

Wyoming News Blast

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GFWC Wyoming President's Message - Mary Lee Dixon



Be Silly—Be Honest—Be Kind

May 2020!

I hope this finds everyone and their families healthy. I know you all have cleaned out every closet/drawer/room in your home, your craft area is empty as you've brought to life many Pinterest ideas and your lawns are raked, watered and gardens beautiful with flowers! OK, maybe not.

We are almost at the end of the 2018-2020 administration and it's time to move on. Thank you for your faith in me to lead during these past two years. July 1 is the official "turnover" date for the new administration to start. Please congratulate and support your 2020-2022 administration. They are:

President: Nancy Kaufman
Vice President: Marcia Volner
Treasurer: Katherine Van Dell

President Elect: Trish Peoples
Secretary: Lucy Russell

Maybe this fall, if the world rights itself, we can hold an installation ceremony for this team.

My president's projects were a mile of dimes, requiring 90,000 dimes. We collected 17,057 dimes during the past two years. March of Dimes was very happy to receive the \$1705.70 check to put towards baby blankets and NICU Mom Care Packages. But that's



Nancy plans to gather dimes during her administration as well. So save, save, save!

My second project was to support Raising Readers. In reading club reports I seen how many clubs across the state supported that effort in their communities. I thank you on their behalf.

My third project was to take care of club members. I read about many fun projects where clubs simply came together to celebrate each other. I hope that carries on in future years. Additionally, GFWC-Wyoming became a member of Mary Ellen Brock's Million Dollar club which supports the care and maintenance of our GFWC Headquarters. Through diligent efforts of fundraising we managed to raise \$1180 to send to that campaign. Thank you to those ladies who bought the sachets and nuts to help raise funds.

Stay healthy! Stay upbeat! Check on club members who may need a little extra help or care!

May (Garden Preparation Month)

Monday, May 4 – Petite and Proud Day (for us short folks!)

Wednesday, May 6 – International Space Day (appreciate those pioneers)

Sunday, May 10 – Stay up “all night” Night (OK, maybe not at my age)

Thursday, May 14 – Fair Trade Day (be aware of world trade practices)

Sunday, May 17 – World Baking Day (good grief, have I done that during this)

Wednesday, May 20 - Tie One on Day (tie a ribbon to cookies for a neighbor)

Tuesday, May 26 – Paper Airplane Day (can you make it fly?)

Friday, May 29 – Paper Clip Appreciation Day (so small yet so helpful)

Saturday, May 30 – Water a Flower Day (beautify your world!)

In Federation,
Mary Lee Dixon
GFWC-W President

GFWC Wyoming President Elect Nancy Kaufman

I hope this finds all of you lovely ladies safe and well as we navigate this pandemic together. My wish is that we can see each other soon in order to celebrate the outgoing administration and usher in the new. Very special thanks and appreciation to Mary Lee Dixon and her amazing Board for all their hard work.

There are lots of changes coming down from International, but I think we are ready for them. I will be speaking with incoming Club Presidents personally as these become finalized after July 1st. There are quite a few GFWC Wyoming Board positions to fill so if anyone would like to consider keeping your current position, try a new one please let me know. Also, anyone who would like to be part of GFWC at the State level, please let me know. This can be quite fulfilling and a terrific way to get to know the Ladies around our state better. Co-chairing is often a less intimidating option so please consider challenging yourselves!

Finally, thank you to all the State Committee Chairwomen who submitted all their reports and award entries. Thank you also to the Club Membership Chairwomen who sent anniversary award information. Those results will follow.

Anniversary Scrolls

Congratulations to the following GFWC Clubwomen for their dedicated years of service!

Casper Active Service Club

60 years

Florence Wolfgang

Laramie Women's Club

10 Years

Linda Simpson

Connie Pliley

Women's Civic League of Cheyenne

10 Years

Mary Bracken

Linda Brunner

Shri Reckling

Carmalee Rose

Heather Rudy

Dr. Sandra Surbrugg

Carrie Westling

20 Years

Collette Elliot

Carol Horam

Nancy Kaufman

Kathy McCleery

Vickie Smith

Tammy Tschacher

25 Years

Carol Farthing

Mary Guthrie

Trish Palluck

30 Years

Connie Dunivent

40 Years

Nan Brown

Beth Edwards

Linda McGuire

Phyllis Salzburg

50 Years

Kay Jessen

Diana McDougal

Mary Weppner

65 Years

Marietta Dineen

Wilma Lathrop

Ruth Storey

Women's Club of Rock Springs

10 Years

Juanita Angeli

Diane Maestas

50 Years

Mary Lou Henderson

X-JWC

10 Years

Shirley Hardscog

Committee Placement Awards 2020

The following awards have been earned by the respective Clubs (in their categories) for their outstanding service to GFWC Wyoming in 2019. Thank you very much for your monumental accomplishments and contributions!

