

KALEIDOSCOPE

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October 2016

President's Message

Katherine Van Dell

On September 15, Carol Pralle, X-JWC member, and I drove to Salt Lake City, UT, to attend the 98th Annual GFWC Western States Region Conference. It was my first time to attend a WSR Conference and I thoroughly enjoyed meeting GFWC members from the states of Alaska, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, and Washington; Hawaii was unable to attend. WCLC Patty Benskin is the Vice President of WSR and at the conference, WCLC Pam Crochet served as the Spiritual Values Chairman. Other WCLC members attending were Ann Norwood, Mary Lee Dixon, Phyllis Salzburg, Nancy Kaufman, Karen Kent and I. Many informative and educational presentations were given during the conference, some of which thought might be of interest to a couple of our committees. I shall visit with the chairs of those committees to see if they would like to explore the possibility of undertaking them.

Additional information obtained is that GFWC members are now able to get discounts on insurance, travel, goods and services. Links to discounts may be accessed on the website www.gfwc.org, which began August 16, 2016. Click "Members" on the website's home page, then "Membership Discounts" in the drop box. Benefits include VPI Pet Insurance; Avis and Budget car rentals; Collette Travel; Cruises Only; Motel 6; Orlando Vacations; Red Roof Inn; TNT (Funjet); Wyndham; American Hearing Benefits; and, Office Depot. Check out the website and take advantage of your GFWC membership.

The weekend of September 24, family members and I were in the Sierra Madre Mountain Range. The trees were golden in color and with Saturday being cold; the rain had turned to snow. It definitely made me realize that we are knocking on winter's door. A lot is going on between this date, 10/1/16 and Christmas. Our country's general election is only 39 days away, Thanksgiving 55 days, with Christmas House just 62 days. It is an exciting time and flying by quickly. Have you started attending workshops and/or are working on your gift for the Gift Room? I truly hope you do not put it off to the last moment, as it will only cause you frustration and stress. Enjoy your time preparing for Christmas House, as it really is a fun time.

While in Saratoga, I stopped in many of the shops. When I walked into the Bridge Street Bargains, I found a very clean and organized thrift store. When I asked about the shop, a couple of the volunteers visited with me regarding the purpose of their shop and what they do with funds earned from the sales. They are members of a service group consisting of 20 volunteers. The shop belongs to the group and they seem to be doing quite well. They raise a lot of money because of the generosity of the community that donates quality items and then supporting the shop. Funds earned are given back to the community for various community

projects and programs. They have an application form to submit requesting funds for activities and projects, much like WCLC. I was told that a lot of money had already been given out this year and there still is a balance of \$26,000 in the bank. One of the volunteers has family in Cheyenne and when I told her about Christmas House she said she would try to make it over that weekend so she could attend. She was very impressed on our program, as I was theirs. Oh and yes, I did leave a couple of dollars there.

Trish, Patti, and I hope that those of you attending September's general membership meeting enjoyed it. Thank you Trish and Patti for all your hard work assuring that our first general membership meeting would be a success. We are off to a good year!

"Our prime purpose in life is to help others. And if you can't help them, at least don't hurt them."
Dalai Lama



Our Members attending the Annual GFWC Western States Region Conference.

GFWC Women's Civic League of Cheyenne

Katherine Van Dell, President
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Cards sent to WCLC members during the month of September:

Wilma Lathrop	Sympathy	Son & Daughter-in-Law Died
Patti Reese	Get Well Soon	Husband had back surgery
Linda Borchert	Thinking of You	Health Issues
Jo Mullen	Get Well Soon	Anemia & Pneumonia
Joanne Mill	Sympathy	Husband Died
Claire Snyder	Sympathy	Grandmother Died
Marvel McCracken	Congratulations	50 Years Membership
Pat McCleery	Congratulations	50 Years Membership

Second Vice-President
Patti Reese

WEAR PINK ON WEDNESDAY OCTOBER IS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH!!

GFWC Women's Civic League October General Membership Meeting and Lunch

Character Day

Where: Radisson Hotel

When: October 12, 2016

Time: 11:30 Social – 12:00 Lunch and Meeting

Cost: \$17.00

Entrée #1 House Salad, Chicken Fried Chicken, Mashed potatoes Green Beans. !!All Gravy On the Side!!

Entrée #2 Asian Chicken Salad

Dessert

RSVP your menu selection to Patti Reese by October 8, 2016

preese627@gmail.com or 640-4046

Member Yearbook

Trish Peoples

I will bring yearbooks to the October General Membership Meeting. If you don't plan to attend this meeting, please have a friend pick up your yearbook. If you want your yearbook mailed to you it will cost \$4. Please contact me at tlapples@yahoo.com or 637-0131.

Yearbook Updates

Yearbook Section	Name & Page #	Updates
New Member	Linda Coatney	P.O. Box 20402, Cheyenne, WY. 82003 307 421-6549 linlou1238@hotmail.com
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Christmas House Tickets

Ladies if it is not possible for you to get to a meeting in the next two months or you have no one pick up your tickets, here is a solution.

