



KALEIDOSCOPE

MAY 2025

President's Message

KRISTIN RILEY



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I want to extend my deepest gratitude for all the incredible work our amazing club women have done this past year to serve our community. Our members' passion, dedication, and generosity have truly made a lasting impact to the communities in Laramie County. From the countless hours of volunteering and the resources everyone has provided, we have uplifted those in need and created meaningful change. With the collaboration from other non-profits and organizations in Laramie County we got the names of Women's Civic League of Cheyenne and Christmas House out into the community. Whether it was spending our free time cleaning up the Greenway, teaching the local Airman how to cook, collecting peanut butter and jelly, or supporting our local special needs residents during the holidays, our kindness has touched lives in ways that words can hardly express. Because of our efforts, our community is stronger, more hopeful, and filled with kindness. I hope this reminds us all that service is not just about helping, it's about bringing people together, fostering compassion, and igniting the spirit of giving.

As I reflect on this past year, I want to celebrate all that our club has accomplished and our amazing women. Thank you for your unwavering support, hard work, and heart for service. This last month numerous WCLC women traveled to Rock Springs for our annual GFWC Wyoming State Convention. We were recognized with two Creativity Awards- the first for our outstanding Community Service with the Environment, for all our hard work and collaboration with Rooted in Cheyenne during the 2024 club year and the second for our amazing work with Women's History, for our Louisa Swaine Bronze Statue. It is because of all our members that we as a club were recognized in these areas and these projects will be advancing to GFWC International! Thank you again from the bottom of my heart for all your dedication and inspiration in living the volunteer spirit.

Kristin Riley, GFWC WCLC President

***CORRESPONDING
SECRETARY***

LYNN MCLAUGHLIN



Cards were sent in April:

Governor J. Geringer and Family:	Sympathy Card
Judi Loomis:	Get-well card
Cindy Schumm:	Get-well card
Jazel Manlangit:	Get-well card
XJWC	85th Anniversary and thank-you, for camping equipment
Linda Naukam:	Get-well card
Pam Crochet:	Get-well card
Sue Ann Shaffer:	Get-well card
Deb McCann	Sympathy card
Jean Rayles:	Sympathy card

VICE PRESIDENT

Hello everyone! We are meeting at the Cheyenne Country club on May 14th, Wednesday. Social time at 11:30, and lunch starting at noon. We will be having a buffet, with your choice of a grilled hamburger or grilled chicken, buns, toppings for the burgers or chicken, house salad, pasta salad, and platter of cookies and brownies. Please be mindful that amounts of food are based on one serving per person, from our report of how many members are eating. You are certainly welcome to "seconds", if anything is left, after everyone has been through the line.

We will be hosting our scholarship winners at our meeting this month, so welcome and congratulate them when you see them!

Respectfully,
Elise Johnson

YEARBOOK

Please check you information in the current yearbook. If you have any changes please get them the Pam Hendricks by June 1. Thank you!

Yearbook updates:

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Claudia Wilen

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Chris Caltagirone

Marilyn Cole (passed away)

Carol Cherubin

Lorriane Gallagher

Carol Davinroy

Carol Farthing

Sheri Geringer (passed away)

Diana McDougal (passed away)

MEMBERSHIP

We have seen a huge jump in our membership this past year. This is a thanks to all our club women, those who have sponsored new members and those that have reached out and taken a new member under your wing. I want to say thank you to our ladies who practice what we preach and live by our Collect- by Mary Stewart; "never be hasty in judgement and always generous...let us forget not to be kind." Starting this month at our general membership meeting our newer members (for the past 5 years) will have a special ribbon to wear. If you have not introduced yourself to these amazing women, please make sure you do!

2020-2021- Blue Ribbons

2021-2022- Red Ribbons

2022-2023- White Ribbons

2023-2024- Purples Ribbons

2024-2025- Yellow Ribbons

Also, I want to celebrate the following ladies for having an anniversary for our 2024 club year! If our newer members ever have any questions about how the club works, the history of the club these women are a great resource!

Kim Benson- 10 years

Teri Johnston- 20 years

Barb Kuzma- 20 years

Cindy Todd- 20 years

Carol Farthing- 30 Years

Mary Guthrie- 30 years

Trish Palluck- 30 years

Maria Harvey- 40 years

Diana Kirkbride- 40 years

Cathy Nicholas- 40 years

Ann Norwood- 40 years-

Sandee Wamboldt- 40 years

Deanna Sommers- 40 years

And our new Lifetime Members!

Connie Atwell- 50 years

Bev Schrader- 50 years

Barbara Williams- 50 years

Friendly reminder...if you have not paid your dues for the 2025-2026 club year, please do so this week at the General Membership meeting. Thank you!!

MILITARY OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Please join us in supporting the **Veterans' Rock** this summer! On August 16, Veterans' Rock along with CASA, Habitat for Humanity and Rooted in Cheyenne will be the nonprofits featured in this year's **Cars, Cigars, and Guitars Under the Stars**.

For more information, visit: <https://www.carscigarsguitars.com/tickets>

The **Veterans' Stand Down** which we have supported each year has moved from the fall to August 28. Please watch your email for how you can support by donating items and/or volunteering. An event flyer is attached below with all of the details.

