

Wyoming News Blast
September 2019



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GFWC Wyoming President's Message - Mary Lee Dixon



Be Silly—Be Honest—Be Kind

A wonderful welcome back to the upcoming club year for most of the state's clubs! I hope summer treated you well!

Mark your calendars for the GFWC-W Fall Workshop, September 21, 2019 in Yoder. I hope many of you can attend. I've sent out the flyer to all your club presidents, and they should have passed them on to you. We have a wealth of information to share along with some silly skits and updated changes from GFWC. We'll be collecting gently used shoes for the Soles for Souls initiative. Each pair in a separate bag with the size marked on the outside. Also, I am asking every attendee to bring a roll of dimes for the March of Dimes project.

Please consider using the GFWC.org website as yet another avenue of social media in getting news out about your club or simply a program project. Go to the website and click on "News and Publications" to read the blog about other clubs' activities. Additionally, post your news about projects being done. The clubwoman cannot print all the great stories about projects, etc and this is another means of getting ideas out there for other clubs to use along with some publicity for your club's participation in your community. Items for the Blog can be sent to cdeguzman@gfwc.org.

Along those same lines, mark your calendars for the upcoming initiative on taking action on pieces of legislation. On September 23, the three "new" brands that the international president, Mary Ellen Brock, added are up for consideration. Go to the GFWC.org website, click on "What We Do" and follow the links given under the three brands initiative. Please make your voices heard on these very important bills.

Congratulate Robin Broumley from the Casper Active Service Club, on her selection as Wyoming's Jennie June nominee to the Western States Region.

At the GFWC International convention in Austin, TX the end of June, GFWC-W was a top winner in the Home Life category as well as the Signature Project: Domestic Violence Awareness category. Thank you to the awesome report writers for their prose and submittals!

The nominating committee for the 2020-2022 state administration is working on getting nominations as well as moving forward to get the slate in place for the April convention.

Your state executive board is off to Boise this month for the Western States Region Convention. There will be more news to share next month upon our return.

My President's projects are continuing so please use the fundraiser ideas included in the News Blast as well as your own to support these initiatives. As a reminder they are:

Collect a mile of dimes for the March of Dimes

Donate funds to the Raising Readers program

Be kind to your fellow club members

As always, keep track of your donations for your yearly report!

Have fun! Be Silly! Keep enjoying what's left of your summer!!

In Federation,
Mary Lee Dixon
GFWC-W President

Quirky Fundraising Idea

Lose a Latte Wednesday

Put the cost of a Latte (\$4) in your Mile of Dimes jar

Important Days in September

September (Cookie Month) Enjoy them all month long!!!

Monday, Sept 2 – Rotisserie Day

Friday, Sept 6 – Chocolate Chip Cookie Day

Tuesday, Sept 10 – Ball Point Pen Day

Thursday, Sept 12 – Peanut Butter Cookie Day

Wednesday, Sept 18 – Coconut Macaroon Cookie Day

Friday, Sept 20 – Toffee Cookie Day

Tuesday, Sept 24 – Kiss a fairy Day

Friday, Sept 27 – Paul Bunyan Day



GFWC-W Fall Workshop



When: September 21, 2019

Where: Yoder Community Center, Yoder, WY

Time: 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

What: Tentative Agenda

President's Projects

Get Acquainted - Introductions/Icebreaker

Job Descriptions – Community Service Program Chairman

Upcoming changes to CSP's

7 Grand Initiatives Skit

Round Table Discussion

Legislative Action Center Sign Up

Soles 4 Souls Donations

Attendees all bring Roll of Dimes

Why: To get better informed and more comfortable in your club

How: Interactive/ hands on projects and FUN

Lunch: Hosted by Yoder Women's' Club – at will donation

RSVP: Club Presidents, please send number attending from your club to me at dandmdixon91@gmail.com by Sept 16, 2019.





Picture 1: Our cup overflows with care for the moms and children in March of Dimes.

Picture 2: March of Dimes keeps growing with GFWC support.

Picture 3: More dimes is the key to helping moms and children.

