



# GFWC X-JWC

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**ANNUAL DUES ARE NOW DUE! \$38**

### Lucy Russell, President

I am grateful to have been your president for 2 years. We have had many projects and have been able to donate a considerable sum to K-9's for Mobility. We will be presenting a check to this organization at our May meeting. We will also be installing officers for 2024 – 2025 club year. I am excited to turn over the reins to a new group of ladies who will keep the club going.

I attended the GFWC-W State Convention in Laramie. Our State President Trish Peoples did a great job and we're proud to have had her, as a member of X-JWC, serve GFWC-W the last two years. We had a LEADS (Leadership Education and Development Seminar) workshop, passed a new resolution and elected new officers for the next 2 years. Katherine Van Dell will be the state Vice President and Karen Kent will be President Elect. I wish them the best in their service to our State.

I want to thank my board for all their work these past 2 years. It has been a pleasure to work with them and to take part in the different activities. Last month I met with Karen Kent and Katherine Van Dell to plant Pinwheels for Prevention (Prevent Child Abuse) at Safe Harbor. Then my husband, Phyllis Salzburg and I went to the Capitol with community members and planted pinwheels.



This month after the meeting we will be tying blankets for Nancy Krois' project to benefit the children in Laramie County. I hope that you all will stay late and will help her with this project. The board also decided that we would have our picnic again this summer. The date we chose is August 6<sup>th</sup>. Please put this in your calendars. This has become one of my favorite events and has become an annual event thanks to Kathleen Petersen who started this a few years ago. I wish you all a happy May and hope you all stay healthy and continue to serve our community.

**MAY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**, Tuesday, May 7, 11:30, Red Lion Inn. Menu: Salad, Meat Loaf, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Cheese Cake, Rolls, Cobb or Chef Salad. \$15.00

**REMINDER: LUNCH RESERVATIONS – if not cancelled 24 hours prior to the meeting the club needs to be reimbursed for the cost of lunch if you are unable to attend.**

**PROGRAM** will be presentation of the check for \$4500.47 K9s 4 Mobility, the proceeds from our three fundraisers this year. X-JWC members' hard work at our fund raising events the last two years will have provided \$11,175.47 to K9s 4 Mobility to further their mission of enriching the lives of people with disabilities through the training and placement of assistance dogs. Good work X-JWC members!



**President Lucy Russell's PRESIDENT'S PROJECT** during 2023-2024 club year has collected \$558 from your donations for the LCSD#1 Feed It Forward Program to help cover unpaid meals for students in the District. What a generous group!

**EDUCATION AND LIBRARIES.** Joanne Bassett, chairman.

Great Summer **BOOK EXCHANGE for Kids, Sunday, June 2, 2:00 – 6:00 p.m., Kiwanis Community House.** Do you have kids' books you want to share? Do you have kids who need books to read this summer? June 2, bring your books to Kiwanis Community House after 1:00 p.m. Or drop off books at 215 W 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. before June 2. Kids and their parents are welcome 2-6 to pick out some great books to enliven summer reading. All are welcome! No limits!

This is a community project by people who want to connect kids to books. For more information call Marguerite at 638-1468.

**ENVIRONMENT COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM,** Phyllis Salzburg, Jenny Mullin, Co-Chairman.



The **2024 Spring Bulb Show** has started at the Cheyenne Botanic Gardens and will likely peak in the next couple of Weeks. Check often for the best views in the Blue Bridge pond Gardens, the Cottage Garden, the Labyrinth, and the entrance beds. There are lots of fun spring-inspired classes coming up for kids and adults. Check out their website for registration info.

**Fun at the High Plains Arboretum! Plant sale** Saturday, June 1. CBG members only 10:00 to noon; general public noon to 2:00. **Spring Walk at the Arboretum** June 6, 1:00 – 2:30.

GFWC-W members passed a **Resolution** at convention encouraging members to support recognition of the **High Plains Research Station and Arboretum** as a state historic site and encourage legislation to protect and preserve the site. More information forthcoming on how we can do that!



