



KALEIDOSCOPE

November 2023



President's Message

CLAUDIA WILEN

As we enter the month of November frantically trying to finish all our projects for Christmas House and still get to baking all the kitchen goodies, we need to take a step back and give thanks for all our blessings that enable us to do this--the gifts of health, time, family support, talent and creativity. As you gather with family and friends during the Thanksgiving holiday, please count all your blessings.

During our board meeting we addressed the concern of the President about the amount of out-of-pocket monies that many of our members, officers and committee chairs must deal with in order to support our activities. While donating items and money or having to pay upfront costs out of pocket and then wait for reimbursement may not be a problem for some throughout the club year, we hate to see it become a deterrent for those considering new membership or accepting an elected or board position. Not having a grasp on the extent of these sums also makes budgeting a pure guessing game—we are already finding we have overspent several of our line-item allowances on our present budget. Nancy Kaufman also reminded that in-kind donations of any kind, be it monetary donation or purchases, are reported by GFWC-WY to GFWC and reflect another type of community effort on our part. I am asking all committee chairs to be sure to list any in-kind donations as you fill in your report forms, officers to keep track of any expenses that are not reimbursed, as well as each member to keep a list of the cost of all your donations, including raffle tickets, hostess meeting prize expenses, table decorations, NEEDS food items, special project collections, etc. Please keep a record through the remainder of

this club year and submit it at the May meeting. You will be amazed at all the “extras” you are contributing and hopefully it will help future administrations get a better handle on our operating expenses.

A Veteran’s Day Memorial service will be held Saturday, Nov. 11th at 11 am at the American Legion. This is just another way to give thanks this month---to all the men and women who have served to protect our freedoms.

The board has offered Shelley Toll as our club’s nominee for next year’s LEADS candidate from WY. We will be taking nominations from the floor also at the general membership meeting so if you know of any member who would like to participate in this opportunity, please be prepared to nominate them at that time. Our nominee will then join the list of candidates from across the state to be selected by the state committee.

We will also be asking for any nominees for the position of State Treasurer. This is the only vacancy remaining on the slate. Again, if you know of anyone in our club who would be willing to fill this position please be prepared to offer their nomination at the general meeting.

Looking forward to seeing your smiling faces this month! If you cannot attend the meeting, Happy Thanksgiving!

Before You Speak...

THINK

- T** is it true?
- H** is it helpful?
- I** is it inspiring?
- N** is it necessary?
- K** is it kind?

VICE PRESIDENT

ROCHELLE TOLL



Just a kind reminder when submitting your luncheon meal choice you should be receiving a confirmation email back. If you don’t receive a confirmation email back, please call, text or email me so I can insure your response was recorded.

Our Christmas House brunch is being held on December 6th, at Blue Federal Credit Union, on Pershing (same venue as last year.)

Please be advised that ride sharing will be a must this year as we are limited to 55 parking spaces at Blue Federal Credit Union. Please start thinking of your ride share members now as it's only a month away. If anyone is in need of a ride please let me know.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

KRISTIE ACKERSON



October Correspondence

10/5/23 Trudy Clarke - Sympathy - Father-in-law passed away
10/5/23 Connie Hines - Sympathy - Daughter-in-law passed away
10/9/23 Family of Gloria Tafoya - Sympathy
10/12/23 Pam Crochet - Get well - Surgery

YEARBOOK CHANGES

Changes to the 2023-24 Yearbook

NEW MEMBERS:

Lori Pallak '23
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Birthday: 10/30
Husband: Jeffrey

Deanne Vogel '23
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Cheyenne 82009
Ph: 307-630-0104
Email: deannevogel@hotmail.com
Birthday: 2/27

Bonnie Rivers ('23)
1331 Jack Lane
Cheyenne 82009

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Birthday: 8/19

Yearbook Update:

Status Change:

Leslie Connaghan

Please add an (i) in front of Leslie's name for Inactive

New number for Connie Atwell is 307-630-5440

Delete 634-8050 for Brenda Hart.

Reminder: Please be sure to update birthdays in the back of the yearbook as members join or resign.

Membership will list the hobbies/skills/interests listed on a new member's application beginning with this month's Kaleidoscope.

Members who recently joined:

Bonnie Rivers (will list next time)

Lori Pallak: quilting, gardening, crafting, involvement in community

Deanne Vogel: military outreach

Deetta Rapp: decorating, gardening, crafts, social, exercise

Melanie Tibbitts: quilting, sewing, scrapbooking

Shauna Barnett: woodworking, crafting

Kelly Heimsoth: crosswords, family, education and libraries, social groups, community service

Tammy Nowak: dance, golf

Colleen Wilkins: gardening, crafting, horseback riding

Mary Ryan: helping others

Cindy Schumm: crafts, motorcycles, crochet

Leslie Kunz: cooking, baking, thrifting, crocheting, arts & crafts, sewing, volunteering

Anne Krotz: all crafts, military, and women's support

Lynn Davis: reading, traveling, drawing, adult coloring books, writing, needlepoint, pets, community involvement, art, animal shelter

Deb McCann

Membership Chair

ENVIRONMENT

ENVIRONMENT COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM, Phyllis Salzburg

NOVEMBER 15 – AMERICA RECYCLES DAY! Reduce, Reuse, Repurpose and Recycle in every aspect of our lives:

Recycle at home, work, school and on the go.

