

KALEIDOSCOPE

SEPTEMBER 2024



President's Message

KRISTIN RILEY

I hope everyone had a wonderful summer. With the sizzling summer days behind us and the transition to fall vastly approaching, our Club Women have been busy over our hiatus. From Spilling the Tea for Trees in June to our board meeting last week, members have also attended GFWC International in Chicago and Western States Region Conference in Seattle. The most memorable moment over the summer was our dedication and revealing of the Louisa Gardner Swain Bronze. Our Arts and Culture Committee, led by Sue Ann Shaffer and Marcy Helser put on an amazing dedication and reception following the revealing on Aug 28th.

Our 2024-2025 club year is just beginning, and we have numerous projects already underway, starting with our Greenway Clean Up on Sept 14th, followed by the opportunity to give back to the Cheyenne Community by serving lunch to the volunteers for Rooted in Cheyenne's Fall planting on September 21st. Christmas House planning and prepping is in full swing with 13 weeks until our Opening Day! Shelley and Melissa have two full day workshops planned for September 28th and October 23rd. Please join our fellow GFWC Wyoming sisters at the Fall Workshop in Casper on October 5th, where there will be a mini-LEADs session, and we will be having a Legislative Workshop.

As our service committees are dreaming of projects to be completed, our board has been busy painting and laying the groundwork out for our 2024-2025 club year. You will be getting copies of financial reports and projected budgets to review prior to our General Membership meeting. I look forward to seeing everyone at our General Membership meeting Wednesday, September 11, 2024, at noon at the Country Club. I am excited to be part of and see everything we will accomplish this club year. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your President.

“Summer’s end is a gateway to new beginnings. A fresh canvas for us to paint our dreams.”- unknown.

***CORRESPONDING
SECRETARY***

LYNN MCLAUGHLIN



May 2024

Julia Burke - Sympathy - husband passed away

Flossie Vance - Sympathy - husband passed away

Family of Mary Bracken - Sympathy - She passed away

Deanne Vogel - sympathy - mother passed away

June 2024

Cindy Todd was sent a Sympathy card regarding her mother’s passing.

July 2024

Tammy Nowak was sent a Thinking of You card.

August 2024

Laura Gorman was sent a Get-Well card concerning her surgery.

Phyllis Salzburg was sent a Congratulatory card regarding the birth of a grandchild.

Ann Norwood was sent a Congratulatory card celebrating her fiftieth wedding anniversary.

Jamie Avent was sent a Thinking of You card.

Heather Roberts was sent a Sympathy card regarding her mother’s passing.

YEARBOOK

Yearbook updates:

Yearbooks can be picked up at the September 11, 2024 meeting. You can also have someone pick it up for you if you are not attending the meeting.

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Change the Fall Workshop Date to October 4. Will be held in Casper, Wyoming

Resignations:

Julie Wickham

Remove:

Karen Cotton

Add (a) in front of:

Teresa Kunkel

Brenda Laird

Susie McHenry

Earlene Weaver

Remove Land Line for Phyllis Salzburg (307- 634-0623

Also change Phone Number for Phyllis to 307-421-1516 under Community Service Programs - Environment and Membership

Change Phone # for Angie Heimsoth to 307-631-7983

Email changes:

Patty Krakow affinityservicespk@gmail.com

Heather Dodson cmps.dodson@gmail.com

Thanks,

Pam Hendricks

SENIOR SERVICES

Senior Services will be meeting on September 18, 2024, at 11:00 am. The meeting will be held at the Dazbog on Pershing.

ENVIRONMENT

1. Greenway Cleanup -- Saturday, September 14, 9:30 a.m. Bags and light gloves (plastic, disposable) will be provided. Bring your own gloves if you prefer heavier ones and a trash pickup stick if you have one.

Location (same as previous years) is in Sun Valley, Henderson Dr. trailhead to Baldwin Dr. trailhead, approximately .61 miles (1.22 miles round trip), about 1 hour start to finish. **Directions** from the north: Take Ridge Road south across Nationway, turn right on Belaire Ave., turn left on Henderson Dr., go to the end of road where trailhead begins.

2. Rooted in Cheyenne – Planting Day September 21, Women’s Civic League will be serving lunch again to crews after planting is done. Sign up if you can help provide part of the meal and/or help with set

up/serving/clean up. Location: Cheyenne Urban Forestry Shop, 4300 Converse Ave. south of ball fields, west side of Converse.

There are a few different ways you can help if you want to volunteer on planting day but are unable to plant trees. Contact Rooted in Cheyenne at (307) 637-6428. .

3. Our intrepid team, the Women’s Civic League Tree Toppers, Kim Benson, Denise Lathrop, Kristi Ackerson and Earleen Weaver competed in the **Spill the Tea for Trees** event (hosted by the Hawthorne Tree) June 1, 2024. They fared well on the obstacle course, making it to the second round, in the fund-raising event for Rooted in Cheyenne. Shaunna Barnett designed team shirts and Kim Benson created the distinctive headwear.



