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GFWC X-JWC

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Hotline

Bunco-April 11 Asher Building Lunch at 11:30 Bunco at 12:30



Crafts-we will be making bookmarks that the ladies will color and laminate. All supplies will be furnished. The coloring event will be at Carol Steinhour's house on April 20th at 1:00 p.m. All supplies will be provided and you will keep the bookmark you

make! Please contact Bev Campbell at 634-4483 if you would like to attend and did not sign up for the event. Hope to see you there.

Literary- April 28th 1:00 p.m. 503 Seymour. The book will be "Monuments Men" by Robert Edsel. A book kit for the book will be available at the X-JWC meeting. Members may check out the book to read for Literary at this time. Thank you, Judy, for helping to make these books available to members! Melody Nielson

April 22

Bicycle and Necktie Roundup! Trish Peoples

X-JWC and VFW Post 11453 are co-sponsoring a Bicycle and Necktie Roundup on the 22nd of April. It will be at the American Legion Post 6 parking lot, from 12:00 to 4:00. All bicycles are accepted: old, new, and broken and pieces. Everything will go to the Wyoming Coalition for the Homeless. We are also accepting neckties, which will be used to create sleeping bags for the homeless. Additionally, X-JWC will run a bake sale at the event, with proceeds going to the Wyoming Coalition for the Homeless. There will be a sign-up sheet at

the April General Membership Meetings for working the roundup and providing food for the bake sale. You can bring your neckties to any meeting and give them to Trish Peoples. If you have bicycles that you want to donate, but can't get them to the roundup, you can call Trish at 637-0131 for pick up. We've already given 27 neckties and 10 bicycles to the Coalition.

Due May 2: .

Reports are due from Program and other Committee Chairmen to Benita Thompson. She will need this information for reports she needs to send in by February 1, 2018. If possible, send them by email to Benita.

Membership Dues are due.

Just a reminder that Membership Dues are payable now, but will be delinquent after the May Meeting. Thank you for taking time now to take care of this matter. Mary Ann Kamla Treasurer, XJWC

May 5 and 6, 2017 GFWC-W State Convention Holiday Inn, Laramie, WY
Mark your calendar!

Fun Times at State Convention

1) **Friday Afternoon: Kentucky Derby Hat Workshop** – Since Saturday is the Kentucky Derby, we are having a contest for the hat that most exemplifies the theme of the convention – “Bloom Where You Are Planted”, and the most “OUTRAGEOUS” hat. Ideally, those attending will bring a hat they have created and enter the hat contest (prizes will be given out on Saturday night). If you feel you are not creative enough to do this, we will have people at the workshop to help you create a hat and will furnish hats and trim. Cost is \$10.00. Please join us in this fun project!

2) **Friday Night: Photo” booth** – We have “hand-held” picture frames of all sizes, funny hats, mustaches and on and on so...adopt an “attitude” and have your picture taken for \$5.00. Proceeds will go to the Laramie Firemen’s Burn-Out Fund. Since this day is “Cinco de Mayo” – the attire is Western Fiesta..

3) **Saturday Night:** Peter Queal at the Guitar during cocktails and dinner and then The Betty's (wonderful women's singing group from UW) will be entertaining us and leading us in "Let There Be Peace on Earth".

As an added bonus, LWC has 4 booths at Bart's Flea Market and we are giving a 25% discount on all items in our booths to GFWC members Thursday May 4 thru Sunday May 7. Come early to convention or stop by Bart's on Sunday before you leave town.

I so look forward to seeing you at this event and, if you have any questions, please give me a call at 307-760-7260 (lhidalgo@bresnan.net).

Sincerely, Lynda Hidalgo President Laramie Woman's Club

We care about our members!



Thelma Harrell, Carol Steinhour and Mary Ann Kamla have all been "Under the Weather", but are doing much better.

Sympathy is with Bev Campbell and her family in the loss of her uncle, who she spent a lot of time with the last few months.

Worry is like a rocking chair, it gives you something to do but you never get anywhere.

URGENT Art Mary Ann Kamla State Chairman

I am anxious and excited to see how many art entries I will receive from our members for the Membership Art Contest. I am hoping that XJWC will be well represented at the State Convention. Remember the categories are; painting, hobby crafts, sewing, jewelry, pottery, floral design and fiber arts. However, I must receive your entries by April 15. Forms will again be available at the Membership Meeting. Any questions, please call 630-7246. Thank you for your participation.

International Outreach- Trish Peoples State Chairman



Do you know one of the best ways to stop human trafficking?

Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all.

That answer leads back to me, as a mascot for Heifer International.

Buy an animal for a family and help that family become self-sustaining.

Domestic Violence- Bess Stevenson GFWC Wyoming Chairman

Domestic Violence is the willful intimidation, physical assault, battery, sexual assault, and or other abusive behavior as part of a systematic pattern of power and control perpetrated by one intimate partner against another. It includes physical violence, sexual violence, psychological violence, and emotional abuse. I read about this most of the time, you see I am a domestic survive many years ago, only 20 I was that, now 78 There are so much help today, when I was no one talk about it. I met some lady later and she needed help, I know now my faith was strong and still is. Later on down about a year she and children became special friends. As time goes buy I will write some of me.

With a a serious face, order a Diet Water whenever you go out to eat!

