

## GFWC-W February 2017 News Blast

### *Bloom Where You Are Planted*



#### **From the President—Leslie Jo Gatti**

Dear Wyoming Club Women,

Hopefully, this year February will not be winter's coldest month. We don't need any temperatures colder than the -40's we have already had in January. We have all said "good-bye" to football and (at least, some of us) are looking forward to NASCAR.

Mary Lee Dixon as Dean of Chairman has been very busy separating reports and sending them to the proper State chairmen. I want to thank all of the Club Presidents who sent in reports. We don't do all we do for "Glory." But it is always nice to have your hard work recognized.

There was a Wyoming Board Meeting held on January 28 in Rock Springs. Although we had a quorum for the Executive Board, we did not have a quorum for the full Board. We really needed to pass a State budget. One was finally passed with an e-mail vote. Those who attended had a lovely time getting to know one another. It was a nice day. Everyone was able to leave early. I want to thank everyone who came. Besides myself, the following ladies attended: Board Members Mary Lee Dixon, Betty Auld, Nancy Kaufman, Shirley Black, Marcia Volner, Trish Peoples, Louise Richardson, and Club Presidents Lynda Hidalgo and Katherine Van Dell. Katherine won the 50/50 raffle.

I was hoping to visit the Laramie Women's Club on Friday, February 10. The prospect of bad weather kept me away. But I have had some wonderful conversations with Club President Lynda Hidalgo. I hope everyone is planning on attending the State Convention in Laramie the first weekend in May. Those ladies have some amazing plans! The baking contest this year will be candy. I am already trying out recipes! The Call to Convention will be out in early March.

February is "Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month." This can never be stressed too much. Let's all help our daughters and granddaughters be aware and safe.

Are you interested in becoming a GFWC Officer? If so, please, let me know so your name can go on the agenda at the State Convention for an endorsement. We already have Patty Benskin on the Agenda for endorsement as President of Western States Region (WSR).

Are you interested in learning more about GFWC Legacy Women's Club? It is a national Club for GFWC members who are 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> (or more) generation Clubwomen or members who are related to other Clubwomen. Dues are \$30 for two years. There are already three members in Rock Springs.

Stay warm. Keep yourself and your loved ones healthy.

Yours in Federation,

Leslie Jo Gatti

GFWC Wyoming President

## **International Outreach- Trish Peoples**



End Human Trafficking!

Last month I introduced you to Human Trafficking. This month I want to bring it home. In the past year, officials rescued an enslaved girl in Rock Springs. Highway Patrol Officers rescued two young women at a gas station in Rawlins, who were being transported from the east coast to the west coast along the I-80 corridor. Fifteen people were arrested in a sex-trafficking sting during Cheyenne Frontier Days in Cheyenne. Although the women in this sting were found to be willing participants this time, what about the next?

Some clubs in Wyoming are planning a “Human Trafficking Awareness Day” in May. How about all of the clubs? I’m sending out UNICEF postcards to all the clubs to use. Let’s make everyone aware!

If you suspect someone is a victim of trafficking, call the **National Human Trafficking Hotline** 1-888-373-7888.

## **Domestic Violence- Bess Stevenson**

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.

## **Art Chairman-Mary Ann Kamla**

Now that you have your Art Entry Forms and Contest Rules, it is time to really encourage and keep your club members aware of how they can compete in the Membership Art Contest. There are so many varied categories that so many of your talented members could enter. In just the painting category, you can do oils, acrylics, watercolors, pastels, drawing, other sketches and sculptures. In the hobby, crafts and sewing category, there are varied sewing and quilting that can be entered as well as jewelry, pottery, floral design fiber arts and any other category that would fit as a hobby or craft. In just fiber arts, there is knitting, crocheting, crewel, embroidery, cross stitch and needlepoint. You may want to challenge your members to a local contest of your own and then have all entries submitted to the State Contest. As your new Art Chairman, please know I am always available for any questions or concerns.

[mabandit@aol.com](mailto:mabandit@aol.com), cell – 630-7246 – phone – 634-5295.