President Kristin gave away free cupcakes and cookies at our table with Christmas House Save the Date cards. A fun time was had by all, supporting one of our favorite organizations!



4.. Wyoming State Parks and Historic Sites staff will talk about the **High Plains Arboretum Monday, September 16, 7:00 p.m.** at the State Museum Classroom, 2301 Central Avenue. Information may help us with our efforts to make the Arboretum a state historic site.

Submitted, Phyllis Salzburg

YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES

As I see all the Halloween candy in the stores, I am reminded that the Youth & Family community donates candy to the Old West Museum for their annual outreach. We will collect bags of candy at the September and October luncheons. Thank you in advance.

Linda Hill

EDUCATION /LIBRARIES

The checks for the 2024-2025 scholarship recipients were hand delivered to the University of Wyoming and LCCC on August 16, 2024. I will have a sign-up sheet available at the general membership meeting on Wednesday for those who would like to be a member of the committee this year.

Brenda Hart

ESO

Our book club will be reading for September-The Ride of Her Life by Elizabeth Letts. We will meet to discuss the book on September 16th at 9:15 am. We will be at the Board Room (1722 Carey Ave). Also, please keep track of your books for 2024. I will be collecting those in January. You can give them to me though at any time and I will hold onto them for you all.

Lucy Russell

HOMELESS, HUNGRY AND NEEDY

This committee will be collecting peanut butter and Jelly for September. Please bring to the meeting on Wednesday.

Our committee also decided to take part in the Meals of Hope. We hope that many will come and help us on this service project. We will be meeting on September 25th from 5:00 am to 7:00 am at the 1st Christian Church (219 W. 27th Street). I hope to see members at this event.

Lucy Russell

SPECIAL NEEDS

Special Needs Committee: We will be having a meeting at the ned of September to discuss are plans for the club year. Please watch for an email. All are welcome to join in and to be part of our committee. Lucy Russell and Heather Dodson.

ART AND CULTURE

Pictures from the Bronze Dedication.

Marcy and Phyllis unveiling the bronze.



Speakers: Claudia, Phyllis, SueAnn and Marcy explaining the process, timeline and a little history. Harvey Deselms project director and the artist





Lovely reception.

CHRISTMAS HOUSE NEWS

Greetings Women's Civic League members.

Books in a Nook started their crafting with a "critter camp" workshop. Thanks for helping, June Wood and Lynn Davis!

Judi Loomis and Cathy McMikle



CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

See flyers attached to the email.

GFWC-WYOMING

GFWC clubs have been asked to provide raffle baskets as part of a fundraising event for GFWC-Wyoming. We will be donating a Christmas House basket comprised of baked goods and hand-crafted items similar to what we sale at Christmas House. If anyone would like to donate items for this basket please reach out to June Wood junecwood@gmail.com or Lynn McLaughlin at lj180@yahoo.com

SOCIAL NEWS

GOURMET

The Civic League Gourmet Group is organizing for the coming year. It is open to all members and meets four/five times a year in October, January February and March/April. We will be signing up for 2024-2025 membership at the next meeting on **September 11**. We are looking for those interested in being group leaders and members who love to cook and make new friends. The groups normally meet on the fourth Wednesday of the above months at 9:00 until 1:00, but each group can adjust dates and times according to the needs of their group. The usual fee of \$40 will be discussed to see if it needs to be raised because of the rising cost of groceries. ?????

An organizational meeting will be held on September 17, at 11:05 at Paris West on 1719 Central Avenue. We will organize groups, draw the menu planning list, and discuss ideas and suggestions for the coming year. Suggestions for the theme this year include Vintage Recipes Through the Decades – 50's, 60's, 70's, 80's and 90's. We are hoping for five groups again this year so each group would be responsible for a menu for each decade. Please bring cash or a check to cover the fees for the food for the monthly menus. A shopper and a hostess are required for each lunch date.

We will be able to order lunch at Paris West for those available to stay after the business part of the meeting. Please let us know if you are planning to stay for a “pay for your own” lunch so the restaurant can plan for staffing for our group. We hope to see you on Wednesday, September 11 for signing up and also on September

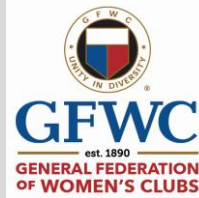
17 for the organizational meeting. **Reservations, questions or suggestions can be sent to: CO-CHAIRS:**
Judy Lissman, 307-575-1102 Linda Stowers, 307-220-1219. THANK YOU!!!

BUNKO

Bunko will begin on Monday, September 30th at 12:30 at the home of Judy Lissman, 7408 Huntz Dr. If you plan to attend, please contact Pam Hendricks at 307-631-7553 pamhendricks55@gmail.com or Linda Stowers at 307-220-1219 lpstowers54@gmail.com.

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