not realize the scope of what is accomplished. It is obvious that you the WCLC's membership is committed and dedicated to accomplishing good works. It is impressive!

Trish Peoples, Phyllis Salzburg, and I have been closely monitoring a proposed bill, HB 159 Homeless Minors in the 2016 legislature. The purpose of the bill is to provide options for youth, 16 years old and older, who are experiencing homelessness on their own, so that they may have safety and independence. These youths have goals of finishing high school and moving on with their life as productive citizens, although statistics in Wyoming show only 20% of youth that experience homelessness graduate high school. We can change these statistics by allowing them to have options to find housing and the ability to provide for themselves. There are too many homeless children in this state and in Cheyenne, there are 20 identified homeless high school students trying to complete their education. Most homeless students in this age group stay under the radar, as they do not want anyone to know they are homeless. Many students become "couch surfers", which means they spend nights with various friends' families. The Unaccompanied Student Initiative is the 2018 Community

Improvement Project of Trish Peoples and I. Connie Glassman has agreed to serve as chair of the committee. Phyllis Salzburg is also a member of this committee. We hope that many of you will agree to assist with this project.

It has truly been an honor to be president of this outstanding organization. We women truly become sisters, an extended family, with friendships that will last the remainder of our lives.

Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement. Nothing can be done without hope and confidence. Helen Keller

WANTED GFWC JENNIE AWARD NOMINEE

The GFWC Jennie Award honors one clubwoman from each GFWC Region for outstanding commitment to club, community, and family.

The nominee is chosen by the club to compete at state, region, and national levels for the Federation's highest honor. The award is an occasion to highlight extraordinary clubwomen who epitomize her spirit of independence, courage, and persistence in purpose through their roles as volunteers within their clubs, elsewhere in the community, and as members of a family or extended family. Although GFWC has many awards for states and clubs, the GFWC Jennie Award is the only national honor that recognizes individual members for personal excellence.

Nominations will be evaluated on the following criteria: commitment to club, commitment to community, and commitment to family.

Please submit the name of a nominee to Katherine Van Dell prior to the March Board meeting, which is on March 1, 2017.

GFWC Women's Civic League of Cheyenne

Katherine Van Dell, President
Trish Peoples, First Vice-President
Patti Reese, Second Vice-President
Earleen Weaver, Recording Secretary
Barb Kuzma, Corresponding Secretary
Teresa Kunkel, Treasurer



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Cards sent to WCLC members during the month of January:

Jane Iverson	Sympathy	Husband Passed
Wendy Owen	Congratulations	New Grandson
Fran Smyth	Get Well	Husband's Heart Surgery
Susie McHenry	Sympathy	Father-in-Law Passed
Barb Clark	Get Well	Bone Cancer
Debbie Przymus	Sympathy	Mother Passed

Second Vice-President

Patti Reese

BACK TO WORLD WAR II

Presented by Michael Kassel Curator of Collections

Cheyenne Frontier Days Old West Museum



GFWC WOMEN'S CIVIC LEAGUE FEBRUARY MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND LUNCHEON

Guest Day

WHERE: Little America

WHEN: February 8, 2017

Time: 11:30 Social – 12:00 Luncheon and Meeting

Cost: \$22.00

Lunch Buffet

- Garden Salad with Cherry Tomatoes, Cucumber and Assorted Dressings.
- Lasagna Bolognese with Seasonal Vegetables
- Dessert

The lunch buffet is accompanied by fresh baked rolls, coffee or tea.

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

GFWC Community Improvement Projects run for 2 years and then are reported to GFWC International. Katherine Van Dell (WCLC President) and Trish Peoples (WCLC 1VP) are really excited about and committed to our project--the Unaccompanied Student Initiative (USI). Many thanks to Connie Glassman for introducing us to this project! In a nutshell, USI is a continuum of care to help homeless teens finish high school. This may involve getting an at-risk student off the street on a cold, winter night. It also includes helping a family with the expense of allowing a teen to "couch surf." Finally, USI plans to break ground on two permanent homes for homeless students where they can focus on high school graduation. As you can imagine, this project helps both the students and the community.

What we've done...