GFWC Wyoming President Elect Nancy Kaufman

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer! There were 11 members from Wyoming at the GFWC International Convention in Austin this June!! Despite the heat we all had a good time with old and new acquaintances, each other, and eating great food.

All the reports the club Presidents sent in and State Committee Chairs compiled resulted in GFWC winning two national awards! Wyoming is in Category 5 at the national level (of 6) based on the number of members we have. We placed first for our Home Life projects and our Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention projects. Way to go Ladies!

Keeping track of what our clubs are doing is a wonderful historical record for any reason. Categories will be changing after this year but recording our efforts accurately won't. More on that later. Looking forward to seeing you all at the Fall Workshop!

GFWC West District Liaison Leslie Jo Gatti

The Woman's Club of Rock Springs was much too busy during the summer to have regular meetings! They were busy fundraising and gathering names of ladies interested in learning more about the Woman's Club. Regular meetings will resume later this month.

The Farson-Eden Progress Club is asking for volunteers to help with their annual Haunted House in October. As always with their Club, this activity will benefit their entire community.

I have been working with Valerie Barnes, WSR Membership Chairman, on a project to try to locate women in Western Wyoming who may be interested in learning more about our organization. If you know anyone in Western Wyoming who may be interested, send me her name, address, or e-mail.

Club News

GFWC Woman's Club of Rock Springs President Marcia Volner

Woman's Club of Rock Springs has been very busy this summer with fundraising and recruiting. We have had two very successful yard sales, participated in international day and farmers market. We are getting our name out and people are responding. We continued our monthly literature meetings at a local bookstore called Sidekicks. We hope to see lots of our friends across the state at Western States in Boise and the Fall Workshop in Yoder.

GFWC X-JWC President Trish Peoples

Bev Campbell never ceases to amaze with her talent. She created another magnificent quilt for us to raffle. Let me know if you'd like to buy a raffle ticket. Proceeds go to our Community Improvement Projects—the Cheyenne Animal Shelter and the Unaccompanied Students Initiative. We're trying something new this year in our club. We want to combine more socializing with our community service. Our October meeting will have us tying blankets while enjoying our soup and bread bowl meals. It sounds like the perfect combination!



GFWC Meadowlarks President Flo Beville

First of all, let me say I am so happy to be President of this amazing and fun group of women. We are all so excited about our projects we have completed and can't wait until we plan more to do. We certainly don't lack ideas.

In August, Treasurer Julie Gliem completed our registration with the Secretary of the State Office. We are now officially registered. Then again in August I registered our Logo with the Secretary of State Office. We also have our own Face Book page designed by Starla Sexton.

On August 9th and 10th, five women from the club painted hallways at COMEA House, the local homeless shelter. Although painting is not in my top ten of favorite things to do, this group made it so much fun. Karen Kent fixed us an excellent lunch for Friday, and Jimmie Johns delivered on Saturday. The place definitely looked brighter when we were finished.

Then on August 30th, some of us rallied at the new Cheyenne Frontier Days (CFD) HQ building. We were given a tour by our very own Barb Robertson, VP of the Meadowlarks, who just happens to work for CFD. The building is fabulous so if you get a chance to go see it, it is well worth your time.

On August 31st we delivered lunch to the Habitat for Humanity work crew. Sue Tardif told us that on some days the most they get is a sandwich and chips for lunch. So in comparison, we

provided them with a feast and we stayed and ate and visited with the crew. We had the pleasure of meeting the future homeowners.

Fast forward to September 4th. We held our wrap up meeting during lunch hour. We elected officers and talked about future projects. We decided that we want to meet socially more often throughout the year, so more will be planned on that. A future fund raiser for the club will be entering a craft fair or two.

So that's it for now. If anyone wants to know more about our fab club, call me at 421-3011, or email robi53@msn.com.



Members of the GFWC Meadowlarks delivered food to the Habitat for Humanity Work Crew on Saturday, Aug 31st. They prepared a delicious lunch, stayed and visited and ate with the crew. The group was also able to meet the future homeowners. Left to right are: Julie Gliem, Trish Peoples, Nancy Kaufman, Flo Beville, GFWC-WY President Mary Lee Dixon, Sue Tardif, and Barb Robertson. (Missing from the picture is Karen Kent). Sue Tardif is arriving in style on her Spider.



