



KALEIDOSCOPE

MARCH 2024



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President's Message

CLAUDIA WILEN

Welcome to March! If the saying holds true for wind, then March came in like a lion and we can only hope it goes out like a lamb with an early Spring.

By now you have all received your invoice for the 2024-25 club dues. Deb Fairchild has been busy not only receiving your dues but also positive feedback for this new method of collection. And the best thing about this new program is that you can expect monthly reminders if your fees are still due, or a receipt verifying you have paid. As with all personal financial matters it is wise to keep track of your receipt. February was a busy month for club business.

I want to thank Brenda Laird for stepping in to serve as acting membership chair to call the nominating committee together to form a slate of new officer nominees. These nominees will serve during the 2024-25 club year under President Kristin Riley. We will be in good hands. The board has unanimously approved this slate and I wish to thank these members for agreeing to serve our club. Please take time to acquaint yourselves with these nominees. The slate will be read at the April membership meeting, followed by nominations taken from the floor and vote to follow.

Marianne Gatti, CGC chair, presented the list of Christmas House grant recipients as voted on during the committee's meetings. The motion to forward the list to the general membership for approval at this month's meeting was made by Marriane and approved by the board.

The few changes brought forward to the Bylaws and Standing Rules were printed in last month's edition of the Kaleidoscope and will be read with a vote taken at this month's meeting also. Please familiarize yourself with these changes to be an informed voter.

Due to the increasing cost of printed materials, the board is pondering continued printing of the member yearbooks. Several options have been suggested, but it was decided to table further discussion until the April board meeting, in hopes we can get valuable input from our members. Possible options include: continued printing of all information; omitting the bylaws since they are now accessible on the WCLC website; paring down the Christmas House information by excluding the list of former homes; removing the list of Education and CGC grant awards and printing them in the Kaleidoscope instead; excluding the white page information regarding GFWC and GFWC-WY which can all be found on the GFWC-WY website; provision for members to opt in or out of receiving a hard copy. All thoughts from you will be taken into consideration so please contact myself or a board member with any suggestions.

It sounds like our service committees have many activities planned for the remainder of the year, so please plan to jump in and participate in them when you are able.

Claudia

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



February Correspondence

2/3/24 - Ruth Storey Family - sympathy - Ruth passed away

2/6/24 - Ibby Davis Family- sympathy - Ibby passed away

2/10/24 - Trish Schegel - get well - Had surgery and broke foot

2/10/24 - Carol Horam - congratulations - had first grandchild

BY-LAWS

Below are the recommended bylaw and standing rule amendments for consideration and a vote at the March General Membership meeting.

BYLAWS

ARTICLE VII. COMMITTEES

- h) **Yearbook Committee:** The Chairman shall select committee members, as needed to assist with compiling information for the yearbook. She shall work with the President, the President-elect, the Vice-President, the Membership Chairman, the Christmas House Chairman, the GFWC-Wyoming President, and any other members as necessary to assemble the yearbook information by July 1. She shall be responsible for collecting **current CGC, and Scholarship Committee** ~~Community Service Program Committees and subcommittee's~~ expenditure information **for publication in the yearbook**. She shall make arrangements for printing and have the yearbooks ready to be distributed at the September General Membership meeting.
- i) She or a member of her committee shall ~~advise the membership~~ **keep a record** of any contact information changes that may occur during the Club year.

Rational: To update and conform to current practice.

STANDING RULES

Article S-7 Committees

Section S-2. Community Service Program Committees

Committee chairs are encouraged to use whatever format necessary to elicit suggested project ideas from their members. Any committee may work on special projects at the local, state, national and international level that promote cultural and international understanding.

Disbursements from the Community Service Program allocations require committee approval.

- ii) Any funds remaining after May 31, will revert to the Community Grant Committee. Upon request, exceptions may be granted by the Board of Directors. If a committee wants to earmark funds beyond the current budget year for a specific project, they must bring the issue to the Board which will have the authority to decide issues regarding the holdover of funds to the next year. **An expenditure report shall be submitted to the Kaleidoscope editor by June 1 for publication in the September issue.**

The Community Service Program Coordinator shall meet with the committee chairmen. She may chair the Health and Wellness Service Program Committee. She may choose her own co-chair.