Category I – 20 members or less

GFWC Casper Active Service Club:

First Place: Legislation and Public Policy
Public Issues

Second Place: Home Life

GFWC Meadowlarks:

First Place: Fundraising
Leadership

GFWC Twenty-First Century Club, Newcastle:

First Place: Home Life
Junior Special Project–Advocates for Children

Yoder Women’s Club:

First Place: Conservation
International Outreach

Second Place: Arts
Public Issues

Category II – 21-60 members

GFWC Women’s Club of Rock Springs:

First Place: Arts
Communication and Public Relations
Conservation
Fundraising
Home Life
International Outreach
Junior Special Project – Advocates for Children
Leadership
Legislation and Public Policy
Membership

Public Issues
Signature Project – Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention

Category III – 61 or more members

GFWC Laramie Women’s Club:

First Place: Arts
Fundraising

Second Place: Conservation
Home Life
Membership

GFWC Women’s Civic League of Cheyenne:

First Place: Communication and Public Relations
Home Life
International Outreach
Junior Special Project – Advocates for Children
Leadership
Membership

Second Place: Arts
Legislation and Public Policy
Public Issues
Signature Project – Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention

GFWC X-JWC:

First Place: Conservation
Legislation and Public Policy
Public Issues
Signature Project – Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention

Second Place: Communication and Public Relations
Fundraising
International Outreach
Junior Special Project – Advocates for Children
Leadership

Community Improvement Program Award

1st place went to GFWC X-JWC in Cheyenne, 2nd place went to Women's Civic League of Cheyenne, 3rd place went to the Woman's Club of Rock Springs, GFWC. Laramie Woman's Club also applied with a great community improvement project.

Club News



Meadowlarks President Flo Beville

In April, members of the Larks ordered and gathered books, crayons, colored pencils, coloring books, jigsaw puzzles, and many, many other fun supplies for CASA kids. Ages of the kiddies ranged from 1 to 14. We separated the items by ages and made 43 bags so that each child was able to have their own activity bag to keep them occupied during school closures. Carol at CASA was thrilled with our project. The bags were cloth and very festive pastel colors. We had 11 participants, 15+ hours, over \$400 in-kind donations, PLUS hours spent shopping and ordering. We can count probably about 10 more hours for that. Taking part were Nancy Kaufman, Karen Kent, Sue Tardif, Barb Robertson and her daughter Taylen, Barb Costa, Julie Gliem, and her daughters Michala and Tiffany, Flo Beville, and Carol Horam, our newest Lark Member. Even during this pandemic, we are still able to find worthy projects for our community. In May we donated \$250 to Day of Giving. The picture shows Carol, director of Casa and Julie's daughter Michala when the bags were delivered.



GFWC X-JWC President Trish Peoples

Not even a pandemic can stop X-JWC from celebrating milestones in our members' lives. Iris Trosper turned 100 on May 18th. What else to do but hold a parade led by the Laramie County Sheriff's Office? The birthday girl was overjoyed and the rest of us had a great time as well.



GFWC Woman's Club of Rock Springs President Marcia Volner

We've had our email/snail mail elections, and the new officers start May 19th. We are looking forward to new ideas and fresh energy. Other than making masks and isolation gowns, there is not much news. We are enjoying the warmer weather and getting our hair done. Edna Larsen will be our new president. She is a wonderful lady, and you will all love getting to know her.

News from our Chairmen



Membership Chairman Katherine Van Dell

There was an increase of 32 members in GFWC Wyoming Clubs
21st Century Club +2
Yoder Woman's Club +4
Meadowlarks +14
Woman's Club of Rock Springs +3
Laramie Woman's Club +3
Women's Civic League +3
XJWC +3

Home Life Chairman Phyllis Salzburg

During National Women's Health Week (May 10–May 16) millions of women will hopefully take steps to improve their health. The week serves as a reminder for women to make their health a priority and build positive health habits for life. The 21st annual National Women's Health Week kicks off on Mother's Day, May 10, and is celebrated through May 16.

GFWC News and Notes provided a link to the Turban Project, a non-profit organization which provides free headwear to women who have lost their hair due to medical or other reasons. The headwear is provided free, they even pay shipping! Their website has instructions and patterns for making masks, turbans, and comfort caps. The website also has information on starting your own Turban Project to supply a treatment center in your area. <https://turbanproject.com/>

Go to the Turban Project website, check out your stash of supplies, set up the sewing machine and see what magic you can create for women in your community!

During this unprecedented time, we reflect on the goals of the GFWC Home Life Community Service Program which are so important to us individually and as club members – "... develop and implement creative projects that promote a healthy lifestyle; increase awareness, prevention, research, and treatment of disease; target personal development; address the issues of hunger, inadequate housing, and homelessness; and/or prevent or correct financial difficulties."

We are reading and hearing about these issues every day. Let's continue do what we can as GFWC members and stay safe.

Community Improvement Chairman Karen Brannon

"Now's the time to think up what to do for a CIP project! There are lots of opportunities with COVID19 around, but stay safe!"

Fundraising Chairmen Flo Beville and Karen Kent

Contact Flo at robi53@msn.com or Karen Kent at wyokents@msn.com for tickets for this cozy cabinet!

\$5 or SIX for \$20
Proceeds go to GFWC-Wyoming



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