Karen Kent, Sue Tardif, Trish Peoples, and Flo Beville paint the walls at COMEA, the homeless shelter in Cheyenne.

News from our Chairmen

GFWC Wyoming Home Life Chairman Phyllis Salzburg

After GFWC International Convention, a list of Top Projects considered by the national Community Service Program chairman is published by GFWC. Here are a few of the top 2018 Home Life projects. Some great ideas we may want to incorporate in our Wyoming club projects!

Farm to Table – A Georgia club planted and tended a community garden. Members participated in the garden project by purchasing plants and tilling, watering, and weeding the garden. Produce was donated to the local food pantry and homeless shelter to promote healthy lifestyles. Cooking demonstrations showed how to appropriately prepare the large variety of foods grown.

Best Foot Forward – A club in Kentucky joined community partners to develop an informational brochure illustrating three walking tours of the downtown area. They met regularly with health care, education, public library, and historical representatives during the development. After a ribbon cutting ceremony, brochures were placed in businesses so visitor and the community could use them, thus helping promote a healthy lifestyle.

Valentine's Day Dance for Special Needs Children – A dance for 120 physically and mentally challenged children along with 33 chaperones was held by an Arizona club. The goal was to enable the children to experience a school dance first-hand. Keepsake photos were taken for the children to remember the night, and they were also given a party favor of an emoji pillow or stuffed animal. The dance was a huge hit!

GFWC Wyoming Communication and Public Relations Chairman Pat Stenback

How can it be September already? I am sending you a quick review of Live Video Communications. If you want to know more check out you Clubwoman Magazine page 21 in the fall issue.

How can you incorporate live streaming into your communication package for your club?

Question and Answer Session

A webinar. This could be about the history of national, state or your club.

Monthly Member Profile. A great way to learn about your members.

Live Stream Large Events

Does this overwhelm you, experiment, experiment, experiment. Good luck and have fun.

GFWC Wyoming Membership Chairman Katherine Van Dell



Magic of the Dance

Benefits of Belonging; “Living the Volunteer Spirit” (GFWC)

Membership in GFWC is first and foremost about volunteerism. In all 50 states and more than 15 countries, our members work together to create global change. GFWC clubwomen are mothers, wives, daughters, doctors, teachers, and community leaders who are dedicated to enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service.

The greatest benefit of membership is being part of a world-wide volunteer movement of women working to better the lives of countless men, women, and children all over the world. The collective impact of GFWC clubwomen working together to assist those in need demonstrates the true power of Federation.

GFWC Membership Discounts

Veterinary Pet Insurance – VPI

American Hearing Benefits

Travel: Avis, Budget, Collette Guided Tours

Office Deport

Cruises Only, Motel 6, Orlando Vacations,

Red Roof Inn, TNT Vacations, Wyndham Hotel

The most significant benefit of belonging to GFWC is the support, encouragement, comfort, enthusiasm, creativity, and friendship shared by members from all walks of life, with varied perspectives, diverse backgrounds and different experiences.

GFWC 2018-2020 Recruitment Campaign Report: "United by Our Diversity"

To submit the names of those successfully recruited during your membership campaigns, please complete the form below and return it to GFWC Headquarters by the deadlines noted:

Check which recruitment season you are reporting:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Summer – Retention | (June, July, August; Report due September 1) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fall – Recruitment | (September, October, November; report due Dec 1) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Winter – Mentoring | (December, January, February; report due March 1) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Spring – Recognition | (March, April, May; report due June 1) |

Club Name _____

City _____ Federation _____

Club President's Name _____

Club Mailing Address _____

E-mail _____ Phone day) _____

Listed below are names and contact information of new members recruited this season:

Name _____

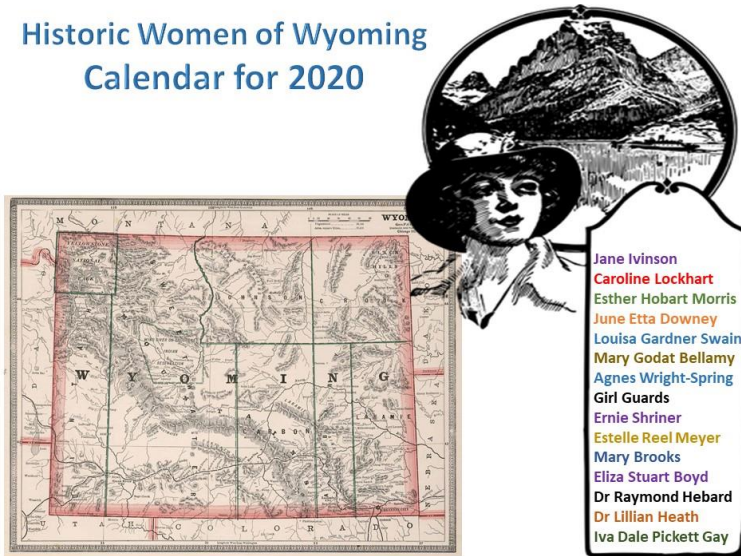
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City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
Phone _____ E-mail _____

Please use additional sheets if necessary. Submit to: GFWC Recruitment Campaign; 1734 N Street NW; Washington, DC 20036-2990; 202-835-0246; GFWC@GFWC.org AND Katherine Van Dell, GFWC W Membership Chair, 1732 Oxford Drive, Cheyenne, WY 82001-1663; 307-630-5058

Historic Women of Wyoming 2020 Calendar and Spirit of the Western Woman Point Person Karen Bard

Historic Women of Wyoming Calendar for 2020



The calendar is done! We will be passing out a calendar to each club so that orders can be taken. We hope you all find something interesting in the calendar that makes you want to buy one. All of the details regarding the calendar sales will be given to your representatives at the fall workshop. So please make sure you have someone there. A sneak peak of the cover is here. The calendar starts in November of this year, so we will need to get all orders in by October 15th. This will allow us to get the

printing completed and to post them back out to your clubs.

I want to thank everyone who helped with the calendar. This project went very smoothly and on time. I appreciate all the support. A Great Big Thank You to Everyone.

Some of you know that we have a major project going on for this coming year. We are looking for stories, quotes, poems of inspiration from women, about women, for women. The objective is to capture the spirit of today's western woman to pass down to the generations to come. There are over 400 members in the Wyoming Federation of Women's Clubs. I would like to challenge each and every one of you to either make a contribution of your own, or to pass the word to someone you know that has a great story and convince them to participate. I know that everyone has something, that if they are brave enough to share, will impact a generation of readers and give them inspiration. To make a contribution, or to ask questions please send an email to spiritproject@charter.net. My objective is to get all submissions in by the end of May. We can then spend the summer editing etc. I want to have to book available by September 6th 2020, the 150th Anniversary of Louisa Garner Swain's vote.

GFWC Wyoming Advocates for Children Chairman Karen Bard

Prematurity Awareness Month is November

Clubs, please consider getting your purple on this November. So something, great or small to increase the awareness of this issue. Wyoming as maintained its B rating and in 2018 also maintained its 8.9% preterm birth rate. No increase, but still a large number of babies being born pre-term. The 2020 Target set by the March of Dimes is 8.1%, so we have a way to go. Unfortunately, the population at most risk in Wyoming is the American Indian population. Between the American Indian and Alaskan Indian sector, they have 55% higher risk of preterm birth, followed by the Hispanic population. Think about what you can do in your community to positively impact these statistics. Follow this link <https://www.marchofdimes.org/peristats/tools/reportcard.aspx?frmodrc=1®=56> to find out how your county stacks up.

So think PURPLE in November.

GFWC Wyoming Community Improvement Project Chairman Karen Brannon

Over the years clubs have done money raisers or different projects for C.I.P projects such as: White elephant auctions, floats in the fair parade, equipment for an organization such as the Senior Center or a Group home, Meals on Wheels or for someone needing medical care. There are lots of needs anywhere you look.

Fundraising Chairmen Flo Beville and Karen Kent

Please check out the attachment to this News Blast for a fabulous fundraiser!



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