

**Wyoming News Blast**

**November 2019**



**Proud GFWC members**

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### **GFWC Wyoming President's Message - Mary Lee Dixon**



#### **Be Silly—Be Honest—Be Kind**

A month to reflect on blessings! For family health and happiness, friends who accept you as you are and still like you and pets, who give unconditional love. We've had our taste of winter and I can tell you I am good for the year so we can move on to spring!

November is Prematurity Awareness Month through the March of Dimes and as you know, it is one of my President's projects to support their efforts. Here is an excerpt from the committee chairman at GFWC:

#### **Why we fight.**

**The U.S. is facing an urgent maternal and infant health crisis. It's one crisis, not two. This crisis is not just about the health of babies born too soon, it's also about those we've lost, including the moms who have died and those who face serious health challenges before, during and after pregnancy.**

- In just one year, more than 22,000 infants die in the U.S. alone, and 1 in 10 are born preterm.
- Premature birth and its complications are the largest contributors to infant death in the U.S.
- The U.S. preterm birth rate is among the worst of highly developed nations and increasing more for women and children of color.

**This is not fine. With our partners, we are working to make a difference and expand solutions that we know can improve outcomes for moms and babies.**

During the month of November — Prematurity Awareness Month — we aim to break through the noise and drive awareness around the issues facing moms and babies in our country...#ItsNotFine. We must act. Join us.

Please consider having a fundraiser for the March of Dimes collection. Send funds collected to our state treasurer, Marcia Volner. Thank you.

Needed: Photography Chairman – due to health challenges in her family, Robin Broumley cannot continue with her chairmanship. I am asking for a volunteer to see it through until July 2020. It entails notices in the News Blast for the upcoming state convention submittals, rules, etc. Then at the convention, you would oversee the entries, arrange judges and display winning

ribbons. If no one volunteers, we will just suspend the contest for next year. Thank you for considering doing this important job.

There should be a list, to date, of Wyoming's contributions to Mary Ellen Brock's Grand Initiatives. We may be small but have made wonderful efforts towards ongoing numbers at GFWC. Thank you to all who made an effort to contribute.

Phyllis Salzburg and I helped at the Yoder Pheasant Hunters Dinner on Saturday. They had a great turnout! It was a sunny day, not much wind and lots of hungry folks who came for burgers, chili and, of course, pie! A small but mighty club doing great things for their community.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Have fun! Be Silly! Be Kind!!  
In Federation,  
Mary Lee Dixon  
GFWC-W President

### **Quirky Fundraising Idea**

#### **Dress Down for a Meeting Day**

Members can pay to come in their jammies, sweats, jeans or gardening attire! Give prizes for funniest outfit. Money collected to go to March of Dimes.

#### **November (Pomegranate Month)**

Friday, Nov 1 – Stress Awareness Day (Boy, was I aware...!)

Saturday, Nov 9 – World Freedom Day (So many aren't free...)

Monday, Nov 11 - Origami Day/Veterans Day (Thank a Veteran!)

Tuesday, Nov 19 – Guinness World Record Day (Have you set one?)

Thursday, Nov 21 – World Hello Day (Meet everyone with a smile!)

Friday, Nov 29 – Square Dancing Day (Do people do that anymore?)

#### **GFWC Wyoming State Treasurer Marcia Volner**

Just a reminder that your dues need to be to me by November 30<sup>th</sup>, at 3421 Monterey Drive, Rock Springs, WY 82901.

\$22 per member general dues  
Fall workshop \$15  
State Conference/Convention fee \$.50 per member  
Art Fee, if you participate, is \$25

## **GFWC West District Liaison Leslie Jo Gatti**

The two clubs in western Wyoming are busy getting ready for the Holidays. So far, the weather is cooperating (mostly).

There is a National Club for 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> (or more) generations of clubwomen called Legacies. If you are interested in more information, let me know. I can get you in touch with the right people. Also, if you'd like to be a part of a state club for Legacies, contact me. We need 6 people to get started and I already have 2. Happy Thanksgiving. Enjoy the Holidays.

