

GFWC Women's Civic League of Cheyenne

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A proud member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs

December 2016

President's Message

Katherine Van Dell

"The circles of women around us weave invisible nets of love that carry us when we're weak and sing with us when we are strong." Sark

By the time you read this, we will have featured our 48th Christmas House and begun looking towards the 49th. We will be tired; however, still excited as we complete the 2016 Christmas House festivities at the December 7 Brunch at Little America. Without hesitation, I know we will once again celebrate another very successful year. Before long grant applications will begin flooding our post office box and we will begin the process on which groups will benefit by our hard work. It is always rewarding to help as many groups as possible with their endeavors.

The Russian Ballet Company's Nutcracker will be held December 6 and my granddaughter will be dancing in that, so that is exciting. The Christmas Story will be performed at the Atlas Theatre and Women's Civic League has been given title sponsorship by the Cheyenne Little Theatre's Board of Directors. They are so appreciative of the support our club has given them. The production is scheduled to begin on December 2 and featured the next two weekends. If your schedule allows, please attend this production.

Following the conclusion of our Brunch, it will be time to focus on our personal Christmas festivities. Like you, I need to complete sewing Christmas gifts for family, clean house, and bake and cook. I will also need to put up my Christmas tree and decorations. I am hoping to purchase a couple of new ornaments that were made by you, our creative members.

Before long, we will welcome 2017. It will be time to gear up and complete the work of our committees. Time has a way of flying by quickly and we need to assist our committee chairs with the work that their committees are charged. Please assist them by participating in meetings and activities.

Thank you for all you do for our community. Our endeavors and deeds are noticed and appreciated. May we all have a wonderful, healthy, happy, and successful holiday season.



Christmas House Hostesses

Our gratitude goes out to each and every member that filled our Hostess positions with their smiling faces and patience, and a special thank you to Vicki's daughter (my granddaughter), Jamie DeFratis, and the wonderful volunteers from the Cheyenne Civic Center usher corps and backstage crew who stepped up and filled the holes in our schedule.

Congratulation to the amazing Christmas House Chairwomen (and Flo too), for a job well done and a successful 2016 Christmas House..... Every Year it is a new experience and an opportunity to see, and reacquaint, with our co members and friends. Thank you so much from the Hostess Chairs, Vicki, Nancy and Marilyn

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Katherine Van Dell, President
Trish Peoples, First Vice-President
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Cards sent to WCLC members during the month of November:

Claire Snyder	Thinking of You	Relatives Loss Due to a Fire
Marietta Dinneen	Congratulations	Cheyenne Chamber Honored her in their Circle of Champions

Second Vice-President
Patti Reese



Women's Civic League of Cheyenne Christmas Brunch

Wednesday December 7, 2016

Little America Grand Ballroom C

Social: 9:00 - Brunch 10:00

Basket of Little America Baked Goods

Orange Juice, Tea Coffee & Decaf

Steak Skillet with Breakfast Potatoes, Scrambled Eggs, Cheddar Cheese, Roasted Red Peppers
and Caramelized Onions

Cost: \$21.00

Cash Mimosa & Bloody Mary Bar

Bloody Mary \$6:00 per glass

Mimosa - \$5:00 per glass

RSVP Patti Reese No Later Than Noon Friday December 2, 2016

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ESO BOOK CLUB

BOOKS FOR THE YEAR 2016-2017

We will meet at Barnes & Noble on the dates listed below at 9:15 am.

No Book for December

January 23-The Wright Brothers by David McCullough

February 27-Tortilla Flat by John Steinbeck

March 20-All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr

April 17-Girl Waits with gun by Amy Stewart

May 15-Mrs.. Lincoln's Dressmaker by Jennifer Chiaverini

Military Outreach Committee (MOC)

Flo Beville, Chair, Mary Lee Dixon, Co-Chair

On Friday, November 11th, members of the MOC attending the wreath presentation service at the American Legion. We had a brand new wreath to present thanks to Carol Horam who made this beautiful wreath for our committee.

Attendees were: Flo Beville, Co-Chair, Kathleen Van Dell, WCLC President, and Phyllis Salzburg. Also on hand representing other organizations were Trish Peoples and Chris Shay.

When WCLC has their new LOGO in place, the GFWC and WCLC Logos will be placed on the ribbon.



Also, the Military Outreach Committee donated \$100 to the AIM Foundation, the organization that sponsors a Thanksgiving Dinner for Military Troops. Members of the committee also delivered and donated individually turkeys and hams to KRRR on Wednesday, Nov 16th. KRRR was assisting the AIM Foundation in sponsoring the event and collecting food.

NEEDS FOR NOVEMBER

Chris Shay has requested the following Needs:

Shelf milk

Canned peas

Hamburger Helper

Jelly or Jam

Peanut Butter

SPECIAL NEEDS COMMITTEE

Don't forget your Special Needs Gift. You can bring them to the meeting on Wednesday or call me and you can drop it off at 514 W 24th Street. Thank you Carol Horam for your keyboard donation. It is a hit!



YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Youth and Family Services is sponsoring two children for the Friday Food Bag program.

Love This Earth

Conservation & Recycling Committee



Please continue to bring the following items to our meetings:

- ❖ Printer Cartridges
- ❖ Greeting Cards
- ❖ Pop Tops
- ❖ Box Tops

We are also considering recycling old cell phones, laptops, iPods and tablets. More information will be coming once we've investigated the process for deleting data from the devices prior to recycling.

Greenway Cleanup

With the beautiful fall weather, several members (and their husbands and kids) gathered together to clean up our section of the Green Way. It was a nice surprise to find there wasn't as much litter in our area as our last cleanup.

Watch for our next cleanup early spring.

Roberta Bolton 307-286-0759

Beth Burgess 307-660-6894



Club Websites!

GFWC: www.GFWC.org

GFWC-Wyoming: <http://www.gfwcwyoming.org>

GFWC Women's Civic League of Cheyenne: <http://www.womenscivicleaguecheyenne.org>

Christmas House Facebook page: GFWC Women's Civic League of Cheyenne

Group e-Mails

GFWC Women's Civic League of Cheyenne: wclcmembers@googlegroups.com

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