



# KALEIDOSCOPE

NOVEMBER 2024

## *President's Message*

**KRISTIN RILEY**



This time of year, is when most sit back and think about what they are thankful for. Sam Lefkowitz has been quoted to say, “when asked if my cup is half- full or half empty, my only response is that I am thankful I have a cup.” His quote speaks to me, as I often use the analogy, the Women’s Civic League fills up my cup, when I talk about the club to non-members. This organization fills my cup with the blessing of its members and the opportunities to give. The sisterhood and relationships that I have developed has made a significant impact on who I am and the person I strive to be. WCLC has made me thankful for the opportunities that it has offered me to give back to our community but what I am most grateful for is that our organization has given me an opportunity to share these moments with my children, family and friends, in hopes to inspire them to be their best and know that they truly can make a difference in this world.

With the holiday season fast approaching, we tend to get caught up in the hustle and bustle of things. This month we go straight from Thanksgiving, into the week of Christmas House and then before we know it, Christmas is knocking on our door, followed by the closing of 2024 with New Years. An incredibly wise woman sent me a message this week that I want to share with everyone. “Take care of yourself first or you will have nothing left to give others. Self-care is not selfishness. You cannot serve from an empty vessel.” With the craziness that is weeks away, remember to take time for yourself. It’s okay to sit and enjoy a cup of tea before your day starts, enjoy that extra 15mins and read a portion of your favorite book, and most importantly find time to refill your vessel.

I want you to know that I am truly thankful for all of you and the relentless work that you put into our organization, you ladies inspire me daily. Thank you for filling my cup and helping me not to have an empty vessel.

Kristin Riley,

GFWC-WCLC President

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***CORRESPONDING  
SECRETARY***

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***LYNN MCLAUGHLIN***



No Report

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**LUNCHEON INFORMATION**

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We had a great turnout last month with approximately 75 people attending our meeting, at the Old West Museum. The total amount paid to Sodexo, including tip, was \$1,421.84. There was a balance of \$82.87 left over, which will go back to the 2nd Vice President's budget. There were 2 no show members, for which we are following up for payment.

We will be at Blue Federal Credit Union World Headquarters for our Christmas Brunch next month, on December 11th. More information to follow!

Respectfully,  
Elise Johnson

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**YEARBOOK**

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**Yearbook updates:**

New Members

Linda Webb, 2024  
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Resignation:  
Lindi Kirkbride

### **SPECIAL NEEDS**

We are collecting gift cards for the folks in Laramie County who are in need of a small gift at Christmas time. The recommended amount is \$25, and the suggested places are Walmart, Target or food locations. Thanks to all who donate to our project.

### **YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES**

Just a very friendly reminder that we will be collecting for the Toys for Tots this month. Please bring your donations to our luncheon next week. If you need more time, Wendy Owen's home will be a drop off point until November 25th. Her address is 2700 Carey Ave.

There will be a committee meeting at 10:45 prior to our lunch. All are welcome! Feel free to contact me with any questions.

Linda Hill  
Youth & Family Chair

### **ESO**

#### **ESO BOOK CLUB**

#### **BOOKS FOR THE YEAR 2024-2025**

We will meet on November 18th at 9:15 AM at the Boardroom. We are reading Horse by Geraldine Brooks. I hope to see you all there. I am also collecting forms of the books you have read. I am including a form for all of you to use if you want to.

Lucy Russell

### **HOMELESS, HUNGRY AND NEEDY**

I will continue to collect peanut butter and jelly every month and sometimes other items. This month I am collecting items for women at the Comea Shelter. Long sleeved hoodies, long underwear, hats and gloves. The need is for warm gloves. Lucy Russell



## MILITARY OUTREACH COMMITTEE

The Military Outreach Committee will meet on Wednesday, November 13 at 10:30 am, just before our luncheon. Please join us!

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to donate items for the Christmas Stockings for the VA. We will be collecting the items at our November 13 WCLC social luncheon. Some items that we are still in need of are small bags of coffee, puzzle books, playing cards, individual snacks, mints, and gum. If you do not have time to shop, we are happy to shop for you if you want to donate money or a Walmart gift card to us on Wednesday.

Project overview: Please join us in spreading some holiday cheer to veterans in our community for our 5th annual Christmas "stockings" for the VA. The stockings will be going to the VA's Intensive Community Mental Health Recovery (ICMHR), Residential Recovery Treatment Program (RRTP), Community Living Centers Geriatrics and Extended Care (CLC). The ICMHR outreach team assists veterans at risk for homelessness and suicide by providing, life skills training, vocational rehabilitation, and caseworker services so these veterans can live independently. The veterans in these programs tend to be socially isolated, so the holidays can be quite challenging.

Please use the Sign-up Genius to indicate your donations. You can find the link below:

[Christmas Stockings for the VA](#)

Please keep an eye out for an email regarding a community-wide **Cowboy Care Package project for the Wyoming soldiers and airmen who are deployed!** The Greater Cheyenne Chamber of Commerce's Military Affairs Committee is spearheading this project. Some of the community organizations who are participating in spreading holiday cheer to our Wyoming military far from home include XJWC, both VFWs, and WCLC.

Thank you for your support!  
Carolyn and Trish  
Military Outreach Committee

## COMMUNITY GRANT COMMITTEE

CGC will meet on Wednesday, January 22, 2025, at 9:30 and on Tuesday, February 18, 2025 to discuss where Christmas House 2024 proceeds will be spent. The meetings are open to all WCL members. The first meeting will be to review all the grant applications and decide which applicants that we would like to invite to make a presentation at the February meeting. You do not need to be present for both meetings to vote at the February meeting. You will need to be present for the entire February meeting to vote on that day. The place of meeting will be announced later. Please contact Linda Stowers or Trish Palluck with questions or concerns.

## ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

**ENVIRONMENT COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM, Phyllis Salzburg**

Under the Environment Community Service Program, GFWC encourages members to beautify communities and enjoy nature. One way to do that, they is by visiting a national or state park. Think of visiting Yellowstone National



suggest,  
Park in

winter! Winter in Yellowstone delivers a more intimate experience, fascinating snowy landscapes, and frosty animals. It is so quiet and crowds are next to non-existent compared to summer!

Two lodges are open in winter – Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel and Old Faithful Snow Lodge and Cabins, both open mid-December to early March. And according to the website below, there is still availability! Snow coaches ferry visitors between the two, run ski shuttles and guided tours, getting you to the places you’ll want to see with great guides. Private vehicles are not permitted in most areas of the park. Be sure to get your National Park pass before heading north. And share your park experience by posting photos on the National Parks website to encourage others to visit!



<https://www.yellowstonenationalparklodges.com/winter/>

## EDUCATION

I was asked to report on the fund balance of the WCLC Endowed Scholarship at Laramie County Community College. The fund balance as of 12/31/23 was \$25,719. There were no contributions in 2023, and the fund allocation for 2024-2025 is \$1,020.

I will be sending the High School Senior Scholarship Application to Central, East, South, and Triumph high schools and the Non-Traditional LCCC Application to LCCC this month.

Brenda Hart

**CHRISTMAS HOUSE NEWS**



Christmas House Truffle Workshop



Cut Glass Workshop

## SOCIAL NEWS

### BUNKO

There will be no Bunko in November or December. The next date is January 20, 2025. This is a date change from the Yearbook.

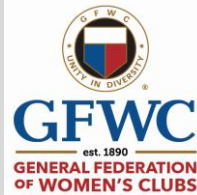
I couldn't resist!! Have a great Thanksgiving!!



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