## **State Writing Contest Chairman- Marcia Volner**

Thank you to the participants in the writing contest. I will get the entries judged soon. Not too early to start thinking about next year. Make a list of possible topics. Keep a journal and think about events in it that might make a good story or poem. National Procrastination week is the first week in March so get started before then!

## **Junior Special Projects- Marcia Volner**



The Rock Springs Club will be working on fundraising for a wheelchair van needed by one of their member's 8 year old daughter who is wheelchair bound and needs to access the community. Anyone interested in helping with this fundraiser may contact me for more information. March will be American Red Cross month and Colic Awareness Month as well as National Cerebral palsy Awareness Month. It is also National Developmental Disability Awareness Month which makes me think of our Child Developmental Centers. These Centers do so much good for our preschoolers with developmental disabilities. It would be helpful to check in with these centers and see what items they could use that your club might be able to assist with. Dr. Seuss Day is March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Volunteer to read some Dr. Seuss books at a local school. Just a pat on the back to GFWC our 2016 annual report as published in the Latest Clubwoman Magazine shows Total Projects as 3,268, Volunteer Hours 158,895, Monetary Donations \$1,756,068 and in-kind donations \$556,871 just in the area of Junior Special Programs . What a difference we make when we work together.

## **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 :  
[wyokents@msn.com](mailto:wyokents@msn.com)

## **Home Life- Phyllis Salzburg**

Recently The Wyoming Medication Donation Program was recognized by Harvard University as part of their 2017 Bright Ideas in Government initiative. The Medication Donation Program is an initiative that involves organizations at all levels of government – school districts, county, city, state, federal agencies and tribal nations, as well as public-private partnerships, working to improve services, solve problems and work on behalf of citizens

The Program reduces medication waste and improves prescription access for low-income Wyoming residents who lack adequate prescription coverage by re-dispensing donated medications, offers advice on lower-cost alternatives, and provides a comprehensive statewide network for drug donations.

There are currently 28 collection sites covering 91 percent of Wyoming's 23 counties, providing \$12.5 million worth of medications to Wyoming residents who could not afford their medications. Donated medications must be in-date and unused in sealed packaging. Controlled substances and refrigerated drugs are not accepted.

Visit the website below for information on the program which has an Application for Eligibility packet for those who may want to apply for the program, as well as a link to a state-wide map of locations where medications can be donated.

<https://health.wyo.gov/healthcarefin/medicationdonation/>



## **PHOTOGRAPHY- BEV CAMPBELL**

Did you know that Curt Gowdy Park, 24 miles from Cheyenne, has beautiful falls if you are willing to hike about 1 ½ miles into the back country? It is well worth the trip! Susan Sontag says it best, "All photographs are memento mori. To take a photograph is to participate in another person's (or thing's) mortality, vulnerability, mutability. Precisely by slicing out this moment and freezing it, all photographs testify to time's relentless melt."

Keep those cameras handy and save your best for the state photo contest. Bev Campbell

## **9th Annual X-JWC Bunco Fundraiser**

*The GFWC/X-JWC of Cheyenne held their 9th Annual Bunco Fundraiser on Friday, February 10th, 2017 in the Social Hall of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Cheyenne. It was a lot of fun and several GFWC clubs were represented. Thank you to X-JWC for a fine meal and good company! All but 10% of the funds raised will be donated to the Friendship Park at Cahill Park, the Children's Museum or LCCC Scholarships. X-JWC is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs.*

*Thanks,*

*Kathleen*

## **GFWC-W Membership- Wendy Owen**

Winter greetings all GFWC Wyoming Clubwomen. I will be reporting to GFWC International about new members again at the end of March. Please email if you haven't already for any new members received in Jan.-March 2017. If you haven't reported names and info. to me since the beginning the club year, I would love that info. as well. Thanks, Wendy

## **GFWC-Wyoming Scholarships-Wendy Owen**

GFWC has a rich tradition of providing scholarships to young people, not only at the club level but at the state level as well.