- WCLC CGC grant last year to help furnish the homes
- WCLC community service committee grants last year for window treatments for the homes
- WCLC provided caps and gowns to graduating students enrolled in the program
- WCLC representatives provided support during legislative committee hearings to pass a bill that would allow students are young as 16 to reside in the home
- X-JWC (partnering with WCLC) donated 350 toiletries for use by students in the program
- X-JWC is running a fundraiser to provide support for USI students
- Another partner, VFW Post 11453, donated \$1,000 for use in furnishing home

What you can do...

- Join us! Invite the USI team to talk to your other philanthropic groups to partner on this important project. Report what you are doing to us!

Materials will be available at the February Membership Meeting!

YEARBOOK CHANGES

Barb Costa	Page 70	Email: barbcosta1409a@gmail.com
Pat Caldwell	Page 68	Email: patriciakaycaldwell@gmail.com
Roberta Bolton	Page 53	Email: Roberta.wyo@gmail.com
Beth Tidwell Honorary Member		Email: tidwellelizabeth@yahoo.com

NEEDS FOR FEBRUARY

Chris Shay has requested the following Needs:

Shelf milk	Hamburger Helper	Small Cans of Soup
Jelly or Jam	Hamburger Helper	

COMMUNITY GRANT COMMITTEE

CGC met this week and reviewed grant applications. It was decided, after 3 were referred to committees, to hear 11 presentations.

We will meet again on Monday, February 27th beginning at 8am. This will be at the Westgate Clubhouse and the first presentation will be at 8:20 so please be on time.

Potluck breakfast and lunch will be available (first half of alphabet breakfast and second half lunch using last names). Contact Karen Kent or myself with any questions.

Presentations should be done around lunchtime and we will deliberate immediately following them (ok, maybe we'll eat first 😊). In order to vote, you will need to be present for ALL 11 speakers. I anticipate this taking about 1 1/2 - 2 hours.

This meeting is open to all active and associate members and anyone who has heard all 11 presentations is eligible to vote.

We look forward to seeing you and are excited about the worthy causes we are going to hear about.
Karen Kent and Nancy Kaufman

ESO BOOK CLUB

BOOKS FOR THE YEAR 2016-2017

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

February 27-Tortilla Flat by John Steinbeck

March 20-All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr

April 17-Girl Waits with gun by Amy Stewart

May 15-Mrs.. Lincoln's Dressmaker by Jennifer Chiaverini

Military Outreach Committee (MOC)

Flo Beville, Chair, Mary Lee Dixon, Co-Chair

A Thank You Luncheon for Military Volunteers was held on January 13th. This was sponsored by Christmas House Chairs, Admin and Pat Stenback. WCLC attendees were Karen Kent, Co-Chair and Tandie Opsal Co-Chair 2016 CH, Flo Beville Admin. Asst CH 2016, Julie Gliem and family, Pat Stenback and family and Carol Horam.

Also during January, the MOC Committee voted unanimously to make donations to the following:

Airman's Attic \$150 Quilts of Valor - \$200 Final Salute - \$200

BYLAWS AND STANDING RULES COMMITTEE

On January 23, 12 members of WCLC, acting as the Bylaws Committee, met to review the current Bylaws and Standing Rules of GFWC WCLC. Their proposals were presented at the Board meeting on Feb. 1. The following are the proposed revisions and this along with an explanation and time for questions or comments at the February General Membership meeting will serve as their first reading. The second reading and vote will take place at the March General Membership meeting.

Thank you for looking these over. Sherri Geringer, Parliamentary Advisor

BYLAWS, STANDING RULES COMMITTEE MEETING JANUARY 23, 2017

BYLAWS

ARTICLE III. Membership

Section 3. b. Page 92 (*second sentence*)

Members shall pay for any meal reservation that is ~~made and~~ not cancelled five (5) days prior to the luncheon.

Section 5. c. Page 94 (*last sentence*)

An Associate member may not be ~~chairman of chair the CCG~~, the **Community Grant Committee**, the Membership **Committee** or Christmas House. ~~Committees.~~

Section 5.f. Page 95

The Membership Chairman shall notify Associate members by March 1 of the date by which their dues must be paid, the amount of their dues and **Christmas House financial obligations**, and to whom their checks must be mailed.

