



GFWC X-JWC

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Hot Line

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WELCOME TO ANOTHER CLUB YEAR!

SEPTEMBER 2, 2025 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Red Lion Inn, 11:30. Lunch: \$15.00. REMINDER: If you make a reservation and do not attend payment for uncanceled reservation is required. We must pay the hotel for number of reservations given them. Send check to Treasurer Phyllis Salzburg. Thank you.

SEPTEMBER MEETING PROGRAM

Laramie County Sheriff Brian Kozad will be our speaker this month. He will speak on human trafficking. Some of the Bags of Hope we will be putting together for the GFWC International Day of Service will go to the Sheriff's Department for victims of domestic violence and human trafficking.



PRESIDENT'S PROJECT – BLACK DOG ANIMAL RESCUE

President Patty has designated collections from the jars on the luncheon tables this year for **Black Dog Animal Rescue**. The organization promotes, provides, and advocates for the needs of companion animals, working together to ensure a better future for the pets and people of Wyoming. Their dog adoption program is foster-home based, meaning that all adoptable dogs live off-site with volunteer foster families. Almost all cats are housed on site.



GFWC X-JWC 2025 – 2026 Officers

Patty Benskin, President Karen Kent, President Elect Pam Nelson, Vice President
Nancy Krois, Secretary Phyllis Salzburg, Treasurer

SCHOLARSHIP REPORT

Karen L. Schroeder, Chairman

The Scholarship Committee of GFWC X-JWC is pleased to announce the awarding of the club scholarships for 2025-2026. The Committee met and evaluated 26 scholarship applications of students who attend Laramie County Community College. We awarded 2 scholarships, \$1,000 each, and picked an alternate for this coming year. We are pleased to award scholarships to Candice Walker who is majoring in Business, and to Mya Hall who is majoring in Business Applied Management. Our alternate is Madison Mlinar. The committee consisted of Karen Schroeder, Ellen Sevall, Cindy Hardesty, Susan Reagan, and Patty Benskin. The committee had a

challenge this year reviewing 26 applications of highly qualified students, but it was a challenge that the committee enjoyed.

ENVIRONMENT COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

Jenny Mullin and Phyllis Salzburg, Co-chairmen



14 pounds of batteries were delivered this summer to the City Sanitation Transfer Station Hazardous Materials section, carefully sorted and bagged by type of battery. The batteries were collected at meetings over the last club year. We'll continued collecting this club year.

WAYS AND MEANS

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! MEADOWLARKS MARKET, October 25, 9:00 – 3:00 at Blue World Headquarters. X-JWC will be selling homemade food and craft items again. Phyllis Salzburg and Lucy Russell will lead with lots of help and donations needed from club members!



BUNCO, Karen Schroeder, Chairman

The X-JWC Bunco is held on **WEDNESDAY** of each month at the Moose Club. 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.

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 10, 2025**. 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!

COURTESY AND MEMBER CONTACT

Lucy Russell, Chairman

Get well cards were sent to Ellen Sevall and Jenny Mullin.

If you know of anyone needing a card (get well, thinking of you, etc.) please let Lucy know.

Members celebrating birthdays this summer were: Phyllis Salzburg 7/1, Karen Lee 7/16, Toni Greene 8/4, Karen Kent 8/8, Becky Hart 8/9, Susan Reagan 8/10, Janice Torrance 8/12, Cindy Hardesty 8/14, Carolyn Turbiville 8/23, Bev Campbell 8/31.

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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY EVERYONE!

GFWC INTERNATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE – Help Needed

September 27 is designated as GFWC’s International Day of Service, this year emphasizing prevention of domestic violence including human trafficking. The three Cheyenne clubs – X-JWC, Women’s Civic League, and Meadowlarks – are joining together this year creating 100 Bags of Hope for those rescued from human trafficking or other domestic violence situations.

Members from all clubs are encouraged to gather at the Airport Terminal meeting room to assemble the bags on Friday September 26 at 9:00 a.m. If you would like to help with a donation, Lucy Russell can help with on-line SignUp Genius which tracks donations for the 100 bags. A list is included at the end of the Hot Line with the number needed as of this printing on Sunday, August 31. You do not need to provide the entire number listed for a particular item. Cash donations will also be taken for purchasing needed items.

GFWC WYOMING

Fall Workshop -- October 11, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Yoder, Wyoming. Registration form and \$15 for lunch required by September 20. Special room rate at Torrington Holiday Inn \$110. Deadline for room reservation at this rate is September 9. More information, registration form and agenda available from Patty Benskin, Karen Kent, Katherine Van Dell, Phyllis Salzburg.



On January 4, 2025, President Biden signed the Women’s Suffrage National Monument Location Act into law, authorizing the creation of the first monument dedicated to American women’s history on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. It will be funded entirely through private donations. The funding goal for the monument is \$80 million. The preferred location is within Constitution Gardens, a 50-acre space between the Lincoln Memorial Reflecting Pool and Constitution Avenue.

Anna Laymon, President and CEO of the Women’s Suffrage National Monument Foundation spoke at GFWC International Convention in Atlanta, emphasizing the importance of the project and recognizing GFWC’s visionary support of the Foundation. Through donations already received from club members, state federations, clubs and others, GFWC is already a member of the Liberty Giving Circle with donations of \$100,000 - \$299,000 to date.

You can learn more about the monument, women involved in suffrage, sign up for their newsletter, make a donation and more at the website link below.

<https://womensmonument.org/?form=womensmonument>

GFWC International Day of Service Bags of Hope
Do not need to provide entire amount listed. Any will be appreciated.

NEED as of 8/31/2025

80 Toothbrushes
80 Toothpaste (travel size)
100 Shampoo (30z)
50 Conditioner (3oz)
30 Soap/body wash
76 Deodorant
80 Lotion (3oz)
100 Playing card decks
100 Fidget toys
300 pieces hard candy (like Jolly Rancher)
200 Fruit Snacks

Hoodies 8 small
 18 medium
 38 large
 30 XL

Sweatpants 8 small
 18 medium
 38 large
 30 XL

T-Shirts 10 small
 20 medium
 40 large
 30 XL

Womens underwear 40 medium
 40 large
 10 XL

Boys underwear 20 medium

Women's Sport bras 10 medium
 10 Large
 10 XL

BUSY MAY MEETING!



*Celebrating 85 years with cake!
Certificate and letter of
congratulations from GFWC and
items from X-JWC's historic
costume collection.*



Special guests Kristin Riley, WCLC President, Nancy Kaufman representing Meadowlarks, Karen Bard GFWC-W President, X-JWC President Patty Benskin and CIP recipients' representatives from Cheyenne Animal Shelter and Cheyenne Safe House Services. It was also hat day!



*Memorial Day ceremony.
Karen Kent, Phyllis Salzburg,
Katherine Van Dell laying club
wreath.*



X-JWC annual summer picnic. Installation of Karen and Pam, fun and games and good food at Mylar Park!