RATIONAL: To update.

c) **Education and Libraries.**

- i) In addition to relevant educational projects, the committee is responsible for awarding scholarships to high school seniors from Laramie County to be used at the Laramie County Community College, the University of Wyoming, or any Wyoming college or licensed or accredited technical or trade school. The committee may also award scholarships to LCCC non-traditional, ~~female~~ student(s).

RATIONAL: To update.

MILITARY

Valentine's Cookie Drive for Airmen

Thanks to your generous support, over 870 dozen cookies were delivered to units across FE Warren AFB and to the WY National Guard! Sixteen WCLC members baked a total of 78 dozen cookies for the Airmen. This year, for the first time, Trish Schlegel, and her husband, Kevin, drove the Department of Veteran Affairs Outreach's Mobile Medical Van to units across the base to deliver the cookies on Valentine's Day. This allowed us to personally hand the cookies to Airmen. The smiles on the Airmen's faces as we handed them their cookies on Valentine's Day showed how much they appreciated our community's expression of love and care.

FE Warren Community Luncheon

Each month the Chapel at FE Warren AFB holds a fellowship luncheon for the entire base community to build morale and relationships. Base and community organizations volunteer to prepare the meal for this popular monthly event. Carol Cherubin led a team of women in hosting the February event. Carol prepared a delicious meal to serve 200 of BBQ pork, beans, coleslaw, corn, and her amazing cupcakes. In addition to warming their hearts with a homemade meal, Carol created a festive room with Valentine's decorations. Carol's team of helpers included Lorraine Gallagher, Gayla Brown, and Carolyn Ritschard, who assisted with day-of food preparations, decorating, serving, and clean-up. The FE Warren personnel who attended the event appreciated WCLC's expression of love and support.

Warren Spouses Club's Boots & Baubles Scholarship Auction

Please join us in supporting the Warren Spouses Club's Boots & Baubles Dinner and Auction fundraiser. This event helps fund their college scholarship program and local charitable giving.

Two ways to support:

1. Attend the event:

Last year, our WCLC attendees had great fun at this event, which features silent and live auctions and the rowdy and delicious dessert auction! This event is a fun way to meet members of the Warren Spouses' Club--and maybe some spouses will want to join WCLC just as Brenda Lutton was inspired to do! If there is enough interest, we can organize a WCLC VIP table at this event - to be held on Saturday evening, April 6, 2024, at the Cheyenne Elks Lodge #660. (Last year we had 2 VIP tables!) For a VIP table of 8, tickets are \$25 each. If you are interested in attending, please email me at ritschard@yahoo.com by next Thursday, March 14.

2. Donate to our WCLC baskets for the auction:

We are coordinating 2 auction baskets from WCLC--and since our last two year's baskets were such a big hit, our baskets are the same theme as 2022 and 2023!

Fly Fishing trip and basket: If you would like to donate items for the fly-fishing trip basket or money toward a homemade lunch, please bring them to our March 13 social or drop-off your donations at the home of Wendy Owen prior to the social.

Home-canned goods basket: jams, jellies, pickles, veggies, honey, soup, dehydrated treats, etc.! If you would like to donate some canned goods, please bring them to our March 13 social or drop-off your donations at the home of Wendy Owen prior to the social.

Military Outreach Committee Meeting

Please join us for our committee meeting immediately prior to the luncheon on Wednesday, March 13, from 10:30 to 11:15 am.

Thank you all for your support!
Carolyn and Linda

See pictures at the end of the newsletter.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership Yearbook Updates:

Resignation

Julie Pritchett

Julie Wickham's new address:

1528 Rd 113
Cheyenne 82009

Deceased

Lifetime Member Ruth Storey passed away in January 2024. Ruth had been a member since 1954.

Name Badges

If you need a name badge, please contact Deb McCann at debmccann841@gmail.com.
The cost is \$15.00. Please make checks payable to WCLC.

YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES

No report this month as Judy was busy watching basketball.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

WCLC Health & Wellness Committee:

We will be collecting new and gently used twin sheet sets, bath towels, hand towels and washcloths for Safehouse in March and April for Safehouse. We are also collecting small cosmetic bags and donations of personal care items like lotion, shampoo, conditioner, hair spray, make up, tampons etc. etc. for personal care pouches for the women at Safehouse.

Please bring your donations to the March and April WCLC General Membership meeting or you can drop by your donations to 2700 Carey Ave. and just leave them on the porch.

This committee will also, in celebration of Women's History month, donate \$50.00 to the Women's History House in Laramie and we encourage everyone to go check out this great museum in Laramie at your earliest convenience. 317 S. 2nd St., Laramie.

SENIOR SERVICES

Senior Services delivered Valentine's bags of goodies and roses to senior residents of Legacy housing on February 10th. Residents were very appreciative of our gifts!

We held a meeting on 2/21, with 6 members present. We voted to give the balance of our budget to Meals on Wheels, after the rest of our projects this year, to assist with their purchase of thermal covers for their meals, when left at door of their clients. At the end of March, on the 27th at 11:30, we are going out to LCCC to entertain the Foster Grandparents in training with painting small rocks, and sharing treats. This will take place at the Pathfinder building, room 109. If you are interested in going, please let me know so I have an idea of how many will be there.

We discussed doing a May Day project of "basket" delivery to residents of Heritage housing apartments. More to be decided next meeting, the 3rd Wednesday of March, at 11:00. The meeting will be held at Dazbogs on Pershing & College.

Respectfully,
Elise Johnson

ESO

We will be meeting on March 18th at 9:15 at the Boardroom. We are reading Less by Andrew Sean Greer. Please track the books that you read this year. I look forward to seeing you all there.

NEEDS

I am collecting non-perishable food items for the St. Joseph's food pantry. All items would be appreciated. Thanks! Lucy

HISTORIAN

How many of you know we have a very fine Historian? Joyce Bailey has provided us with the History of the Club for years. Thanks, Joyce, for all you do.

WCLC-Sponsored Cowboy Boot Statue

Joyce Bailey, Historian

The WCLC Arts and Culture Community Service Program encourages members to promote and support art and cultural programs in our community. Our goal is to promote projects that include crafts, dance, drama, food, music, and other manifestations of art and culture that develop skills, awareness, and appreciation. It is designed to inspire clubwomen and ignite within them a desire to make the world a more beautiful, thoughtful, and caring place. One of the community projects sponsored by WCLC in 2004 was a fundraiser for the Depot Museum:

Cowboy Boot Project
President of WCLC, Joyce Bailey 2003-2004
Project chair: Trish Peacock (1951-2015)
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Wyoming is the “Cowboy State.” Therefore, it is fitting that the capital city of Cheyenne has eight-foot cowboy boots on numerous street corners. The sculptures were colorfully painted in 2004 during a Depot Museum fundraiser called, These Boots are Made for Talking, a joint project of the Cheyenne Depot Museum Foundation and the DDA. The one in the Cheyenne Depot Plaza, sponsored by WCLC, is a tribute to past Wyoming governors. The design was painted by Alice Reed. Alice is a quilter and an abstract artist. Her love of quilting is easy to see in the Cowboy Boot sculpture called “Governors of Wyoming” which stands at the entrance to the Cheyenne Depot. The top of the boot resembles a quilt and the toe of the boot has quilting patterns on it. Names of Wyoming governors and dates served are inscribed on the white squares on the boot. Boot #16:



Addie Ceballos, Phyllis Salzburg, and Wendy Owen, past presidents of WCLC

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

President Elect: Shelley Toll

I was born in Germany (military brat) and raised in Minnesota and Santa Fe, New Mexico. I attended Stephen's College in Missouri. I modeled until I was married and expecting my first of three children (one daughter, the oldest, and two boys) when my husband and I moved to Southern California.

In 1996, with children in tow, I moved back to New Mexico to care for my mother. After she passed, we decided to make New Mexico our home again. I was now happily single, raising my three children. It was the best job I ever had.