## **Club News**

### **Women's Civic League of Cheyenne President Linda Stowers**

The Cheyenne Civic League members have been busy getting ready for the 51<sup>st</sup> Christmas House. This year the house will be at 7826 Hawthorne Drive, December 6-7. If you are in Cheyenne, this is a must visit.

In addition, the Club members have been collecting gently used and new books for Stride Learning Center and Head Start. The Military Committee participated in Cheyenne's annual VA Standdown for Homeless Veterans on October 24 at American Legion Post 6. Individuals from WCLC contributed sweatpants, shirts, socks, gloves, and toiletries. The Senior Services Committee made 18 lap blankets and Halloween Baskets for the seniors in the Community.

The City has a new mural celebrating Wyoming Suffrage. This mural can be seen on Carey Street and includes 2 of our clubwomen. Stop by and take a look.



### **Laramie Woman's Club President Adrienne Polis**

Inspired by the great work of the Cheyenne Clubs to help homeless students, our members are supporting the School Success program of Albany County School District #1. This club year we are continuing to collect hygiene items and socks at every meeting for the students and have expanded these collections to include underwear for elementary students. By our November meeting we had collected \$250 for our Holiday Haircuts project. We have several Laramie hair stylists that are offering haircuts at reduced rates and some are even donating them free of charge for our homeless students.

For over a year we have focused on increasing our membership. We proudly report on our accomplishments in the Laramie Boomerang as a way to keep our name recognized. We encourage members to bring guests to the luncheon meetings and offer a free membership to anyone who brings in two paid members. Since September we have added three new members, bringing our roster to 67.

### **GFWC Yoder Woman's Club President Bev Yeik**

Pictured below are members from GFWC Yoder Woman's Club, as well as helpers from GFWC Women's Civic League and GFWC X-JWC. They banded together to make the Pheasant Hunter's Luncheon a great success.



And, of course, there was pie...



### **GFWC Meadowlarks President Flo Beville**

Greetings from Meadowlarks:

Although we are more of a "summer" club we are talking about some simple projects we can do this winter. More to come on that.

On October 19<sup>th</sup> the Larks entered a craft show to raise some funds for our coffers. We entered a second one on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Larks crafted and entered their projects for sale.

On Saturday November 2<sup>nd</sup> some of the club members gathered for a social event at the Civic Center to see Witch, a ballet presentation, and then went to dinner afterwards. We have our December event planned also.

For more information about our club contact Flo at [robi53@msn.com](mailto:robi53@msn.com) or 421-3011.

## **GFWC Woman's Club of Rock Springs President Marcia Volner**

We are preparing for our holiday house. Raffle items have been gathered, crafts are in the works, and baked goods are being planned. Our holiday house will be at 2401 Lacebark in Rock Springs. We will start on Friday, December 6, from 4:00-8:00 PM. Saturday we will go from 10:00 AM to 2:00 Pm. If you are in the area, we would love to have you attend! Back to my crafting now!



## **GFWC X-JWC President Trish Peoples**

I asked the clubwomen to wear something purple in support of March of Dimes. And, they did! We also collected \$150 in dimes in support of Mary Lee's President's Project.



## News from our Chairmen

### Scholarship Chairman Wendy Owen

Please remember that yearly allocations are due by November 30th. Send all scholarship donations to the GFWCW Custodian of Scholarships, Wendy Owen, 2700 Carey Avenue, Cheyenne, WY, 82001. Please make a separate check for each scholarship, if possible.

Mary N. Brooks Scholarship  
Ruth Clare Yonkee Scholarship  
Paulina Hayes Scholarship

### Publicity Chairman Lynda J. Hidalgo

The Laramie Woman's Club recently arranged for \$400 to be donated to Doctors Without Borders through their International Outreach Committee chaired by Antoinette Denison. \$200.00 was donated by LWC and \$200.00 was through a grant matching our donation. The mission of Doctors Without Borders is to provide relief to victims of war, disease and natural or man-made disasters.

### Community Improvement Program Chairman Karen Brannon

Here are some things that a Federated Club did: Clubmembers helped with the Junior Olympics downhill ski racing and with the annual Ski Swap. Members also handed out Club pamphlets and talked to people at a Club-O-Rama.