**HEALTH AND WELLNESS COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM,** Nancy Krois, chairman

May has finally arrived!!! Get outside to get fresh air (Out of the Wyoming Wind!) and help your body make our necessary Vitamin D. May is a busy month with Day of Giving, various Farmer's Markets, planting at the Botanical Gardens, clean-ups and so forth. Be sure to pace yourselves when doing house and yard clean-up to avoid injury. I will have fleece blankets to tie at the May meeting left from the February Make a Blanket Day. Volunteers from Blankets for Laramie County Blankets really appreciate your help getting them done before that snow flies again.

Keep looking for ways to become active in community events, even for a couple of hours at a time. Breathe deeply and HUM and Sing to keep our master nerves active. HAPPY SPRING IN WYOMING!!!

### **WAYS AND MEANS. Karen Kent, chairman**

**The X-JWC BUNCO FUNDRAISER** was held April 13, 2024 at the Moose Lodge and a great time was held by all. A large crowd showed up and enjoyed rolling the dice for K9s 4 Mobility. Generous donations of raffle prize and snacks by members helped make the event a success.



The club cleared \$729 for our CIP project.



### **MEMBERSHIP**

**Upcoming birthdays: May birthdays:** Chris Ryan 5/1; Joanne Bassett 5/8

**Summer birthdays: July:** Phyllis Salzburg 7/1; Karen Lee 7/16; Loretta Humphrey 7/18

**August:** Toni Greene 8/4; Karen Kent 8/8; Becky Hart 8/9; Janice Torrance 8/12; Cindy Hardesty 8/14; Carol Ash 8/22; Carolyn Turbiville 8/23; Bev Campbell 8/31

### **COURTESY, Pam Nelson and Carolyn Turbiville, co-chairmen**

**New Member** – Susan Reagan joined XJWC in August 2023. She was born in Syracuse, NY. She graduated with her Bachelor’s degree in education from Fredonia State College in New York and received a Master’s degree at Western Governors University, specializing in mathematics. She is a widow with two daughters, Amber and Heather. She and her family first moved to Rock Springs and then Baggs, WY where she taught school for 37 years. She was a virtual teacher in her last teaching position. She took difficult learners and made sure they got through high school. Susan came to Cheyenne in 2020 and likes living here because of its diversity. She belongs to Women’s Civic League and 3 book clubs. Susan also volunteered with Friday Food Bags and continues helping students learn by tutoring.

**Illnesses/Surgeries** – Betsy Hartman had knee replacement surgery in April.

**Travels** – Joanne Bassett enjoyed visiting her family in Arizona last month.

#### **Changes to phone numbers for the following members:**

Patty Benskin – contact her at 630-3545. She does not have a landline phone.

Norine Samuelson– contact her at 638-9443. She does not have a cell phone.

**Visits by Courtesy Committee:** April 12<sup>th</sup> Carolyn Turbiville, Karen Lee and Pam Nelson had a delightful visit with Darlene Evans at her home. On April 19<sup>th</sup> the Courtesy Team met Phyllis Duncan at her apartment in Pointe Frontier and she invited them to stay for lunch with her.



After the lunch, Carolyn and Karen went to Primrose and had a pleasant visit with Norine Samuelson. The 3 ladies love to have company and it was fun spending time with them. We hope you can find time to visit them also. It is the goal of our committee to occasionally make social calls to members who are unable to get to meetings. It brightens their day and makes you smile as well.

**Left:** Phyllis Duncan enjoyed visit by X-JWC members.

### **GFWC Wyoming State Convention, Laramie, Wyoming**



GFWC International Second Vice President Jolie Frankfurth, center, with Nancy Kaufman, left, and Starla Sexton, right, enjoying Friday night activities. Jolie is from Tampa FL and really enjoyed the snow we arranged for her!

Installation of 2024 – 2026 GFWC-W Officers. From left: Susan Arguello, Treasurer, Katherine Van Dell, Vice President, Karen Kent, President Elect, Karen Bard, President. Installing officer Jolie Frankfurth, GFWC 2<sup>nd</sup> VP.



**Left:** Outgoing President Trish Peoples presents the gavel to incoming President Karen Bard.

**Right:** Karen Bard presents gift from 2022-2024 GFWC-W Board to Trish. A geode! Just what she wanted!



### **X-JWC SUMMER PICNIC! August 6! Look for it! Details to follow.**



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