Actives please send me a check for \$30.70 which will cover postage to mail
Associates please send me a check for \$15.50

Thank you. Pat Stenback 837 Sterling Drive Cheyenne 82009

Save The Date: Daytime Bunco

All WCL ladies are invited to join our daytime Bunco group. Our next meeting will be on Monday October 24th at the home of Barbara Clark 401 East Idaho St. Play begins at 12:30 and the cost to play is \$5.00. Bunco is a fun dice game and no skill is required. We play 3 games and are done in time for those needing to pick up children from school. You do need to RSVP if you can join us so that we have a place for you at the table. New members are always welcome to join us. Please RSVP to Vickie Smith at 635-5658 or email me at jvsmith611@msn.com or Carol Fagan at 634- 4753 or email at carol_fagan@msn.com by Sunday October 23rd. We look forward to seeing you then.

Thanks Vickie Smith, Carol Fagan

ESO BOOK CLUB

BOOKS FOR THE YEAR 2016-2017

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

October 17-Thr Liars Club by Mary Karr

November 21-Christmas Bells by Jennifer Chiaverini

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

JUNIORETTEs

If you know of a young lady between the ages of 12-18 (or even if they are 11 and will turn 12 in the next several months), please invite them to the Junioresettes first meeting of the year. The meeting will be held on Sunday, October 23rd from 1-2 pm at the Laramie County Library in the Willow room. We will provide information about the Junioresettes for those in attendance, and we will be making Halloween craft items to give to local nursing home/retirement community residents.

In order to have enough craft supplies and goodies, we are asking for people to RSVP to either Sarah Brown (Junioresettes Co-Adviser) or me by October 15th. You can provide them with our email addresses or phone numbers: Sarah: sarahabrown40@gmail.com or 214-3173 or Antoinette: akbrown67@gmail.com or 630-4094



The USO is 75 years old! They are aiming to send 1 million messages of support and gratitude to our service members in their 75th Anniversary year. To do that, they are asking folks to support this initiative-- visit www.uso.org/GFWC and submit a message of support to our troops. That's all there is to it! USO will have your message displayed in centers across the world. As service members go about their day protecting us, all they have to do is visit their USO center on base to see the support from back home. Please take time to send a quick note.

Mary Lee

GFWC-W Liaison

GFWC WOMEN'S CIVIC LEAGUE OF CHEYENNE
MILITARY OUTREACH COMMITTEE (MOC)

The V.A. is hosting a Homeless Veterans' Stand Down at the American Legion on Thursday, October 27, from 9-1.

Members of the MOC will attend this event and the committee will purchase items to be given away to the veterans, such as socks, underwear, reading glasses, wool caps, etc.

This is our first event for the year, and we are happy to be taking part in this most important event.

Flo Beville – Co-Chair MOC



SENIOR SERVICES

The Senior Services monthly meeting on the 3rd Wednesday of every Month. The next meeting will be October 19th.

Monthly Birthday Party at Granite Rehab and Wellness health Center. We supply the balloons, birthday pins and hats which provide support and joy to the residents.

Items needed: gently used purses, scarves and baseball caps.

NEEDS FOR OCTOBER

Chris Shay is the new “can man” and is requesting members bring the following items to the October meeting:

Shelf milk

Canned peas

Hamburger Helper

Jelly or Jam

October 16th is World Food Day so bring food to the meeting.

INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH COMMITTEE

The International Outreach committee will be doing a TRICK OR TREAT for UNICEF at our October luncheon. We will provide the treats (see attached picture) and we are hoping you will GIVE A HELPING HAND to UNICEF with a generous donation to our cause for helping children in need around the world. Every dollar helps! Thank you!

Cathy McMikle, Chairman for International Outreach Committee



COMMUNITY GRANT COMMITTEE

The Community Grant Committee will have a short meeting at 11:00 prior to the general meeting next Wednesday October 12 at the Radisson Hotel. We will review the application and set guidelines and deadlines for the year.

Thanks! Nancy Kaufman and Karen Kent

CONSERVATION AND RECYCLING COMMITTEE

Greenway Clean-Up

Thursday, October 13th @ 5 p.m.

Meet @ Cahill Park on Friendship Circle & Dell Range

Join the Conservation and Recycling Committee in our Fall cleanup of our section of the greenway. The weather should be just about perfect. Bring the husbands, children and grandchildren to join in our fun.

Bring gloves and anything you think might assist our efforts. Phyllis wears her waders, but not all of us will venture into the depths of the creek that runs through our section near the intersection of Dell Range and Ridge Road. However, we do not leave anyone behind. Ask Phyllis!

Roberta Bolton 286-0759

Beth Burgess

Members enjoying the Atlas Theater at our September Meeting.



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

WCLC social group (non-club topics): wclcsocial@googlegroups.com

WCLC Board of Directors: wclcboard@googlegroups.com