Buy products made with recycled content

Educate and encourage friends, family and neighbors to do the same

Why is recycling important? Recycling helps ensure our planet remains healthy by reducing landfill waste, conserving natural resources such as oceans and forests and helping to reduce burning fossil fuels which can decrease greenhouse gas emissions.

MILITARY

Veteran's Day observance will be held Saturday, November 11, 2023, precisely at 11:00 a.m., at American Legion Post 6, 2001 E. Lincolnway. A lunch will be served immediately following the ceremony.

Please join us for our 4th annual Christmas Stockings for the VA event! Help us spread some holiday cheer to veterans in the Cheyenne VA's Intensive Community Mental Health Recovery (ICMHR) program and the Residential Recovery Treatment Program (RRTP). This year we have a request to include the Community Living Center (CLC), so we will be stuffing 57 "stockings"!

Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4BAEAF2CA1FE3-45742369-christmas#/>

Items will be collected at the November 8th luncheon. Thank you for sharing joy with the veterans at the VA!

The Military Outreach Committee will meet on Wednesday, November 8, from 10:30 until 11:15 a.m. Please join us!

Carolyn Ritschard and Linda Hill

YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES

Thank you for the candy donations for the Trick or Trunk Halloween event sponsored by the Old West Museum. We were able to deliver 20 bags of candy to them and one extra-large bag of candy to the residents at Primrose. Thanks to Lorraine Gallagher for donating her \$45.00 winnings from our 50/50 drawing back to the club to buy candy. A special 33% off at King's Sooper also helped to purchase so much. Hope everyone had a Happy Halloween.

We are ready to start our next project by asking for donations to the Toys for Tots drive! Bring toys or games to the next luncheon on November 8. Thank you for your support of these projects!

SENIOR SERVICES

The Senior Services Committee met on October 18, 2023, with five members present. Trish Palluck reported that both Pt. Frontier and Aspen Winds would be allowing children to come "trick or treat" their residents this year and would appreciate candy donations for the residents to give out. The group decided to purchase two large bags of candy from Sam's Club for each facility. Kim Benson volunteered to purchase the candy and deliver it to facilities. Doing a holiday activity at one of the facilities was discussed. Jamie Avent reported that she had been trying to plan a holiday activity at Pt. Frontier for December 16, 2023, from 1-3 pm but was having trouble getting it to come together. The group discussed the possibility of offering to wrap presents for residents and providing hot chocolate and cookies to them while they are waiting for their gifts to be wrapped. It was decided to discuss this further at the November meeting. The next meeting will be Wednesday, November 15, 2023, 11:00 am at Dazbog Coffee.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brenda Hart

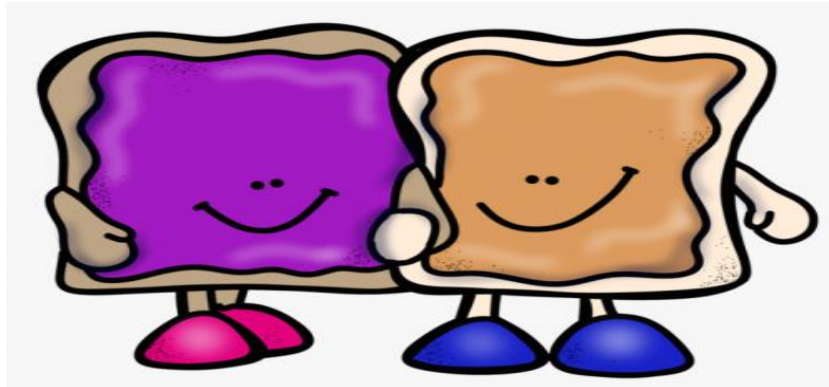
SOCIAL GROUPS

AFTERNOON BUNKO

There will be no Bunko in November or December. Look for information in January!

NEEDS

BRING YOU PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY TO THE MEETING!!



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OTHER INFORMATION

X-JWC

X-JWC CRAYON INITIATIVE

X-JWC is supporting the **Crayon Initiative**, an organization that recycles old crayons into new, paperless crayons in a shape more easily held by children, and then distributes them to children's hospitals throughout the country. If you have any OLD crayons (no need to buy new) to donate to the project, there will be a box at the meeting.

TEXAS ROADHOUSE FUND RAISER

Thursday, November 9, 11:00 – 1:00. Tickets \$20, set menu of salad, pulled pork, corn, dinner roll and drink
Tickets are available from Lucy Russell, Patty Benskin, Katherine Van Dell, Phyllis Salzburg

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Please keep the community posted on what we are doing with Civic League. Help tell a story by emailing or texting Linda Stowers photos! Free advertising and a greater reach than TV or Newspaper!

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Claudia Wilen, President
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Kaleidoscope

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