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IMPORTANT MEETING INFORMATION

On October 12th we will serve a potluck lunch at 11:30 a.m. We need to be cleaned up and done by 2:00 p.m. for another event.

The Executive meeting will be held October 30th at 10:00 a.m. instead of November 6th.

Back to our regular scheduled dates and times as of the November 9th meeting.

1st Vice President

We have at least 8- 10 guests coming to our October meeting and there may be other guests attending, PLEASE BRING/BUY A DISH; we don't want to run out of food! Thanks you so much.....Lynda Hidalgo and

Lynn Prichard

I enjoyed a beautiful drive up to Riverton for the GFWC Wyoming Fall Workshop. It was fun meeting the members from all areas of the state. I appreciated the time the officers and members put into the work and presentations. I have a better understanding of the interworking of the state and local clubs. The positions of Wyoming Secretary and Treasurer are still open. You do not need to a Past Club President to fill these positions. If you are interested, please let me know and I will get you the contact information.

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2nd Vice President

Please welcome our new members, we are so excited to have you join us. Please add the new information to your membership book.

Betty S. Wills and Betty L. Wills

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3rd Vice President

November is the Silent Auction, and all the proceeds go to the Laramie Woman's Club. Donations should be based on quality rather than on quantity. Attached are bid sheets, if you would please fill out the Item Description and what you think the minimum bid amount should be and complete one for each item. Place your name on the back of the bid sheet. The Alice Hardie Stevens Center will be available on November 8th, I will be open at 9:00 am and members can come in at 10:00 a.m. for setup. I will be providing lunch for those helping on Wednesday. Items for sale can be brought to my house ahead of time or bring items Wednesday morning to the setup. When the Silent Auction is completed, we can return unsold items back to the owner. I am hoping for a successful auction and look forward to the additional proceeds for the club. Ina Buckner and Cheryl Fleenor

Corresponding Secretary

The September and October birthdays cards were sent out.

Janine Kropf

Education Committee

The committee was very fortunate to receive an additional anonymous donation of \$500.00 in late August to benefit economically disadvantaged students at Linford Elementary School. Committee member Irene Peach learned from School Social Worker, Ada Mushati, that their greatest need was for winter clothing. If children are not dressed adequately, they cannot go outside at recess to exercise, learn social skills, and build friendships. Ada provided us with a list of items/sizes needed. Irene and I were able to purchase everything on Ada's list:

17 pair of snow pants

12 hoodies

8 pairs of snow boots

Ada was extremely appreciative to receive these items for Linford students!

On Tuesday, October 17, the Education Committee will sponsor a visit to Linford Elementary by The Goat Ladies of J & J Second Chance Small Holdings (Jennifer and Jana Clark) and their goats. Since the kindergarteners' study farm animals during the school year, Jennifer and Jana will provide the children with general information about goats and show them how to interact with them. Laramie Woman's Club has purchased a copy of the book, *Beatrice's Goat*, for each of the 42 kindergarten students. The story is set in a small African village and tells how the gift of a goat changed the life of a little girl Beatrice and her family. Last week, School Librarian Stefanie Hunt read the book to the kindergarten students, and this week they will continue learning more about goats from online resources. Each child will take home a copy of the book on the day of the goat visit. We're excited to be able to offer

this learning opportunity to Linford students!

Janice will develop and distribute the announcement for Laramie Woman's Club's 2024-2025 Mary Godat Bellamy Scholarship in January 2024. She will bring copies of the announcement to the February meeting so that LWC members can distribute them to interested individuals. The scholarship will once again be offered to a non-traditional student; last year's scholarship was \$1,000.00. The amount of the upcoming scholarship will be determined by the LWC board based on funding availability; hopefully, the amount can be increased in the coming years. If inters, members can view a copy of the 2023-2024 application at: [Scholarships-General Federation of Women's Clubs of Wyoming \(gfwcwyoming.org\)](http://www.gfwcwyoming.org)

Janice Pelton and Irene Peach

Craft Group

Would you like to have an hour or two to enjoy other ladies' company and help out at the same time? Then come and visit the crafter's group!! No experience needed. We meet at the Alice Hardie Stevens Center, 1-3 pm, most Monday's. Come for part or all of the time and check it out! We will meet October 9, 16, 23, in the regular space for crafts and Oct 30th in the bridal room to work on the LWC Scrapbook as the Unexpected Company will be rehearsing the week of Oct 30th.
Annie Nelson

ESO (Reading and Literacy)

Please dig out your reading logs from your summer reading. If you can't find the reading logs, you can use a sheet of paper. Include the following information: title,

authors, category, (fiction, non-fiction, biography, magazine), Wyoming authors, newspaper, reading to children). Give a recommendation for each book: excellent, good, fair, poor. Bernie Horst

Health and Wellness

We were able to turn in 5 prayer shawls, 1 chemo hat and 7 baby quilts. Baby quilts go to WIC, contact is Beverly, 307-721-2535. Public Health and WIC are two separate programs, and WIC is the program which needs baby quilts. Johna is our contact for the Welcome Home project, which does have plenty of baby quilts. Prayers and Squares donated a lot of baby fabric for use and is currently stored at Claire's house. Claire can be reached at 307-399-9663 if you would like some fabric and there is quilt batting scraps.

A colorful graphic with the words "Happy Birthday" in a playful, bubbly font. The letters are multi-colored, with "Happy" in shades of yellow, orange, and red, and "Birthday" in shades of blue, green, and purple.

October

- 5th Bernie Horst
- 11th Mary Mountain
- 12th Betty L Wills
- 21st Irene Peach
- 24th Carol Jo Ropp

Volunteers Needed

Committees needing additional help:
We have all kinds of committees, and each committee has several tasks that need to be accomplished. We have room for all skill levels, and we will fit you in where you will be comfortable helping. Helping with the small stuff is just as important as the big stuff. Please look at the list of committees

and join one to start with. This is a great time to work together and get to know one another in a relaxed manner. **Come join us!!!**

Interfaith

Interfaith is grateful for the plastic bags and the various items of food. Currently, they do not need containers of any type or size. Monetary donations are welcomed as Interfaith can purchase food items at near wholesale prices from Wyoming food bank. Diapers are given to Family Promise. If you want to purchase something from Ridley's case lot sale, please purchase canned vegetables, canned fruit, or canned meat (tuna or chicken).

Student Support Services (Homeless Students)

Homeless students continue to need help. If your budget can handle an extra hygiene product from the list below, please bring items to our meeting. We will take items to the Middle School where they are always gratefully accepted and used. Lisa Theis our Student Support Team Liaison is asking for these items: Any kind whether marked to females or males is appreciated: shampoo, conditioner, body wash, toothpaste, deodorant – regular or travel size, hairbrushes, hair ties. Thank you!

Annie Nelson

NU2U

Don't forget that you can still contact Ina to get clothing and such donations to NU2U for sale. The money earned through this program is funding our departments. This is

one way that you can continue to support LWC all year long! Ina Buckner

Pop-top Tabs:

Please save those little metal tabs on soups, sodas, etc. and drop them off at a meeting. Ronald McDonald house will take them (in big batches) and it supports a family's one-night stay.

At our September meeting it was a pleasure and an honor to present Polly Wade, our nominee for the Jenny Award. It's gone through GFWC Wyoming and GFWC Western Region conference. She will be honored at the 2024 GFWC Annual Convention in Chicago, Illinois, June 28 to July 2, 2024. Polly's family attended the luncheon and the presentation.



