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## *President's Message*

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**CLAUDIA WILEN**

As I write this last article under the heading of "President", it's hard to believe the 2023-24 club year is coming to an end. I truly believe we had a successful year. I wish to express my thanks to the Board and the entire membership for all the encouragement, support, and willingness to help in so many ways that made this administration a positive experience. Bless you all!

As always, there are a few business items of note before I sign off. Please extend congratulations to our own Katherine Van Dell. She was elected and installed as the GFWC-WY state Vice President at the recent State Convention in Laramie. She just ended serving the past 4 years as State Treasurer, so be sure to express your appreciation for her continued support and participation in GFWC.

Several other items of note from the meeting in Laramie: the GFWC website has recently been revised so if you are logging on for the first time since the update you may be required to reset your password. Remember, this site is a valuable resource tool for all members so please take the opportunity to log on and explore...they have assured us it is much more user friendly than it has been in the past! Also, if you are a committee or special projects chair, please be aware that the project report form on the State GFWC-WY website is also scheduled to be updated...all for the better. I'm not sure when this revision will be completed, but hopefully by the start of our new club year. In the meantime, if you have project reports yet to submit for this club year, use the current form on-line.

You may have seen the article in the paper or caught it on the television news---WCLC was awarded Sponsor of the Year by Rooted in Cheyenne at the city's Arbor Day celebration at the end of April. This award, reflecting our help in improving forestry outreach and public education, was made possible through a grant award from Christmas House proceeds. Kudos to each and every one of you who gives your time and talent to Christmas House.

Lastly, we will be installing the 2024-25 officers at our general membership meeting on Wednesday. I ask that you show our new President, Kristin Riley, and her administration the same respect and support that you have shown me. We are in good hands.

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?

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***CORRESPONDING  
SECRETARY***

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***KRISTIE ACKERSON***



April Correspondence

4/18/24 - Trish Schlegel - Get Well - foot surgery

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**COMMUNITY GRANT COMMITTEE (CGC)**

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Article in the Spring Issue of the Cheyenne Children's Museum Newsletter:

**Cheyenne Children's Museum Selected as GFWC Women's Civic League 2024 Community Grant Recipient**

Year after year, the GFWC Women's Civic League of Cheyenne has been dedicated to providing support to local projects, programs and initiatives of nonprofit organizations that improve our Cheyenne and Laramie County community. This year, the Cheyenne Children's Museum was honored to be selected as one of their 2024 Community Grant Recipients. Their generous grant award will fund some of the key interactive components of our future exhibits. Thank you so much for your support!

If you missed a list and pictures of this years winners, go to the latest issue of the E-gram.

## MILITARY

A HUGH thank you! Last month we collected and delivered 165 pounds of food for the Shepherd's Closet in Burns. What an awesome group of women we have. Thank you also for the wonderful year of supporting the military committee in our activities. There will be a short meeting at 11:00 before the luncheon to discuss remaining funds.

Carolyn and Linda

## MEMBERSHIP

Please send phone and address changes to Pat Stenback for the 2024-25 yearbook.

### YEARBOOK UPDATES:

#### **New Member:**

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Audrian Galbert

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#### **Spring Fling..... is just around the corner!**

The Spring Fling will be held Wednesday, May 15 at the Governor's Residence at 5001 Central Avenue from 11:30 am – 1:30 pm.

You will need to enter the Residence through the back gate as the front gate on Central is under construction.

A trooper will be at the back gate checking names, so your name must be on the list to get in.

Please wear your name badge and comfortable shoes! Some have asked about a dress code. I would suggest wearing something springy – something you would wear to a WCLC luncheon.

If you have any concerns or questions, please contact me at [debmccann841@gmail.com](mailto:debmccann841@gmail.com) or at 631-0352.

Deb McCann  
Membership Chair

## SENIOR SERVICES

5 members met on 4/17/24 for a meeting. We discussed the details of completing our project at Heritage Court senior apartments, taking place on 4/30/24. We delivered 35 decorated May Day bags to all their residents, and office coordinator. Bags were decorated beautifully by Arp first grade class, and filled with small household necessities, sweet treats, and spring flowers.

We are also going to support Community Action of Cheyenne Kinship program, by paying for the grandmothers in their program who are raising children to have a nice Mother's Day meal out on the town. This will be \$300 out of our budget. No further projects are planned for this year. We will distribute the remainder of our budget, after the above costs, to Meals On Wheels.

Respectfully,  
Elise Johnson



## ENVIRONMENT

May has become very busy!