Section 5. g. Page 95 (*new language replacement of current letter "g"*)

Failure to pay Christmas House Ticket obligations by the November General Membership meeting may result in being dropped from membership at any Board of Directors meeting by a two thirds vote.

Section 5. h. Page 95

Re-lettering of former Section 5. g. Language remains the same.

ARTICLE IV. Officers

Section 2. Page 97 (*divided into 2 parts beginning at last sentence*)

Section 2. She shall be chairman of the Board of Directors. ~~and act as advisor to the Board following her term as President.~~

Section 3. The immediate Past President shall act as advisor to the Board following her term as President, chair the nominating committee, and act as coordinator of all the Community Service Program Committees.

Sections 3-7. Re-number

Section 7. a. Page 98 (*new number Section 8*) (*second sentence*)

She shall pay all budgeted bills approved by the Board of Directors, and after approval by the Board and the general membership, she shall pay **appropriate bills from unbudgeted funds and allocations.**

Section 7. e. Page 99 (*new number Section 8*)

Along with the Budget/Financial Review committee, she shall ensure that the Christmas House Treasurer provides a proper accounting of all receipts and expenditures, along with monies realized at the completion of the project, to be incorporated into the Club Treasurer's general ledger.

ARTICLE V. Meetings, Rules, Voting and Quorums

Section 5 and 6 Page 100

Incorporate language of Section 6 into Section 5. Delete Section 6.

ARTICLE VI. Board of Directors

Section 2. Page 101 *(add new sentence at end)*

Any such action taken by the Executive Board shall be reported at the following Board of Directors meeting to be ratified by the full board and recorded in its minutes.

ARTICLE VII. Committees

Section 1. a. Page 101 *(add new sentence at end)*

She may appoint a committee to assist her.

Section 1. c. Page 102

In coordination with the President, the chairman may appoint a committee to take charge of the publicity of the Club ... etc.

Section 1. d. ii. Page 102 *(addition)*

The chairman shall chair the Financial Review Committee which will be composed of the chairman, Club Treasurer, and two (2) non-Board members appointed by the Club President in January.

Section 1. d. ii. 2) Page 103 *(addition)*

The financial records of the Christmas House treasury shall be reviewed by the Budget/Financial Review committee within one hundred twenty (120) days following the completion of Christmas House.

Section 1. f. i. Page 103 *(remove language)*

She shall be responsible for collection Community Service Program Committees and subcommittees membership and expenditure information.

Section 1. f. ii Page 103 *(add second sentence)*

She or a member of her committee shall advise the membership of any contact information changes.

Section 1. g. i. Page 103-104

The Christmas House Chairman shall recommend a Christmas House Treasurer and an Assistant Treasurer to the Board of Directors for approval and for bonding. In consultation with the Christmas House Treasurer, a financial committee of three, one of whom is the Christmas House Treasurer, will be formed. The Christmas House Treasurer may serve two (2) 2-year terms during which she shall work closely with the Club Treasurer and shall receive all funds derived from the project. With approval of the Board of Directors and the General Membership, her term of service may be extended by an additional two years.

Section 1. g. ii Page 104 *(add new sentence)*

The Assistant Treasurer will be fully trained a minimum of 2 years by the Treasurer so she is prepared to succeed to the office of Treasurer.

Section 1. g. Change to "h" Page 105 *(add new language at last sentence)*

The committee shall meet, investigate and propose projects to the Board for approval and recommendation to the General Membership for their consideration and approval. They shall post the grant application on the Club website and publicize in Laramie County the availability of grants from GFWC WCLC.

Section 2. b. Page 106 *(correct end of sentence)*

...and historic preservation.

Section 2. f. Page 106 *(insert comma)*

...better world citizens through advocacy, education, and action to make a positive global impact.

Section 3. a. Page 107 *(insert additional language)*

This Chairman shall serve as the liaison between GFWC International, GFWC of Wyoming, and GFWC Women's Civic League of Cheyenne.

ARTICLE IX. Amendments

Section 2. b. Page 108

Standing rules can may be adopted or suspended by a majority vote.....

