



HOTLINE

MARCH 2020



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Reminder: Daylight Savings Time starts Sunday March 8 – Spring ahead!

TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2020 MEETING AND LUNCHEON

Lunch menu: Caesar salad, chicken cordon Bleu, garlic mashed potato, vegetables, carrot cake, or chef salad. Speakers are Brenda Birkle and Kristen Balderaz from My Front Door, and Jason Hardy, Kim Ley, and Laura Wagner from Rooted in Cheyenne.

WAYS AND MEANS – BUNCO FUNDRAISER MONEY DUE!



Money for Bunco Fundraiser tickets is due to Carolyn Turbiville at the General Membership meeting, March 3, 2020. She will be at the table where you check in for the luncheon. Please come prepared to turn in your money.



If you are unable to attend the luncheon, other arrangements can be made to turn in your money by calling Carolyn at 632-8244 or 640-1457. March 13th is the absolute last day you can sell tickets as the Moose Lodge needs the count of those attending so they can order the food they will be preparing.

Remember -- if you have been unable to sell your tickets, monetary donations are certainly appreciated. Preparations for the Luncheon and Bunco fundraiser are coming along nicely! The fundraising committee thanks the members who have graciously stepped up, volunteering to bring desserts and helping with other tasks. Those who have volunteered will receive a reminder call a day or two before the event. Ways & Means Bunco Fundraiser Committee: Deb Cullins, Carol Steinhour, Carolyn Turbiville, Toni Greene, Bev Rogers, Karen Lee

NOMINATING COMMITTEE Carolyn Turbiville Chairman.

Committee Members: Toni Greene, Mary Ann Kamla, Bev Rodgers and Sue Tardif

Nominations are open for 2nd Vice President. Hopefully, the nominee would then move on to be Vice President and President. If you wish to become 2nd Vice President or wish to nominate

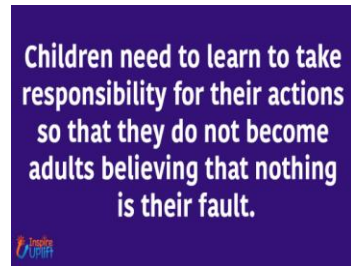
someone, please contact one of the committee members. If you nominate someone, make sure you have their permission and are qualified.

2020 – 2021 -- Kathleen Petersen will move up to President. Secretary Deb Cullins, Treasurer Bev Campbell and Membership Chairman Joanne Basset were elected for two-year terms last year.

President Elect Katherine Van Dell has agreed to move up from 2nd Vice President to run for President Elect

Thank you to those who have agreed to serve our club!!

EDUCATION COMMITTEE Carolyn Turbiville Chairman



Recently, Judy Kallal (who had a son with dyslexia) and I met with Wyoming Literacy Co-founders Heather Fleming and Kari Roden for lunch and to discuss dyslexia. Heather had asked me for input from a classroom teacher. Judy joined us as a former teacher and mother of a child who had dyslexia.



Phyllis Black, March 6
Jane Davidson, March 10
Carol Steinhour, March 10
Donna Newland, March 12

Julia Ortner, March 19
Thelma Harrell, March 20
Judy Kallal, March 25
Katherine Van Dell, March 25

Jenny Mullin, March 28

MARCH IS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH



Remembering Thyra Thomson

One of X-JWC's members of note was Thyra Thomson who served as club president 1948 – 1949. She was Wyoming Secretary of State, 1963 – 1987. Thyra was born July 20, 1916 in Florence, Colorado; she died in Cheyenne at 96, June 11, 2013,.

Her father died when she was three in a mine explosion and when in her teens, her mother brought her and her youngest brother to Cheyenne. She earned a BA *cum laude* from UW in 1939. The same year she married Edwin Keith Thomson from Newcastle who was working on his law degree at UW. He served in WWII and after returning, he and Thyra became active in statewide politics.

In 1954 Keith was elected to Congress and the family with 3 sons moved to Washington D.C. After 3 terms in the U.S. House, Keith was elected to the U.S. Senate in November 1960 and on December 9, 1960 he died of a heart attack at the age of 41. Thyra returned to Wyoming with her sons and in 1962 she was elected Wyoming Secretary of State beginning a long and distinguished political career. She was the first woman to be elected to that position in Wyoming. She was elected six times by Wyoming voters. When she chose to retire at the end of 1986 she had served 24 years, longer than any state house official in Wyoming's history.

Thyra was lauded by both men and women for speaking up for citizen needs and concerns. As the two-paycheck family became prevalent and large numbers of women began to enter the job market during the 1970s, Thomson led efforts for equal pay for women and recognition of the comparable worth of women's jobs. She promoted the idea that adequate daycare at affordable prices was essential. She traveled extensively on behalf of Wyoming, participated in international conferences, was elected to leadership positions in national organizations while she served as Wyoming Secretary of State.

Thyra was called to testify before congressional committees, filled speaking engagements nationwide and made television guest appearances. She was named an International Woman of Distinction by women educators, a Distinguished Alumna by the University of Wyoming, a Woman of Achievement by press women, and was cited by professional and academic honor societies in economics, commerce and education. Noting that she reared and educated three sons, she was cited in "Mothers of Achievement in American History 1776-1976."

Upon Thyra's retirement on January 5, 1987, many newspapers, including the Los Angeles Times, carried feature stories on her career. She sat on the boards of the Cheyenne Symphony, the Buffalo Bill Center of the West in Cody Wyoming and the University of Wyoming. She also became an enthusiastic golfer and was an avid bridge player.

Pete Simpson, retired University of Wyoming historian and administrator and the Republican gubernatorial nominee in 1986, the first year that Thomson no longer appeared on a Wyoming ballot, called Thomson "the queen of Wyoming ... sort of a cross between a Broadway star and a Wyoming cowgirl." Simpson said that he first met Thomson in 1954, when he was twenty-three and his father, Milward L. Simpson, was running for governor. He further described Thomson with two words: "chutzpah" and "pizzazz." Thomson is interred with her husband at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia. *Source: Wikipedia*