**GREENWAY CLEANUP – DATE CHANGE** from Saturday May 11 to **SUNDAY MAY 19, 1:30 P.M.!**  
Please let Phyllis know if you will be able to help.

Bags and light gloves (plastic, disposable) will be provided. Bring your own gloves if you prefer heavier ones and a trash pickup stick if you have one. Same location -- Sun Valley, Henderson Dr. trailhead to Baldwin Dr. trailhead, approximately .61 miles (1.22 miles round trip). Directions from the north: Take Ridge Road south across Nationway, turn right on Belaire Ave., turn left on Henderson Dr., go to the end of road where trailhead begins.

**Saturday, May 18, Rooted in Cheyenne Planting Day**, lunch will be provided to 150 volunteers by WCLC after all the trees have been planted! Look to sign up at membership meeting if you can help. More info from Kristin Riley, Claudia Wilen, or Katherine Van Dell.

**Saturday, May 18, Cheyenne Animal Shelter 5k Dog Jog.** WCLC is a sponsor for the event and has a complimentary registration for 1 runner/walker and dog. The course starts and finishes at the entrance to CCI building parking lot at LCCC. Let Phyllis know asap if you would like to represent WCLC with your furry friend! Lots of awards!

**Saturday, June 1, Rooted in Cheyenne Spill the Tea for Trees** event. WCLC is a sponsor for this fun event and relay race. Teams of four people will compete for the fastest time carrying a full cup of tea and transferring it from one cup to another while navigating an obstacle course of trees. Takes place on 17<sup>th</sup> Street between Central and Warren Ave. Our team, team name and costumes yet to be determined, will be Kristie Ackerson, Earlene Weaver, Kim Benson and Deanne Vogel. Lots of awards! Live music after the race, and throughout the day. There will be raffles, local vendors with merchandise and restaurants on 17<sup>th</sup> Street selling food and beverages. Mark your calendar and come out to support our team and Rooted in Cheyenne!



Submitted, Phyllis Salzburg

**WCLC Recognition** -- On Tuesday April 23<sup>rd</sup> WCLC was recognized by Rooted in Cheyenne as Sponsor of the Year at the Arbor Day celebration held at United Nations Park. Mayor Collins presented a beautiful plaque to members attending the ceremony. The award was for our 2023 CGC award to Rooted in Cheyenne for their educational videos.

## **ESO**

We will be reading *The River We Remember* by William Kent Krueger. We will be meeting on May 20 at 9:15 am. We will meet at the Boardroom downtown. We will also be discussing what to read over the summer. Thanks to all who have been participating in the club this year.

## **HOMELESS, HUNGRY AND NEEDY**

The 19th Annual Cheyenne Day of Giving will be on May 10th. I will be collecting the following for this event. Hygiene items, Diapers (any size), socks and underwear for children. I have appreciated everyone who has donated this past year to my many projects.

## **ART AND CULTURE**

The Arts and Cultural Committee is sponsoring an event on Tuesday, May 7th at 1pm at the Railspur at 707 West Lincolnway. Shauna Barnett is going to lead us in a string art project. She has drilled all 50 boards and gathered all the material. They are \$5 each and she will accept cash, check, or credit card at the event. We think this will be a casual social meeting which should be fun and relaxing. So, please join us on there is plenty of room.

## **GFWC-WYOMING**

### **New2U Fundraiser**

New2U is a consignment store in Laramie that takes new and gently used clothing, shoes, purses, scarves, and jewelry for men or women and sells to the public. The GFWC Wyoming past President's Club is the sponsor for this project and Karen Bard, GFWC Wyoming President 2024-2026, has graciously agreed to be the point-person in Laramie. Donated items should be clean and ready to sell. Proceeds will go to the GFWCW Endowment Fund. This will be an ongoing endeavor for at least the next two years.

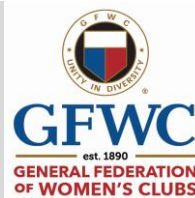
Clubwomen can contact Nancy Kaufman, or any past State President who is in your club, for details of collection/drop-off. So, keep this fundraiser in mind as you begin Spring Cleaning, Winter Purge, or closet organizations! Your "loss" is another's Fabulous Find!

Katherine Van Dell GFWC-Wyoming's new Vice President. Congratulations Katherine!!



**GFWC Women's Civic  
League of Cheyenne**

Claudia Wilen, President  
Kristen Riley, President Elect  
Shelley Toll, Vice-President  
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