GFWC-W has two scholarships available to high school seniors and returning college students, and one for a non-traditional female student over the age of 18 years of age returning to an accredited Wyoming University, college or trade school. All three scholarships are \$750.00 for 2017-2018 and scholarship forms are available on our website, [GFWCWyoming.org](http://GFWCWyoming.org) or by calling GFWC-W Custodian of Scholarship Funds, Wendy Owen at 307 635-7400.

The Mary N. Brooks scholarship started out as a loan fund in 1909. The State President at the time was Mr. Brooks, wife of then governor, Bryan B. Brooks. It is now a scholarship fund and provides one \$750.00 scholarship yearly to a high school senior or returning college student with special consideration being given to a daughter or granddaughter of a GFWC-W Clubwoman.

In 1978, Ruth Clare Yonkee, GFWC-Wyoming State President donated the \$1,300.00 allotted for her travel and Presidential expenses to establish the Ruth Clare Yonkee Scholarship Fund. This scholarship is given to a high school senior or returning student and the scholarship rotates between the state's three districts. This year a winner will be chosen from the East District of Wyoming. The 2018-2019 Scholarship will be chosen from the South District.

The Paulina Hayes Scholarship is our newest scholarship. This scholarship provides one \$750.00 scholarship to a non-traditional female student who is returning to school at any Wyoming University, College, trade or vocational school. This scholarship was funded by the Paulina Hayes estate. Paulina gave money from her estate in the name of Ruth Clare Yonkee, a Wyoming Clubwoman that she greatly admired.

Please encourage family and friends to apply for these scholarships. Forms are on our website, available through school counselors around the state, or by calling Wendy Owen at the number above.

**General Federation of Women's Clubs of Wyoming, Inc.**

**Ruth Clare Yonkee District Scholarship Fund**

This Scholarship is available on a rotating basis between the General Federation of Women's Clubs of Wyoming (GFWC-W) districts on a yearly basis. It will benefit a Wyoming student who is currently attending or will be attending The University of Wyoming, any Wyoming Community College or any licensed, accredited technical, vocational or trade school located in Wyoming. Questions about the accreditation of the school or the current GFWC-W district should be directed to the GFWC-W Scholarship custodian. This year's scholarship will be awarded to a student in the Eastern District of Wyoming.

GFWC-W will determine the amount of the scholarship on a yearly basis and will be awarded on the basis of scholastic ability, financial need, community involvement and leadership qualities.

All successful applicants will be notified before May 1st yearly. If chosen, GFWC-W will require the address of your schools financial aid office and your student number. Scholarship funds will be sent directly to the school's financial aid office in two equal payments, one in the Fall and one in the Spring. Any funds not used by the student will be forfeited and returned by the school to the GFWC-W Scholarship Custodian.

NO PICTURES PLEASE.

Please make a copy for your files. NO forms will be returned unless requested and accompanied with a legal size, stamped envelope. After the application process is completed, all personal information will be destroyed except for that necessary for contact purposes.

Mail to:

**Wendy Owen, 2700 Carey Ave., Cheyenne, WY 82009**

Applications for GFWC-W Ruth Clare Yonkee District Scholarship Fund-

1. NAME \_\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_\_ F \_\_\_\_\_
2. Permanent Mailing Adress \_\_\_\_\_
3. Phone: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Email: \_\_\_\_\_
5. Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_
6. A personal essay with the following information (limit 350 words)
  - a) Why you are applying for this scholarship
  - b) Your financial circumstances and your situation, including but not limited to your dependents, spouse, family and employment
  - c) Any and all special circumstances
  - d) All, if any financial aid you are receiving or plan to receive
  - e) Do you have any specific degree you are persuing?
  - f) Tell about your school and extracurricular activities including any community or volunteer groups, sports teams etc. to which you belong

7. **High school applicants:** copies of your most current transcripts and ACT or SAT scores

8. **College Applicants:** copies of your most current transcripts

9. Three (3) letters or recommendation, one of which may be personal

The above nine (9) items are required by GFWC-W in order to consider your application and the application must be postmarked by March 15<sup>th</sup> yearly.