ARTICLE X. Election Procedures

Section 1. c. Page 109 *(move language from Section 2 to Section 1. c.)*

A slate of one candidate per office shall be presented by the Nominating Committee at the March Board meeting.

Section 2. Page 109

The slate of one candidate per office nominees shall be recommended in writing to the membership.....

STANDING RULES

ARTICLE S-III. Membership.

Section S-2. a. Page 111

Candidate must be sponsored by one Active or Associate member and endorsed by ~~one~~ **another** Active or Associate member.

Section S-3. c. Page 112 (*addition*)

Active member dues are \$50.00, are due by the April General Membership meeting and are effective for the upcoming **Club** year **beginning in September**.

Section S-7. a. Page 113 (*addition*)

Honorary Membership may be offered to the First Lady of Wyoming, the **Mayor or** First lady of Cheyenne....etc.

Section S-7. b. Page 113 (*correct end of second sentence*)

Should they opt to attend meetings, they are responsible for making **or cancelling lunch reservations with the Second Vice-President**.

Section S-8. Page 114 (*add sentence at end*)

She shall advise the Yearbook chairman of any change in status of a member.

ARTICLE S-IV. Officers.

Section S-7. Page 116 (*add sentence at end*)

She shall serve on the Budget/Financial Review Committee to review the Christmas House financial records.

ARTICLE S-VII. Committees.

Section S-1. a. i. Page 117 (*add sentence*)

The chairman shall keep a record of club members' leadership positions and committee participation. **She may appoint a record keeper for these duties. And She** shall make this record available to the Nominating Committee....etc.

Section S-1. a. iii Page 117 (*change language*)

The chairman refers new member names and information to the Board of Directors, collects new member dues, updates membership guide, and introduces new members at ~~the September~~ **a General Membership** meeting.

Section S-1. e. Page 118 (*divide "e" and add language*)

S-1. e. i. This committee shall.....with the remainder assigned to the Community Service Program Committees. Any funds remaining after May 31 will revert to the Community Grant Committee. S-1. e. ii. Remainder of Section 1. e. will become 1. e. ii.

Section S-1. g. Page 119 (*correction*)

Christmas House ~~Program~~ **Standing** Committee

Section S-1. h. Page 119 (*new subsection*)

The Community Grant Committee shall meet to determine redistribution of any reverted funds.

Section S-2. Page 119 (*add language*)

The immediate Past President shall be the coordinator of the Community Service Program Committees. She shall meet with the committee chairmen. She may also chair the Home Life Community Service Program Committee. She may choose her own co-chair.

Section S-2. b. Page 119 (*correction*)

The ~~chairman~~ **committee** may advise the membership concerning local and national environmental, recycling, and conservation activities which may be of interest.

Section S-2. d. Page 119 (*delete letter i, re-letter*)

~~It is recommended that the immediate past president be the coordinator of the Home Life Community Service Committee. She may choose her own co-chair.~~

Section S-2. d. ii. Page 119

ii. i. The There may be a Special Needs subcommittee ~~may be used~~ to **support and** enrich the lives of people with special needs, to be described as people with developmental, physical, mental and brain injury disabilities.

Section S-2. d. iii. Page 119

iii. ~~ii.~~ ~~The~~ **There may be a** Youth and Family services subcommittee ~~may~~ **to** support a variety of youth and family programs that promote literacy, citizenship and support in developing and maintaining healthy family lifestyles.

Section S-2. d. iv. Page 120

iv. ~~iii.~~ ~~The~~ **There may be a** Women's Issues subcommittee ~~may~~ **to** serve as an advocate and champion for the improvement and well-being of women and assure that a portion of GFWC Women's Civic League of Cheyenne's time and resources go towards benefiting women in the community.

Section S-2. d. v. Page 120

v. ~~iv.~~ ~~The~~ **There may be a** Senior Services subcommittee ~~may~~ **to** support a variety of programs that promote independence, enrich the quality of life, and promote support for the elderly and their caregivers in the Laramie County community.

Section S-2. d. v. Page 120 (*new subsection*)

There may be other committees as deemed appropriate.

Section S-2. e. i. Page 120

~~The~~ **There may be a** Legislative subcommittee ~~will~~ **to** advise the membership concerning activities of governmental entities which may be of interest to the membership.