Leadership State Leadership Chairman Carolyn Turbiville

It is that time of the year that we need to think about being chairman of a committee or program. Leadership isn't just being president and on the board, but many other activities requires leaders.

The Elephant Rope Author Unknown

As

a man was passing the elephants, he suddenly stopped, confused by the fact that these huge creatures were being held by only a small rope tied to their front leg. No chain, no cages. It was obvious that the elephant could, at any time, break away from their bonds but for some reason, they did not.

He saw a trainer and asked why these animals made no attempt to get away. "Well, the trainer said, "When they are very young we use the same size rope to tie them and, at that age, it's enough to hold them. As they grow up, they are conditioned to

believe they cannot break away. They believe the rope can still hold them, so they never try to break free”

The man was amazed. These animals could at any time break free from their bonds but because they believed they couldn't, they were stuck right where they were. Like elephants, many of us go through life hanging onto a belief that we cannot do something, simply because we failed at it before.

Do you have an “Elephant Rope” holding you back from stepping up to Leadership?

Scholarship Karen Schroeder X-JWC Chairman

The Scholarship Committee reported that X-JWC GFWC has contributed and has a balance of \$19,866.00.

The Scholarship is available to any female student attending Laramie County Community College who has a GPA of 2.5, is a resident of Laramie County and shows a need for assistance.

Anyone who wants to personally contribute to the fund, please contact Karen Schroeder 307-630-1602.

Tidbits From the Past 1991-92 The main project was to raise money for an organ transplant for an infant. The club raised \$1000 for the transplant, but she subsequently died 8 weeks later.

Conservation Recycling .

---Please bring all used **batteries** to the meeting to be recycled. Do not discard them in the trash. Phyllis Salzburg will be collecting them.

Prescription medicines can be taken to the Police Station to be disposed of.

Travels by Phyllis Salzburg

Early in March I went on a mission trip to El Salvador with 10 other members of 1st Presbyterian Church. The trip was through Living Water International, a faith-based organization which brings teams to countries in Central America and Africa to bring clean, safe drinking water to communities.

The village of Las Damas, in the Acajutla region of El Salvador, had worked very hard to get a Living Water team to come put a well in their community. This is where we worked but the house where we stayed at night was about an hour's drive away. We arrived each of the 4 mornings around 9:30 a.m. The men worked on drilling the well with the men of the village and Living Water staff, and we 3 women were the Hygiene Team. We were assigned a wonderful young woman who was part of the LW team as our translator, our leader and inspiration! We taught two short hygiene lessons each of 4 days, about how to keep ourselves and surroundings clean and safe, and one short Bible story each day. Then we had fun doing crafts with the women and children, playing games, and visiting. In case you're wondering, we did not have to create the hygiene and Bible lessons – they were provided for us and Marcela did the translating.

Las Damas now has their well with clean safe water, although everyone still has to walk to the well, fill up containers and walk back to their homes with the water. The Living Water staff were so helpful, concerned for our comfort and safety and just a phenomenal, dedicated, hardworking group of people. They dropped us off at the airport Saturday morning and got ready to meet another team on Sunday to begin work on a well in another community. The people of the village of Las Damas were incredible! A very poor community, but seemingly not unhappy with their lives, very gracious, welcoming, appreciative and fun! It was an amazing experience. P.S. The food was wonderful and I didn't get sick!!

X-JWC Bingo Fundraiser

The Bingo Fundraiser was held Saturday March 18, 2017 5:30 p.m. at Grandma's Pickle Parlor. Pizza, salad and drinks were available through Grandma's Pickle Parlor. There were 47 patrons in attendance, this included 17 X-JWC members. It was good to see so many husbands, relatives and friends.

The Half and Half netted \$72 and \$63 in donations.

The only expense was three \$15 gift cards for employees of Grandma's Pickle Parlor who donated their time.

There were door prizes left over from the Bunco Fundraiser. Carolyn Turbiville and Phyllis Michaud took care of door prizes and half and half.

Mary Ann Kamla and Sarah Norris were cashiers and Kathy Petersen was the runner. Carol Steinhour was the Chairman and Carolyn Turbiville was Co-chair.

Total Net Income: \$697.75 Club 10% \$69.78 Total Income for CIP;
\$627.97

Submitted by Carol Steinhour, Chairman and Carolyn Turbiville Co-chair.



PHOTOGRAPHS The deadline for submitting your forms for the pictures you have taken this year is April 15. Please go through the photos you have taken this year and fill out your form to enter your photos. We would really like to see our member share their photos. If you are unable to attend the convention you can get your pictures to Bev and she will see they get to the convention.

History The history for the past twenty- five years has been completed. For those that don't have email and would like a copy please contact Bev Campbell and she will see that you get a copy. The history information will be sent by email and put on the website in the near future.

GFWC X-JWC International Outreach committee Sarah Norris

The International Outreach committee collected new or gently used bras at their March meeting. Over seventy bras have been collected so far. If you did not attend the meeting or forgot to bring bras, we will still be collecting them at the April meeting if you would like to contribute to this project.

Starting in April, there will be a bright multi-colored cow bank by the check-in table. It will be at each meeting now thru November for collecting change to change the lives of women. There are two projects thru Heifer International. The amount of change collected by November will decide which project we will be supporting! The two projects are Women's Empowerment and Send a Girl to School. Information about each of these projects will be available at the meetings.