Having read and understood the requirements of this application and verifying all statements are true to the best of my knowledge, I submit this application for review.

**Student:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian (if applicable):** \_\_\_\_\_

# **General Federation of Women's Clubs of Wyoming, Inc.**

## **Paulina Hayes Scholarship Fund**

This scholarship, created in 2009, will benefit non-traditional Wyoming females over the age of 18 planning on attending a Wyoming institute of higher learning, including the University of Wyoming, a Wyoming Community College or any licensed, accredited technical, vocational or trade school located in Wyoming.

Questions about the accreditation of the school should be directed to the Scholarship custodian.

A non-traditional Wyoming female shall be further defined as follows:

1. She did not attend an institution of higher learning (as defined above) immediately after high school (but may be currently enrolled) OR
2. She did not attend an institution of higher learning (as defined above) immediately after obtaining a GED OR
3. She, for any reason, left an institution of higher learning (as defined above) before receiving a diploma or certification from said institution.

The number and amounts of scholarships available will be determined on a yearly basis and will be awarded on the basis of scholastic ability, financial need and leadership qualities.

All successful applicants will be notified before May 1<sup>st</sup> yearly. If chosen, GFWC-W Inc. will require the address of your chosen institute of higher learning financial aid office and your student number. Scholarship funds will be sent directly to the institute financial office in two equal payments. Any funds not used by the student will be forfeited and returned by the institution to the GFWC-W, Inc. Scholarship custodian.

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Mail to:

**Wendy Owen, 2700 Carey Ave., Cheyenne, WY 82009**



Applications for GFWC-W Ruth Clare Yonkee District Scholarship Fund-

1. NAME \_\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_\_ F \_\_\_\_\_

2. Permanent Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

3. Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Email: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

6. A personal essay with the following information (limit 350 words)

a) Why you are applying for this scholarship

b) Your financial circumstances and your situation, including but not limited to your dependents, spouse, family and employment

c) Any and all special circumstances

d) All, if any financial aid you are receiving or plan to receive

e) Do you have any specific degree you are persuing?

f) Tell about your school and extracurricular activities including any community or volunteer groups, sports teams etc. to which you belong

7. A copy of your current transcripts if you are currently attending an institute of higher learning **or** a copy of your GED certification

8. Three (3) letters of recommendation, one of which may be personal.

The above eight (8) items are required by GFWC-W, Inc. in order to consider your application and all applications must be post marked by March 15<sup>th</sup> yearly.

Having read and understood the requirements of this application and verifying all statements are true to the best of my knowledge, I submit this application for review.

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Just a reminder- LEADS Seminar application is due by March 1, 2017

## GFWC Leadership, Education and Development Seminar (LEADS) APPLICATION Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Please conceal applicant's identity during selection deliberation  
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**Please answer the following questions in as much detail as possible:**

(Attach a separate sheet of paper if more space is needed)

List all local club offices and/ or chairmanships held: \_\_\_\_\_

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List all district offices and/ or chairmanships held: \_\_\_\_\_

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List GFWC club/district programs/projects in which involved: \_\_\_\_\_  
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List positions at the district, state, and/or national level in which you are interested:  
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Are you willing to:

- Cover Costs to attend GFWC LEADS not covered by GFWC or state? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_
- Share what you have learned at LEADS with your state members? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

**Return this form, along with two letters of support from active GFWC club members, to your state federation by the application deadline. Return to Carolyn Turbiville, 2010 Rayor Ave., Cheyenne, WY 82001 by March 1, 2017.**

## **ESO Challenge**

In every job that must be done, there is an element of fun. You find the fun and the job's a game.

*P.L. Travers, Mary Poppins*

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**

A man was looking at a picture. While staring at the picture he said, brothers and sisters I have none but this man's father is my father's son. Who is in the picture?

**January Answer:** What color are the berries on a mistletoe branch? **WHITE**

Have fun – Nancy Kaufman- [npkauf@comcast.net](mailto:npkauf@comcast.net)