

*GFWC Women's Civic League of Cheyenne*

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**March 2017**



## *President's Message*

**Katherine Van Dell**

Friends, I'm sorry to be laid up at this time. Please give your attention to the state officers regarding the upcoming GFWC convention in Laramie in May. Laramie club members will also attend our March General Membership meeting.

Trish Peoples has taken the President's duties for March. Hope to be back in "the saddle again" come April.

Spring is right around the corner, so soon we will see spring flowers and smell that wonderful spring air. Looking forward to feeling the warm sunshine. I appreciate you more than you know. Thank you for all you do.

### **GFWC Women's Civic League of Cheyenne**

Katherine Van Dell, President  
Trish Peoples, First Vice-President  
Patti Reese, Second Vice-President  
Earleen Weaver, Recording Secretary  
Barb Kuzma, Corresponding Secretary  
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## *Corresponding Secretary*

### **Barb Kuzma**

Cards sent to WCLC members during the month of February:

Collett Stadel	Congratulations	New Grandson
Heather Dodson	Congratulations	New Baby Daughter
Lucy Russell	Congratulations	New Granddaughter
Bev Dowling	Thinking of You	Family Issues
Jo Mullin	Thinking of You	Health Issues and Cancer Diagnosis
Vivian Crowder	Thinking of You	Husband's Health Issues
Gayla Brown	Get Well Soon	Heart Issues
Katherine Van Dell	Get Well Soon	Hospitalized
Sue Tardif	Sympathy	Parent Passed

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## *Second Vice-President*

### **Patti Reese**



GFWC WOMEN'S Civic League Meeting and Lunch

*Solar Eclipses: Past and Future*  
*Presented by Dr. Sandra Surbrugg*

WHERE: Radisson Cheyenne

WHEN: March 8, 2017

TIME: 11:30 Social – 12:00 Luncheon and Meeting

Cost: \$19.00

Option #1 Beef tips with noodles

Sugar Snap Peas with Bacon and Onion.

Option #2 Cobb Salad with Iceberg Lettuce Topped With Diced Bacon, Turkey, Tomato, Hard Boiled Eggs, Avocados, Cucumber And Blue Cheese Crumbles.

Dessert: Cheese Cake with Raspberry and Chocolate

**Please let Patti Reese know your menu selection no later than noon Friday March 3, 2017**

## NEEDS FOR MARCH

Chris Shay has requested the following Needs:

Shelf milk

Hamburger Helper

Small Cans of Soup

Jelly or Jam

## COMMUNITY GRANT COMMITTEE

The CGC met on February 27th to hear grant proposals and presented our recommendations to the Board. They will go before the General Membership at the March meeting for a vote. Thank you to the 24 Ladies who participated!

At that meeting, it was also decided to consider potential larger grants for next year. Using last year's application from the web-site - if any member knows of an organization that may want to submit a larger grant, please get it to myself or Karen Kent by the 25th of April. **CGC will meet May 1 (time and place TBA) to hear presentations for these grant requests and decide if we would like to fund any of them before Christmas House has been held.**

This hasn't been done in a few years but the committee wanted to consider it. This does not mean all funds, or even any funds, will be allocated early either. I will be unavailable from March 22 until April 15 so please contact Karen for any questions during that time frame. Thank you - Nancy Kaufman - CGC Chair

## Military Outreach Committee (MOC)

### MILITARY OUTREACH COMMITTEE (MOC)

#### FEBRUARY 2017 REPORT

#### **Together We Can**

When some members of the MOC met in January, Flo shared the monthly newsletter from the VA Volunteer office. In the bulletin each month is their "wish list" for items for the Vets. It was discussed whether to make a donation and/or do a drive for items. Julie Gliem took the list and presented it to her Landlords' Association. They came through with items and Flo delivered approx. 10 bags of items for the VA Volunteer Office pantry. Value approximately \$250. *Thanks Julie.*

Another example of organizations coming together in partnership to help out our community.

Also, the MOC has a balance of \$197.04 and it was unanimously voted on by the committee to donate this balance to the V.A. Volunteer Office. They are currently taking donations for a bronze POW bench that they want in place by September.

That will sew up the Military Outreach Committee activities for the year. We have donated to worthy causes this year and have been able to help our Military Community.

## BYLAWS AND STANDING RULES COMMITTEE

On January 23, 12 members of WCLC, acting as the Bylaws Committee, met to review the current Bylaws and Standing Rules of GFWC WCLC. Their proposals were presented at the Board meeting on Feb. 1. The following are the proposed revisions and this along with an explanation and time for questions or comments at the February General Membership meeting will serve as their first reading. The second reading and vote will take place at the March General Membership meeting.

Thank you for looking these over. Sherri Geringer, Parliamentary Advisor

### BYLAWS, STANDING RULES COMMITTEE MEETING JANUARY 23, 2017

#### BYLAWS

##### ARTICLE III. Membership

Section 3. b. Page 92 (*second sentence*)

Members shall pay for any meal reservation that is ~~made and~~ not cancelled five (5) days prior to the luncheon.

Section 5. c. Page 94 (*last sentence*)

An Associate member may not be ~~chairman of chair the CCG~~, the **Community Grant Committee**, the Membership **Committee** or Christmas House. ~~Committees.~~

Section 5.f. Page 95

The Membership Chairman shall notify Associate members by March 1 of the date by which their dues must be paid, the amount of their dues and **Christmas House financial obligations**, and to whom their checks must be mailed.

Section 5. g. Page 95 (*new language replacement of current letter "g"*)

**Failure to pay Christmas House Ticket obligations by the November General Membership meeting may result in being dropped from membership at any Board of Directors meeting by a two thirds vote.**

Section 5. h. Page 95

Re-lettering of former Section 5. g. Language remains the same.