I opened one, then two, then three boutiques. I was recruited to do a live, weekly fashion segment called "Fashion Friday" for NBC, El Paso, Texas, for 4 years until selling my boutiques in 2006 and relocating to Colorado to be closer to my brother (my only sibling.)

My daughter, Brittany, was Miss New Mexico Teen and Miss New Mexico. She now lives in Vermont with her husband and my four adorable grandchildren, whom I don't see often enough.

Both of my boys live close in Colorado and own their own businesses, neither are married. I see them often, but never, never, often enough.

I moved to Cheyenne 4 years ago to be with my best friend, Tim, and I'm happy to say he is now my husband.

I'm just finishing up my year serving as Vice President of WCLC and am honored to be co-chair of our 2024 Christmas House along with Melissa Theriault.



Vice President: Elise Johnson

Elise Johnson has been a member of WCLC since spring of 2021. She has been active in both ESO book club, and Senior Services committee, since she joined, and chairing Senior Services for the last 2 years. She chaired a room at Christmas House in 2022.

Elise and her husband have lived in Cheyenne for 34 years, but had prior residences in Casper, Wyoming, and Bloomington-Normal, Illinois. They were both raised in the Rockford, Illinois area, and went to college in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Elise still has her mother, brother, nieces, and nephews in northern Illinois, and one nephew in Ft. Meade, Maryland.

Elise was an occupational therapist for 42 years, spending her last 15 years of employment at Cheyenne Regional Medical Center. Her interest in WCLC began with her love of going to Christmas House with friends. This tied into her interest in crafting, so after retirement membership into WCLC became possible, which also gave her another opportunity to give back to the community. Elise also enjoys gardening, reading, movies, travel, baking, and loving on her fur babies, dog Chloe and cat Tucker.



Corresponding Secretary: Lynn McLaughlin



Treasurer: Deb Fairchild



Recording Secretary: Shaunna Barnett

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Valentine Cookie pictures





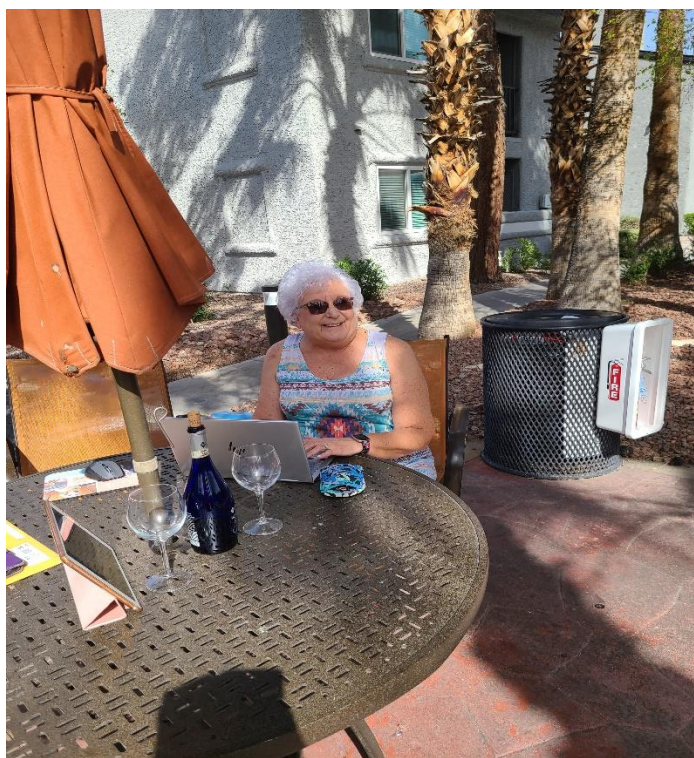
Trish and Kevin Schlegel



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SOCIAL MEDIA

Your editor and her sidekick working for WCLC in Vegas. This is how you put together the Kaleidoscope and write GFWC reports.



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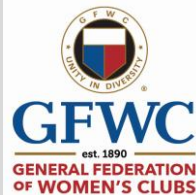
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