



GFWC X-JWC

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SEPTEMBER 3, 2024 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Red Lion Inn, 11:30. Lunch: \$15.00

FROM PRESIDENT PATTY BENSKIN

Welcome back to a new club year! We have already been busy. The picnic early in August was a lot of fun and it was good to see so many of you in attendance.



In September, we will be participating in Meals of Hope on September 25 at the Knights of Columbus, 507 W. 28th, from 5pm to 7pm. Once again, we will be packaging food for families affected by food insufficiency. This is part of GFWC's National Day of Service.

We have been asked to contribute a basket to raffle at the Thankful Thursday event on September 19 which will benefit Coalition for the Homeless. The board decided on a Wyoming Cowboys theme. If you would like to contribute, please let me know.

October will find us participating in the Meadowlark Market. Plan your best baked goods or craft items to help raise some money for the club and have some fun at the same time.

The GFWC Wyoming Fall Workshop will be held in Casper on October 4 and 5. The Board of Directors will meet on Friday, October 4 from 1pm-5pm. The workshop will be held on October 5 starting at 9am. All meetings will be held at the Observation Deck at the Casper Airport. Hotel rooms are available at the Hilton Garden Inn in Casper. See Karen Kent, Katherine Van Dell or me for more information.

I am looking forward to working with all of you. This is your club and if you have any ideas for projects or programs, please don't hesitate to share them.

PRESIDENT'S PROJECT

Collections from the jars on the luncheon tables this year will go to **Friends of Foster Families**. The organization provides many services and hosts activities for foster children and their families during the year such as back to school picnic and Christmas party. They also provide for needs and other necessities not covered by state or federal funding programs such as graduation cap and gown and sports fees.

KAREN KENT, President Elect

Hello Ladies. We are going to have so much fun this coming year!

For our **September** meeting we will be having someone from the Arboretum talk to us about who they are, what they have done in the past and what they are doing now. GFWC Wyoming

has adopted a resolution to help get the Arboretum designated a State Historic Site. This meeting is a great opportunity to become more educated about the Arboretum. This meeting is also a great opportunity to invite guests to help educate them about this important part of Wyoming.

For our **October** meeting we will host Karen Bard, GFWC Wyoming State President. She will be telling us about what is currently happening on the State level.

For our **November** meeting we will host Mr. Mike Cassell. I know that everyone loves to listen to Mike and his fascinating research on everything Wyoming. We have such a rich history. Mike is an amazing, educated and enthusiastic presenter.

In **December** we will tentatively host Dave Matthews and his family as well as have ourselves a Christmas party.

I am looking forward to a fun year of programs.

GFWC X-JWC 2024 – 2025 Officers

Patty Benskin, President	Karen Kent, President Elect
Toni Greene, Vice President	Joanne Bassett, Secretary
Phyllis Salzburg, Treasurer	Cindy Hardesty, Membership Chairman

ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN **Nancy Krois, Chairman**

Members are encouraged to stay after the meeting to tie fleece blanket pairs. The blankets will support children in Cheyenne's south side schools.

XJWC is partnering with Blankets for Laramie County Kids, Laramie County United Way and the schools for the first Reading Under the Stars activity in September.

SCHOLARSHIP REPORT – 2024 **Karen L. Schroeder, Chairman**

The Scholarship Committee met in August to review the scholarship applications that were submitted to X-JWC from Laramie County Community College. We changed some criteria and deleted some items from the application which was recommended by LCCC Foundation. As a result, we received 25 applications (a record number) to be reviewed. The Committee consisted of the following members: Patty Benskin, Cindy Hardesty, Susan Reagan, Ellen Sevall, and Karen Schroeder, Chairman.

The committee reviewed all the applications and the following students were awarded scholarships from X-JWC:

Nancy Nira	\$1,000	Denali Jones	\$1,000
		Adrianna Gallegos	Alternate

We were pleased that the scholarship investments earned enough money and X-JWC was kind enough to again contribute \$600 toward the total amount of awards. Summary of Nancy Nira and Denali Jones applications will be given at the membership meeting.

ENVIRONMENT COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

Jenny Mullin and Phyllis Salzburg, Co-chairmen



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. Learn more about the 62-acre site west of F.E. Warren AFB on the former USDA Cheyenne Horticultural Field Station.

The **Cheyenne Botanic Gardens** will host the **Harvest Moon Stroll** on September 17 and 18 led by CBG Director Scott Aker who will highlight portions of the garden that take on a completely different character by the light of the moon. Afterward the group will adjourn to the conservatory to enjoy tropical foliage and some refreshments by moonlight. \$20 per person. Preregistration is required at <https://www.botanic.org/event/harvest-moon-stroll-2/>

WAYS AND MEANS

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! MEADOWLARKS MARKET, October 26, 9:00 – 3:00 at Blue World Headquarters. X-JWC will be selling home made food and craft items which have been very popular in previous years! Club member is needed to help organize our participation.



BUNCO, Karen Schroeder, Chairman

The X-JWC Bunco group is growing and we love it! Everyone seems to have fun, which is the goal of our Bunco group.

The X-JWC Bunco is held on **WEDNESDAY** of each month at the Moose Club. We play all year long—January through December. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. so bring your lunch and visit with other members. Bunco starts at 12:30 p.m. Our games are usually completed by 3 p.m. The Moose Club has been very accommodating to our group.

Each player is assessed \$5 to play Bunco. The total amount collected will be distributed at the end of the game to winners of various categories. We hold a 50/50 drawing where 50% goes to the winner and 50% goes to the Moose Club. Cost of the 50/50 is \$1 each or 6 tickets for \$5. The next game will be Wednesday, **September 11, 2024**. If you are not familiar with the game of Bunco, please attend one of our games, and our members will be more than happy to help you learn. It is a simple game and so much fun!

If you would like to come and join our group, please contact Karen Schroeder, e-mail: klikoffice46@gmail.com or 307.630.1602 or Karen Lee, e-mail: troopkaren@aol.com or 307. 638.0811. Come try us, you'll like us.

COURTESY AND MEMBER CONTACT

Pam Nelson and Carolyn Turbiville

Illnesses/Surgeries – Throughout the summer Betsy Hartman and Jenny Mullen had cataract surgeries and Susan Reagan broke her leg. Cindy Hardesty has recently been in California with her son who had heart surgery. Please keep these members in your thoughts and prayers.

Congratulations to Bev Campbell on the birth of her great grandson and to Phyllis Salzburg for the birth of her grandson this summer!

Travels – Joanne Bassett traveled with a friend to Switzerland and Paris this summer. Pam Nelson and her husband, Roger, drove to Great Falls, MT for a few days in August to visit Pam's high school classmate and view the surrounding area.

A sympathy card was sent to Pam Nelson by the Courtesy Committee for the loss of her brother, Brent Curyea. He died of a heart attack in Douglas, WY on June 24, 2024.

September birthdays: Bev Rogers – 9-9 Patti Benskin - 9-22 Bobbi Earnshaw – 9-22 Lucy Russell – 9-25 Pam Nelson – 9-27 Ellen Sevall – 9-29

GFWC WYOMING

Fall Workshop -- October 5, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Casper, Wyoming. Registration form and \$15 fee required by September 20. More information, registration form and agenda available from Patty Benskin, Karen Kent, Katherine Van Dell, Phyllis Salzburg.



X-JWC annual summer picnic. Fun and games and good food!