### Fundraising Chairmen Flo Beville and Karen Kent

Contact Flo at [robi53@msn.com](mailto:robi53@msn.com) or Karen Kent at [wyokents@msn.com](mailto:wyokents@msn.com) for tickets for this cozy cabinet!

\$5 or 5 for \$20

Proceeds go to GFWC-Wyoming

**Membership Chairman Katherine Van Dell**



**GFWC 2018-2020 RECRUITMENT CAMPAIGN REPORT: "United by Our Diversity"**

To submit the names of those successfully recruited during your membership campaigns, please complete the form below and return it to GFWC Headquarters by the deadlines noted:

Check which recruitment season you are reporting:

- Fall — Recruitment (September, October, November; report due December 1)
- Winter — Mentoring (December, January, February; report due March 1)
- Spring — Recognition (March, April, May; report due June 1)

Club Name \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Federation \_\_\_\_\_

Club President's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Club Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Phone day) \_\_\_\_\_

Listed below are names and contact information of new members recruited this season:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

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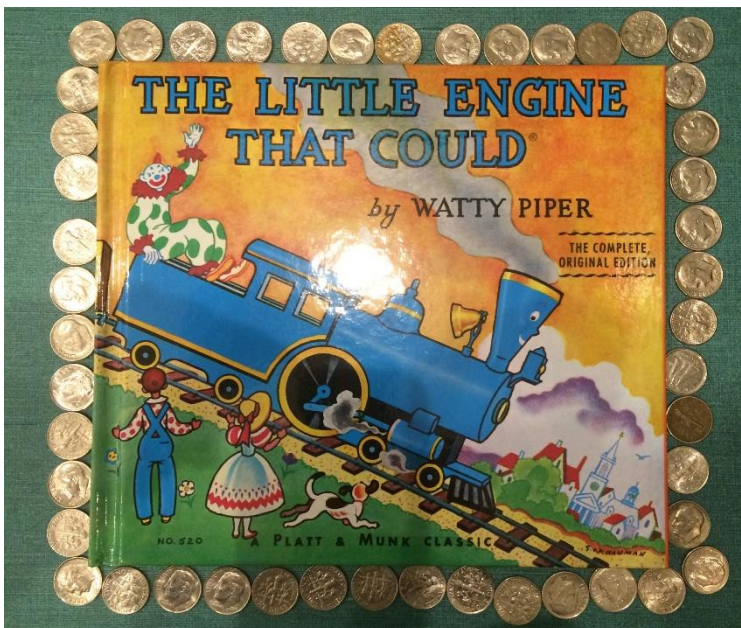
Please use additional sheets if necessary. Submit to: GFWC Recruitment Campaign; 1734 N Street NW; Washington, DC 20036-2990; 202-835-0246; [GFWC@GFWC.org](mailto:GFWC@GFWC.org) AND Katherine Van Dell, GFWC W Membership Chair, 1732 Oxford Drive, Cheyenne, WY 82001-1663; 307-630-5058

## Communications and Public Relations Chairman Pat Stenback

### Small Projects/Big Results from Jeanne Urban, CPR Committee Member

Communications and Public Relations is a vital part of our GFWC livelihood. Sometimes we wonder how the clubwomen in the early 1900's got the word out to members. Now we have so many different ways to communicate with our members and the public. GFWC President Mary Ellen Brock's Grand Initiatives are an important part of her administration. An example of using your communications and public relations is stated below.

"We are such a small club (membership of six), what can we do to make a difference?" As their advisor some hints were given which they took to heart and put to good use.



- While shopping they informed people everywhere that they purchased Dr. Seuss books and told them why they were buying the books and where they were going to be donated when taken to the GFWC Annual Convention.
- The club began gathering shoes and donated them to Soles4Souls, explaining to those donating about this project.
- For their last project they gathered over 20 gowns plus accessories and took them to the local air base for the military women, explaining to them the Grand Initiatives for GFWC. They accomplished three of the seven initiatives. This could be considered a big result from a small club.



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