

Woman's Club of Sweetwater County February Newsletter

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Upcoming Meetings

MEETING

DATE/TIME/LOCATION

Literature: Tuesday, February 14th, at the White Mountain Library, at 1:00 p.m.

General meeting: **Tuesday, February 21st, at Coal Train Coffee at the old train station at 11:30 a.m. Members can order off the menu. The address is 501 S. Main St. in Rock Springs.**

Busy Hands: Tuesday, February 28th, at the White Mountain Library, at 1:00 p.m.

Next Board Meeting: Thursday, March 2nd, at White Mountain Library at 10:30 a.m.

Arts & Culture: Works by Pinedale artist, Mae Orm, will be displayed at the Rock Springs Community Fine Artists Center through February 11, 2023. There will be a closing reception from 1 to 3 p.m. on that date. Snowmen are on display throughout Rock Springs. In February, there will be a Quilters' Open hanging at the White Mountain Library in Rock Springs. Western Wyoming Community College Art Gallery is presenting 50 Contemporary Voices featuring works from the collection of Fred Danziger. This will run daily from 8 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. (except for holiday closures) until February 24th.

Literature: Leslie Jo Gatti read a list of members who achieved various levels from Member to 16th Century Level, with 12 members reporting impressive numbers (a total of 1102 titles) for 2022. Leslie Jo also reported that they donated 30 books and books-on-CD to the Young at Heart Senior Center. Additionally, 181 children's books and young adult books were donated to the local Toys for Kids and Stuff the Bus for Christmas.

Old Business

The nominating committee was formed at the last meeting: Leslie Jo Gatti, Cindy Moore, and Maggie Choate. New officers will be presented in March, there will be a vote at the General Meeting in April, and installation of new officers will happen in May. Kim Kellum said that she would volunteer to be Vice President again. Amazon Smile is no longer a viable charity. They have discontinued the program.

New Business

Community Awareness Day at the Mall is coming up (it's usually the second Saturday in March). Leslie Jo Gatti will check with the Mall regarding the date; Leslie Jo made a motion to have individually wrapped items for sale, and that any money raised be given to the Lending Closet. At the Board meeting, a discussion ensued as to how the funds raised should be appropriated.

Edna Larsen proposed a CIP project for another bench for the columbarium that was created by the VA. Community Improvement Project (CIP) is a national organization. This is a two-year project. Susan Arguello has talked to the VA on our providing the columbarium bench, and they are interested in working with us on this.

The state convention is on April 28 and 29 in Torrington, Wyoming. The times are 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. on the 28th, and wine and cheese will be served at the art auction from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. On Saturday, April 29th, workshops will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The event will be at the Cobblestone Hotel in Torrington, Wyoming. There are three types of rooms: \$109/night, \$119 night for suite, \$129 night with a kitchen. Lunch is \$20 on Saturday. Registration fee for the conference is \$35. More information is coming. We can carpool, if necessary. If you call to make a reservation, say you're with the GFWC so you get the special rate.

Lynn Mornar passed out brochures and information about the McKenzie Home Fundraiser being held on March 23, 2023, at the Rock Springs Holiday Inn. She asked that the Club purchase a table for \$600.00 and raffle off the seats to members at the next General Meeting. This will be voted on at the next General Meeting on February 21st.

Fundraising

As a club, we are always gathering the following items to donate. Please let Lynn Mornar know if there are any corrections, additions, or deletions to this list.

Dimes – We will continue to strive for the Mile of Dimes for the *March of Dimes*.

Red Desert Humane Society – Bring aluminum cans and give to Leslie Jo Gatti.

Ronald McDonald House in SLC – Bring aluminum pull tabs and give to Leslie Jo Gatti.

Child Development Center – Bring children's books, used printer cartridges, greeting card fronts (no writing on back), and new envelopes, and give to Maggie Choate.

VA Hospital – To make it easier for members to focus on the VA's needs, Jacki Allison, Civic Engagement and Outreach Coordinator, will have a monthly "theme" of what is needed. **January's theme was for blankets, and we will continue that theme for February.** However, if a member wishes to donate other needed items, such as new socks and underwear for male and female vets, or gently used books, you are encouraged to bring them to any general meeting. If you are unable to attend meetings, please contact a member who can pick it up from you.

State Information

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