

GFWC Women's Club of Sweetwater County

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Motto: Service is the standard of life & love is the motive of service

Upcoming Events:

November Board: 11/2 at 10:30 AM White Mountain Library small meeting room

Literature: 10/10 at 1:00 PM White Mountain Library small meeting room. Bring books to discuss and share and let Leslie know how many books/magazines you have read.

General Meeting: Siam King in Rock Springs 10/17 at 11:30 AM. The speaker will be Stephanie DuPape on cancer Awareness. Members are asked to wear purple for Domestic Violence Awareness Month. **Please let Sharon Burgman know if you will be attending as we need a count for the restaurant.** We will also be collecting items for foster kids for our Advocates for Children activity, items listed below.

You may order off the menu.

Donations for November General Meeting

April Dittman, our Junior Special Programs Chairman, is getting ready for GFWC Advocates for children week October 22nd-28th and is asking for donations for foster children. These are children who are taken out of their homes and living in a different home for a time. The following are some ideas of things that would be helpful to them:

Duffle bags, hygiene items, activity/entertainment items, fidget toys, snacks, night lights, coloring/painting items, blankets soft/heated, plastic bins and other selfcare items.

These should be gender neutral and new or like new. They can be for any age but April would like to concentrate on teens. Please bring these items to our general meeting on October 17th or make arrangements to give them to April.

Busy Hands: 9/26, at 1:00 PM White Mountain Library small meeting room. Bring a craft to work on or Maggie will have Christmas cards for military to sign.



Terri Lynn Nuts

Leslie Jo will have order forms for Terri Lynn Nuts at the October meeting. Nuts must be paid for at the time you order. The nuts will also be at holiday house.

Holiday House

Holiday House will be Friday December 1 with set up in morning and return at 3:30 for guests from 4-8, and Saturday December 2 arrive at 9:30 guests from 10AM to 2 PM. We need crafts, baked goods, raffle baskets and workers. We need people helping in many areas of the house. This is an all-hands-on deck kind of event. It is our biggest fundraiser of the year. Kimberly Kellum is in charge and will have sheets for sign up or contact her. Let Marcia Volner know if you want to donate a raffle item by October 15 or earlier. Like new Christmas decorations can be donated to sell as well. Make sure if you want items back that don't sell that you make arrangements to pick them up at the end of Holiday House.



Birthdays

10/14 Edna Larsen

10/21 Jaycia Hunt

10/30 Vi Gessner

New Members:



Welcome to our newest member Karla Thibeault!

Please bring friends to meetings and encourage them to join. Let Sharon know if you are bringing extra people when she calls about the general meetings.

GFWC National Day of Service



We delivered 205 pounds of food to the Loaves and Fishes Soup Kitchen on September 28th. It was gratefully received. We also gave 22 pounds of food to the state workshop to be given to Riverton for one of their area programs for the food insecure. Jennie also donated food at the Fall Workshop.

Fall Cleanup on Exit 107

Join us at exit 107 at 9:00 AM on October 14th to pick up trash on the exit area. Bring gloves and any tools you want such as grabbers. Orange vests and bags will be provided. This usually lasts an hour. We meet in the area by the sign that says it is our adopted highway section. Weather dependent.

Fun at our Outdoor Opportunities for Women and Kids in Sweetwater

County evening presentation on October 5th. Thank you Marianne Gatti for setting up our first ever evening event for the community. It was a fun evening with lots of wonderful information.



Items to Collect:

Aluminum cans for Red Desert Humane Society – Leslie Jo Gatti

Pop tops for Ronald McDonald House – Leslie Jo Gatti

Lap blankets, new underwear and socks for men and women, clothes must be new or dry cleaned, even clothes you normally wash due to concerns about bacteria and dust mites. Used books in good condition are also accepted – Jacki Allison

Fronts of greeting cards with no writing, spent ink cartridges from printers -Maggie Choate

Lap blankets and adult bibs for Sage View Care Center – Kimberly Kellum

Donation to Sweetwater School District #1 Nutritional Services

The club donated \$500 to a fund with the Nutritional Services Program to help with unpaid lunches of students in need



Members attending September 30th Stat Fall Workshop included Michelle Smith, Jennie Malonek and Marcia Volner. It was a fun and informative workshop. There is a king size quilt that the state will raffle at the April State Conference. Tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$25. Let Marcia know if you are interested in purchasing tickets.

It will be on display at the October general meeting.



Reporting:

Remember to keep up with reporting on any project you do for the club. This includes time spent on project and any money spent. Also needed is number of volunteers and their hours. If you are unable to type, please write it and give it to Leslie Jo. Email typed ones to Marcia at mvwycoff@gmail.com Marcia will need all reports by December 15th to get them turned in before she leaves. Thank you so much for keeping up with this necessary documentation. A link to the form is on our website and a paper copy through Lynn Mornar.

Christmas Cards for Military



Our busy hands section has already done 871 Christmas cards for our military. Our record last year was 876! Maggie has lots of Christmas cards to be signed. Please join us at Busy Hands to sign cards or work on a project of your own. The cards will be taken to the American Legion the day after Thanksgiving for Distribution.

Fundraising Dinner for Western Wyoming Family Planning

April Dittman let the board know there is still time to get tickets to attend the Inaugural Masquerade Ball at Bunning Hall Freight Station on October 21st if you are interested. There are still VIP tables for \$450 available and tickets for individuals are \$30. Talk to April for more information.

Goodie bags for Members



Edna Larsen is asking for goodies such as hard candy to be donated for member goodie bags for Christmas.

Recent Basket Donations



Festival of Trees



Western Wyoming Family Planning
Fundraiser

Learn More:

National Website - gfwc.org

State Website – gfwcwyoming.org

Club Website – womensclubofsweetwatercounty.org

Club Facebook – Women's Club of Sweetwater County

