



KALEIDOSCOPE

November 2022

President's Message

DENISE LATHROP

As I write this missive, I am wide awake on this first day of that wonderful time of the year, THE TIME CHANGE. At least this time we have an extra hour to create new items for CH.

I can't believe we are almost to the end of another year. This is the month to give thanks for all we as a group and individually have been blessed with. I am thankful for living in Cheyenne and all the wonderful friends I have made since our move in 2006. Civic league has given me opportunities for many new adventures and also a great outlet for giving back to the community. I am thankful for all those who have volunteered to chair our committees and rooms in Christmas House, what a wonderful job they are all doing. I am thankful for all our members who work on those committees and create such wonderful items for CH. I am thankful for all those who attend our meetings and those who have our backs as we move forward.

Lastly, I am thankful for the life of Dee Clary, who passed last week. I knew her through Civic League and PEO. May God grant her peace.

Happy Thanksgiving to you all.





Corresponding Secretary

KRISTIE ACKERSON

October Correspondence:

Rock Springs GFWC Woman's Club
Marcy Helser
March Helser
Mona Coler
Jo Anne Bassett

Congratulations 100 Years
Sympathy card pet
Congratulations naming of the park after Bill Dubois
Synpathy Mother-in-law passed away
Sympathy Sister passed away

Second Vice-President

LUCY PAULEY

Our next meeting will take place on Wednesday, November 9 at the Cheyenne Country Club. Social hour will start at 11:30 a.m. and lunch will be served at noon. The cost this month is \$22.00 per person and includes iced/hot tea, coffee, lemonade and soda for drinks and pumpkin pie for dessert.

Lucy Pauley
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YEARBOOK CHANGES

Changes to the 2022-23 Yearbook

Luce Anspauch, Lifetime Member
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Joyce Bailey is not the official Photographer for Christmas House
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ENVIRONMENT

ENVIRONMENT COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM, Phyllis Salzburg

The Committee voted to give \$500 to Rooted in Cheyenne again this year to purchase trees. At their fall tree planting, volunteers, including one of our own WCLC members, planted 102 trees including 38 in areas with low "Tree Equity Scores". According to Tree Equity, "The Tree Equity Score relates to tree cover in any city in the United States and is too often a map of race and income. Trees are critical infrastructure that every person in every neighborhood deserves and can help address damaging environmental inequities like air pollution." More information is available on their website. Check out your neighborhood at <https://treeequityscore.org/>
At the November membership meeting we will be offering canvas bags with the WCLC logo free to members, encouraging everyone to use them rather than single-use plastic bags. See the insert in the bag for reasons to use them rather than plastic. Any remaining bags will be offered for free at check out to our Christmas House customers. NOTE: Wash frequently but DO NOT put them in the dryer as they will shrink!

MILITARY

On October 25th, the WCLC participated in the **Veterans Stand Down**. There were 57 veterans that came and received helpful items, advice, and service (even haircuts). Our volunteers handed out free lip balm, socks, gloves, hats, gift cards, bus passes, and dog treats for their pets.

On Tuesday, November several WCLC members attended a **ceremony to honor and thank Vietnam Veterans** at a ceremony at American Legion Post 6. Communities across the US are gathering to recognize the service and sacrifices of our Vietnam Veterans. (Photos below courtesy of Julie Pritchett.)

Upcoming:

Please join us again this year in spreading some **holiday cheer to veterans in the Cheyenne VA's** Intensive Community Mental Health Recovery (ICMHR) and Residential Recovery Treatment Program (RRTP.) 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 this program tend to be socially isolated, so the holidays can be quite challenging. The stockings full of goodies brought these veterans much joy last year!

The recreational therapist provided us with a list of items that the veterans would especially appreciate in their "stockings." Please use the Sign-up Genius sent out earlier.

We will be collecting these items at our November 8 luncheon.

Please join us for our **Military Outreach Committee meeting** at 10:45 am Wednesday, November 9. All are welcome!

Carolyn Ritschard and Linda Hill

SENIOR SERVICES

Six of us met and discussed service projects for senior citizens and their caregivers in our community for this working year. Many good suggestions were brought forth. We narrowed the ideas down to two, which were timely for the Christmas season in December, at this time. It was decided to have these two projects researched by our members before our next meeting, where we will decide which service project to take on.

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 16th, at 11:00am, at Dazbog cafe, located at the corner of Pershing and College.

Sincerely,
Elise Johnson

SPECIAL NEEDS

We met on Friday the 4th of November to discuss Christmas plans and other places to donate money. We decided to do the giving tree again for the folks in Laramie County with special needs. We decided to just collect items and then match it to the folks in need. You can bring the items to the November and December meetings. The following are the items that we will be collecting.

- *Socks,
- *Sheets for twin- and full-size beds
- *Towels
- *Pens, Colored markers, coloring books
- *Sensory type toys
- *blocks,
- *Gift cards to restaurants, grocery stores, Walmart, Target.

We will be getting together on December 15th at 9:00 am at 1907 House Ave.

We then decided to donate money to ARC of Laramie County for scholarships and parties that cost the individuals. We decided to donate \$800 for this project.

Submitted by Heather Dodson and Patti Krakow

YOUTH AND FAMILY

Thank you for your generous donations of candy for the Old West Museum's Trunk or Treat event. I counted 36 bags of candy in our tote for them to distribute. That's a lot of sugar and chocolate!

We are now asking you to bring new or gently used toys for our contributions to Toys for Tots. Please bring unwrapped toys to the meeting next Wednesday. Thank you for your generous gifts for the children.
Judy Lissman

ESO BOOK CLUB

BOOKS FOR THE YEAR 2021-22

We are having a great time meeting and discussing the books we have been reading. We will be meeting on November 21st at 9:15 at the BoardRoom. We will be discussing Ordinary Grace by William Kent Kruger. We welcome all WCLC members. Thanks! Lucy

CHRISTMAS HOUSE

Christmas House 2022

It's almost here! The doors of Christmas House open to the public on December 2 – just a few days shy of four weeks!

We need you! Please remember to sign up for one or more Christmas House opportunities at the November luncheon. It is appreciated!

We also need cookie decorators for the Cookie Decorating Competition scheduled to take place on November 13 at the Depot. We would love to have you!

Please consider signing up at the November luncheon or you may call Deb McCann, Deb Fairchild, or Pam Crochet to do so or to obtain further details.

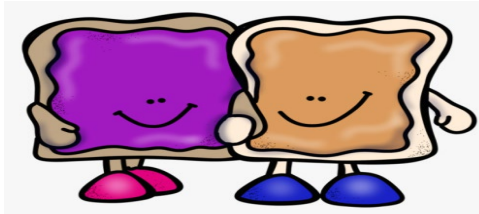
Be on the lookout for more to come in the November E-Gram!
Thanks for what you do!

Team Christmas House
Deb, Deb, Pam & KathY

NEEDS

BRING YOU PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY TO THE MEETING!!

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I want to thank all of you for bringing your PB&J to the meeting in October. We collected 26 peanut butter and 29 jelly in October. I will be collecting again at the November meeting. Please bring it to the meeting, I also accept money and will purchase it for you. I will not be collecting in December. Thanks! Lucy Russell

MEET YOUR BOARD MEMBERS

I didn't have any Board members volunteer to provide information. I will include some more pictures from Phyllis. Thanks Phyllis





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