The Military Outreach Committee will be meeting at 10:30 am just prior to our social. All welcome!

Thank you for all you have done this year to support active duty, guard, reserve, veterans, and their families in our community!

Carolyn and Trish Military Committee

VETERANS' ROCK

PRESENTS

Military Stand Down for all Veterans and Active-Duty Service Members*

INFORMATION, RESOURCES AND SERVICES AVAILABLE:

- Healthcare
- Education
- Substance abuse treatment
- Veteran benefits
- Bike repair
- Veterinary care
(bring your service animal
in for a checkup)
- Insurance
- Suicide prevention
- Home healthcare
- Housing
- Haircuts
- AND MORE!
- Employment

* For veterans and active-duty service members and their spouse or caregiver.
Proof of military service required at the door.



Door prizes, raffles and
FREE lunch sponsored by
Wyoming Hunger Initiative

Come take a look around!

THU, AUG 28, 2025 - 10AM-3PM

Blue Federal Credit Union Headquarters,
Community Center, 2401 E Pershing Blvd, Cheyenne

For more info call Veterans' Rock at 307-509-9961
veteransrockchey.org

VETERANS' ROCK

Military Stand Down

Sponsorship Opportunities

Show your community support for our veterans and
active-duty service members

DONATION LEVELS

Service	Honor	Freedom	Warrior	Legacy
\$250	\$500	\$1000	\$1500	\$2000

Sponsors will be named in our media announcements. Sponsor logos
will be on our website and prominently displayed at the event. (Logo size
determined by donation level.)

For more information call Darrell Haugen at Veterans' Rock, 307-509-9961



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RESOURCE FAIR & LUNCHEON

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ENVIRONMENT

ENVIRONMENT COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM, Phyllis Salzburg, chairman

ROOTED IN CHEYENNE PLANTING DAY LUNCH – May 17 Lunch for volunteer planters after they finishing planting trees at homes throughout the city. We'll be serving BBQ pulled pork sandwiches, chips, dessert (cookies, brownies, etc.). Drinks will be provided by Texas Roadhouse.

If you would like to donate, we could still use about 4 dozen hamburger buns and paper plates.

If you can donate, please let Kristin Reilly or Phyllis Salzburg know how many. If you would like reimbursement, keep your receipts. We have applied for a grant to help cover cost but have not heard. No guarantee we will be able to reimburse.

We start **setting up** around 10:30, should be done serving around 1:30 and then clean up.

Help would be appreciated.

Location is the Urban Forestry shop off of Converse, south of ball fields. Turn by fire station.

SOCKS - THANK YOU to all who brought your old socks to be recycled in honor of Earth Day 2025. Approximately 19 pounds of socks were taken to Jax in Ft. Collins to deposit in their Smart Wool 2nd Cut Project/Earth Day collection box. Jax employee said to thank you for your "donation"!

GREENWAY CLEAN UP. Thanks to the 9 volunteers who took to the Greenway to clean up our section on Saturday May 10! We picked up 14 large bags of trash and made a pile of stuff too large to bag. It was a beautiful day for a walk on the Greenway!



Marianne Gatti also participated.

Right: Look what Linda found! Christmas House possibility??



EDUCATION COMMITTEE

I am happy to report that all 8 of our scholarship recipients have accepted our invitation to join us at the luncheon meeting on Wednesday and will be introduced to the membership. The committee decided at the selection meeting in March that we needed to review and update the scholarship applications as well as develop written guidelines for evaluating and awarding our scholarships. I have emailed our current high school and non-traditional applications and the GFWC Wyoming scholarship applications and their evaluation sheet to current members of the committee for review. I will be scheduling a meeting to discuss this later this month. I

would really like to have this accomplished before the applications are sent to the schools in the fall. If you did not sign up last fall to be on this committee but would like to help with this let me know and I will email you the forms and add you to the list. Thank you for all you do.

Brenda Har

ESO

ESO is meeting on May 19th at 9:15 at the Boardroom. We are reading this month, Homes Marple and Poe by James Patterson. We will not meet over the summer but our summer read to discuss in September is the Covenant Water by Abraham Verghese.

HOMELESS, HUNGRY AND NEEDY

We will be collecting new bath towels for Safe House.

Bring your peanut butter

CHRISTMAS HOUSE

Only 7 months until Christmas House. So little time, so much to do.

Thanks to all who came to Kathy's and took home supplies. There are still available supplies—just give us a call if you would like to go through them.

Here are the dates for the summer workshops at Kathy's house.

June 21st. 9-3

July 12th. 9-3

August 9th. 9-3

All members are welcome!! There will be projects available for all skill levels. Room chairs—bring your projects and everyone can pitch in!

TIS THE SEASON....to be crafting!!!

Pam, Denise and Kathy

SOCIAL NEWS

WCLC Bunko will be May 19th this month. Be on the lookout for the email invite.

GFWC Women's Civic League of Cheyenne

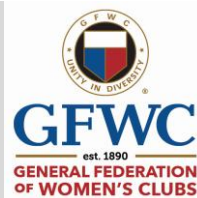
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