

GFWC-W December 2016 News Blast

Bloom Where You Are Planted



From the President—Leslie Jo Gatti

Dear Wyoming Club Women,

The Holiday season is upon us. It comes the same time every year, but it is still a “surprise” when you realize the calendar really does say December. For the first time in many years our Wyoming Cowboy football team is playing two December games. When planning your Club and personal charitable giving, remember that many organizations experience a falloff of incoming donations after the Holidays. A January donation might be appreciated even more than a December one.

December is also the end of our Clubs’ reporting year. Club officers and club chairmen need to start reviewing your records of Club activities (in your spare time!). Mary Lee Dixon, under her Dean of Chairmen hat, will be sending State chairmen the necessary forms after the first of the year. I will make sure that each Club President has the forms and information for her reports. If you have any questions, ask any of your former Club officers or the State officers. We have all done reports and probably had the same questions you do. I am really looking forward to reading about everyone’s activities. Hopefully, all Clubs have sent your membership lists and dues to the State Treasurer, Elsie Gray. I will be letting individual Club Presidents know when I am able to plan a visit.

During this busy season, remember to take time for yourself. Enjoy your family and friends. Not everyone celebrates the Holidays in the same way. Whatever is right for you, is the right way. Stay warm. Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.

Yours in Federation,

Leslie Jo Gatti

GFWC Wyoming President

International Outreach- Trish Peoples



Did you know you can go to Heifer International's website and get a running account of what this charity is doing? Here is one recent entry: Nearly one month after Hurricane Matthew made landfall in Haiti, Heifer continues efforts to provide aid to families and communities affected by the storm. In addition to the food kits and meals already distributed throughout the island, Heifer Haiti is set to pass out more than 300 metric tons of food in coordination with the World Food Program, said Hervil Cherubin, country director. Tuesday was the first large public distribution—more than 100 tons when to 1,500 families. The remainder will be distributed Thursday, Saturday and next Monday, he said.

It will cost \$120 to replace one sheep for a needy family. Do you think GFWC-Wyoming can accomplish that? If your club sends in \$20, I'll send you this adorable lamb as a "thank you" for your help. Send a check made out to "Heifer International" to me, and I'll keep you informed of our progress.

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Leadership Chairman—Carolyn Turbeville



"Some Leaders are born Women"
- Geraldine Ferraro

"Leadership is the art of giving people a platform for spreading ideas that work"
- Seth Godin

State Writing Contest Chairman- Marcia Volner



It is time to polish up those short stories and poems! The due date for the writing is February 1st 2017 so that I can get them out to our judges. My address is:

3421 Monterey Dr.
Rock Springs, WY 82901

Any questions please call 307-389-8388

National Letter Writing Week is January 8-14. What about writing a letter to members who haven't attended in a while to let them know you miss them?

Junior Special Projects- Marcia Volner



Wishing everyone a joyous holiday season! Looking into January there are several observances such as March of Dimes Birth Defects Prevention Month. March of Dimes is one of the organizations we partner with. For more information Check www.MarchofDimes.com

Community Improvement Program- Karen Kent

We are all by now “full swing” into another club year. Our clubs all have new officers as does our state, regional and international organizations. If you haven’t already, it is time to begin working on your clubs’ CIP (Community Improvement Program) project. The CIP encourages all GFWC clubs to develop and implement projects that help their respective communities meet their varied and ever-changing needs. These projects do not have to be extravagant, costly or tediously difficult. They should be centered around anything that makes your community a better place to live.

Things to think about with regards to your project:

1) *Identify a specific need*

2) *Can you “Partner” with another organization (GFWC, non GFWC, professional, government or other non-profit organizations*

3) *Can your project continue as long as there is a need*

4) *How can you involve the community*

Your CIP Award entry/report will not be due until March of 2018, but you will need time to develop and implement your project. These projects do not have to take 2 years to complete, you are given 2 years in which to do said project.

With so much need in our small corners of the world we all need to do whatever it takes to minimize that need. We have had many unique and impactful look forward to more of the same in the future.

If you have any questions please, please, please don’t hesitate to contact me at :
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ESO Challenge

“How much good inside a day? Depends how good you live ‘em. How much love inside a friend? Depends on how much you give ‘em”- **Shel Silverstein, A Light in the Attic**

The above is a quote from a story I love. Each month I plan to put inspirational messages from well-known Children’s books. I encourage each of you to read these books and add them to your ESO lists. Let’s see how many books we all will read!

Just For Fun

Let's see who *really* reads the News Blast or even forwards it on to their club members. Each month I will place a trivia question in the News Blast. Send your answers to me via e-mail and I will keep track of Club responses. By the time the Wyoming Convention rolls around I will have figured out prizes for the winners. Thank you to those of you who responded last month!

First I threw away the outside and cooked the inside. Then I ate the outside and threw away the inside. What did I eat?

November Just for Fun: Tom's mother had three children. Their names were Penny, Nickel, and __?__ (Answer: Tom) Thanks to the Rock Springs Ladies for getting this - and fast!

Have fun - Nancy Kaufman- npkauf@comcast.net

Wishing Everyone One a very Merry Christmas and Wonderful New Year!!