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REPORT FROM X-JWC PRESIDENT KATHY PETERSEN

Well by now you have probably picked up all the paper, packages and decorations and put them away for the next time. Now it's time to celebrate the New Year—2021! Let's hope for a safe, happy, healthy, caring, sharing and fun new year for everyone.

At our Board meeting on December 29th, we voted to cancel the January 5th face to face luncheon at the Red Lion. Maybe we can get together in February—March? Stay tuned!

In spite of everything, December was a busy month for our Club. First off, our fund-raising events along with the Carol Steinhour Memorial funds raised \$6,248.00! The Board decided that rather than wait until next year to give out the funds, since this past year has proven challenging for Non-Profits, we would grant the money earned this year. So, a check for \$3,124.00 each was written and delivered to Family Promise and Friday Food Bag. Both organizations were very appreciative of our timely donations.



Along with the check that was delivered to Family Promise, Christmas presents, and cards were given to the families being served by Family Promise. A vote had been put out to the Membership to approve the spending of King Sooper funds to support the "adoption" of these families, which had been overwhelmingly approved. Because of the membership's generosity and because three of our Club

members went shopping and played Santa, we made Christmas a special memory for several children and their families.

Carolyn Turbiville collected more snow boots to give out to children in the school system. Plus, she and Thelma sent out Christmas cards to some Club members. Nice work Carolyn and Thelma! Phyllis Salzburg is still collecting Christmas lights to be recycled, contact her if you have some. And we're not done yet! The Club started a campaign to collect used tennis shoes to be made into playground flooring. If you have other ideas we as a Club can take on, let us know.

I am confident our members, as they were able, contributed to various causes over the holiday season in support of our community. Thank you for all you do. I know collectively, we made a difference for many children and families this year and we look forward to doing the same in this coming year.

Happy New Year! Kathy

EDUCATION AND LIBRARIES COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM, Carolyn Turbiville, Chairman



Carolyn Turbiville recently received recognition as a 50 year member of International Teachers' Sorority ADK (Alpha Delta Kappa). She is a life time member. Congratulations Carolyn!

Carolyn is happy to report that the Education Committee has continued to be active. The committee has collected 4 pairs of snow boots, 1 pair rain boots and 1 pair of sandals in the last month. They will continue to collect children's snow boots.

Another project Carolyn is encouraging is all members providing a tray of food to the staff of a school. This will probably be in March. Be thinking of a school you might want to support. More will be coming next month.

In case you need to hear it: Students are not falling behind. They are surviving a pandemic. Educators: You are not behind. You are also surviving a pandemic! And THANK YOU for every ounce you give! (Facebook)

These words have never been more true:

"So often, children are punished for being human. They are not allowed to have grumpy moods, bad days, disrespectful tones, or bad attitudes. Yet, we adults have them all the time. None of us are perfect. We must stop holding our children to a higher standard of perfection than we can attain ourselves." Rebecca Eanes

ENVIRONMENT COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM, Jenny Mullin, Phyllis Salzburg, Chairmen

Recycle reports – Jenny reminds everyone to try keeping track of your recycling during this time when we are not meeting. These are the items listed on the form we see at our monthly meetings:

Number of City Recycling Bins: Large bin _____ Small Bin _____

Other recycling NOT in City bins: Estimate weight or keep track of number recycled. Glass; computer/electronics/accessories; cell phones; printer cartridges; eye glasses – prescription and non-prescription; items taken to Habitat REStore (household items, paint).

Christmas Lights – Phyllis is still collecting Christmas lights. If you have lights to get rid of call her (421-1516) to pick them up or drop them off at her house.

Nike Reuse-A-Shoe – Trish Peoples and Phyllis Salzburg are collecting old, worn-out athletic shoes. In early 1990, Nike began thinking about ways to lessen its impact on the environment and reduce the amount of shoes headed for landfills. [Nike's Reuse-A-Shoe program](#) was born. The program collects old, worn-out athletic shoes for recycling and transforms them into Nike Grind, Nike Foam or Nike Grind Fiber, used in track surfaces, interlocking gym flooring tiles, playground surfacing, tennis courts, other athletic facility uses as well as select Nike products. Drop off your donations at Trish's, 7534 Robin Dr, or Phyllis's, 5021 King Arthur Way, through the end of the club year. This is a joint project with GFWC Meadowlarks and GFWC Women's Civic League of Cheyenne.

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT – Family Promise



Katherine Van Dell presents \$3000 X-JWC CIP check to Family Promise Director Rachel Martinez. Katherine also delivered Christmas presents for the children in the program, decorations and gift cards. (See President Kathy's report, page 1).



Christmas magic!
Joanne Bassett and Phyllis Salzburg played elves, helping Katherine shop for presents.

ESO, Norine Samuelson, Chairman

Get book reports to Norine as soon as possible! End of year deadline for reporting is drawing year!

GFWC HOLIDAY RECEPTION



Every year in early December GFWC hosts a holiday reception at GFWC Headquarters, 1734 N Street, NW in Washington D.C. The in person reception was cancelled this year but a virtual tour was held instead. Over 300 GFWC members signed up to participate! It was a beautiful tour of our Headquarters, elegantly decorated for the holidays, conducted by our International President Marian St. Clair! States were asked to send ornaments to decorate the trees which were shown individually during the tour so we did get to

see the GFWC Wyo bird ornament beautifully created by Sue Ann Shaffer of Women's Civic League. Maybe GFWC will continue this "tour" in the future so more members will be able to enjoy this very special holiday event.

MEMBERSHIP

HAPPY JANUARY BIRTHDAYS Rosemary Korte Jan 31; Trish Peoples and Mildred Treber Jan 19
THINKING OF YOU – Thelma Harrell and Jean Oxley who have been experiencing health issues.

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