Section S-2. e. ii. Page 120

~~The~~ **There may be a** Military Outreach subcommittee ~~will~~ **to** assess and support the needs of the military, military families and the military retirees of the community.

Section S-2. e. iii. ~~The~~ **There may be a** Substance Abuse subcommittee ~~will~~ **to** provide drug and alcohol prevention education and to work to develop projects and to partner with other organizations to support individuals and families dealing with addiction issues.

Section S-2. e. iv. (*new subsection*)

There may be other committees as deemed appropriate.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee will meet February 27 at 1:15 at the Westgate Community Center. Note the change. Not the library. See you then. Pat

SPECIAL NEEDS COMMITTEE

Special Needs will be meeting Friday, February 10th at the home of Karen Knutson, 514 West 24th Street.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The High Schools all have the applications and they are due Monday, March 15th and the committee will review the applications on March 20th.

SENIOR SERVICES COMMITTEE

The committee will meet on February 14th , Barb Kuzma's Office, 11:00 to assemble Valentine's Baskets.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Currently we have 13 Lifetime members, 121 Associate Members and 93 Active Members.

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE

The International Outreach Committee has again purchased six items from the UNICEF market which we will be raffling off at the March general membership meeting. By purchasing the six items, we have provided 65 polio vaccines, 480 oral hydration salts, 32 measles vaccines, and 9 life-saving nourishment packets. The money we receive from the raffle we will be sending to Operation Smile. So this is a win-win situation. We look forward to having a fun time with the raffle at the March meeting. Thanks from the International Outreach Committee.

THANK YOU

We have received the following thank yous:

Laramie County Jail: sewing machine for quilting

Salvation Army: Empty Stocking Fund

Guardianship Program

Foster Grandparents

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Save The Date: Daytime Bunco

All WCL ladies are invited to join our daytime Bunco group. Our next meeting will be on Monday February 27th at the home of Pam Crochet at 6700 Redwood Ct. Play begins at 12:30 and the cost to play is \$5.00. Bunco is a fun dice game and no skill is required. We play 3 games and are done in time for those needing to pick up children from school. You do need to RSVP if you can join us so that we have a place for you at the table. New members are always welcome to join us. Please RSVP to Vickie Smith at 635-5658 or email me at jvsmith611@msn.com or Carol Fagan at 634- 4753 or email at carol_fagan@msn.com by Sunday February 26th. We look forward to seeing you then.

Thanks Vickie Smith, Carol Fagan

Bicycle Roundup! April 22, 2017 – American Legion Post 6 Parking Lot, 12-4

Bring your new bicycles, old bicycles, broken bicycles, and bicycle pieces! Everything you bring will go to the Wyoming Coalition for the Homeless! So dig around in your garage for those old bikes and bring them to the roundup in April! If you can't do it yourself, call Trish Peoples, 637-0131.

Annual X-JWC Bunco Party

You are invited to the 9th Annual X-JWC Bunco Party Friday February 10, 2017, 5:30 p.m. at Unitarian Universalist Church, 3005 Thomes.(West or East door), Parking available: lot off Pioneer (Enter door off alley), Peak Wellness Center or street parking.

\$12 for meal and bunco (same price for meal only) 50/50 drawing

All but 10% raised will be donated to Children's Museum, Disability Accessible area at Cahill Park and LCCC Scholarship Foundation.

Information: call Carolyn 640-1457 Karen 640-5804

Trish Peoples and Phyllis Salzburg attending the Comea Shelter Fundraiser



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Selfie
SNAP!

AWESOME 80'S PROM

Club Websites!

GFWC: www.GFWC.org
GFWC-Wyoming: <http://www.gfwcwyoming.org>
GFWC Women's Civic League of Cheyenne: <http://www.womenscivicleaguecheyenne.org>
Christmas House Facebook page: GFWC Women's Civic League of Cheyenne

Group e-Mails

GFWC Women's Civic League of Cheyenne: wclcmembers@googlegroups.com
WCLC social group (non-club topics): wclcsocial@googlegroups.com
WCLC Board of Directors: wclcboard@googlegroups.co