##### ARTICLE IV. Officers

Section 2. Page 97 (*divided into 2 parts beginning at last sentence*)

Section 2. She shall be chairman of the Board of Directors. ~~and act as advisor to the Board following her term as President.~~

**Section 3. The immediate Past President shall act as advisor to the Board following her term as President, chair the nominating committee, and act as coordinator of all the Community Service Program Committees.**

**Sections 3-7. Re-number**

Section 7. a. Page 98 (*new number Section 8*) (*second sentence*)

She shall pay all budgeted bills approved by the Board of Directors, and after approval by the Board and the general membership, she shall pay **appropriate bills from unbudgeted funds and allocations.**

Section 7. e. Page 99 (*new number Section 8*)

**Along with the Budget/Financial Review committee**, she shall ensure that the Christmas House Treasurer provides a proper accounting of all receipts and expenditures, along with monies realized at the completion of the project, to be incorporated into the Club Treasurer's general ledger.

##### ARTICLE V. Meetings, Rules, Voting and Quorums

Section 5 and 6 Page 100

Incorporate language of Section 6 into Section 5. Delete Section 6.

##### ARTICLE VI. Board of Directors

Section 2. Page 101 *(add new sentence at end)*

Any such action taken by the Executive Board shall be reported at the following Board of Directors meeting to be ratified by the full board and recorded in its minutes.

#### ARTICLE VII. Committees

Section 1. a. Page 101 *(add new sentence at end)*

She may appoint a committee to assist her.

Section 1. c. Page 102

In coordination with the President, the chairman may appoint a committee to take charge of the publicity of the Club ... etc.

Section 1. d. ii. Page 102 *(addition)*

The chairman shall chair the Financial Review Committee which will be composed of the chairman, Club Treasurer, and two (2) non-Board members appointed by the Club President in January.

Section 1. d. ii. 2) Page 103 *(addition)*

The financial records of the Christmas House treasury shall be reviewed by the Budget/Financial Review committee within one hundred twenty (120) days following the completion of Christmas House.

Section 1. f. i. Page 103 *(remove language)*

She shall be responsible for collection Community Service Program Committees and subcommittees membership and expenditure information.

Section 1. f. ii Page 103 *(add second sentence)*

She or a member of her committee shall advise the membership of any contact information changes.

Section 1. g. i. Page 103-104

The Christmas House Chairman shall recommend a Christmas House Treasurer and an Assistant Treasurer to the Board of Directors for approval and for bonding. In consultation with the Christmas House Treasurer, a financial committee of three, one of whom is the Christmas House Treasurer, will be formed. The Christmas House Treasurer may serve two (2) 2-year terms during which she shall work closely with the Club Treasurer and shall receive all funds derived from the project. With approval of the Board of Directors and the General Membership, her term of service may be extended by an additional two years.

Section 1. g. ii Page 104 *(add new sentence)*

The Assistant Treasurer will be fully trained a minimum of 2 years by the Treasurer so she is prepared to succeed to the office of Treasurer.

Section 1. g. Change to "h" Page 105 *(add new language at last sentence)*

The committee shall meet, investigate and propose projects to the Board for approval and recommendation to the General Membership for their consideration and approval. They shall post the grant application on the Club website and publicize in Laramie County the availability of grants from GFWC WCLC.

Section 2. b. Page 106 *(correct end of sentence)*

...and historic preservation.

Section 2. f. Page 106 *(insert comma)*

...better world citizens through advocacy, education, and action to make a positive global impact.

Section 3. a. Page 107 *(insert additional language)*

This Chairman shall serve as the liaison between GFWC International, GFWC of Wyoming, and GFWC Women's Civic League of Cheyenne.

#### ARTICLE IX. Amendments

Section 2. b. Page 108

Standing rules can may be adopted or suspended by a majority vote.....

#### ARTICLE X. Election Procedures

Section 1. c. Page 109 *(move language from Section 2 to Section 1. c.)*

A slate of one candidate per office shall be presented by the Nominating Committee at the March Board meeting.

Section 2. Page 109

The slate of ~~one candidate per office~~ **nominees** shall be recommended in writing to the membership.....

## STANDING RULES

### ARTICLE S-III. Membership.

Section S-2. a. Page 111

Candidate must be sponsored by one Active or Associate member and endorsed by ~~one~~ **another** Active or Associate member.

Section S-3. c. Page 112 (*addition*)

Active member dues are \$50.00, are due by the April General Membership meeting and are effective for the upcoming **Club** year **beginning in September**.

Section S-7. a. Page 113 (*addition*)

Honorary Membership may be offered to the First Lady of Wyoming, the **Mayor or** First lady of Cheyenne....etc.

Section S-7. b. Page 113 (*correct end of second sentence*)

Should they opt to attend meetings, they are responsible for making **or cancelling lunch reservations with the Second Vice-President**.

Section S-8. Page 114 (*add sentence at end*)

**She shall advise the Yearbook chairman of any change in status of a member.**

### ARTICLE S-IV. Officers.

Section S-7. Page 116 (*add sentence at end*)

**She shall serve on the Budget/Financial Review Committee to review the Christmas House financial records.**

### ARTICLE S-VII. Committees.

Section S-1. a. i. Page 117 (*add sentence*)

The chairman shall keep a record of club members' leadership positions and committee participation. **She may appoint a record keeper for these duties.** ~~And~~ **She** shall make this record available to the Nominating Committee....etc.

Section S-1. a. iii Page 117 (*change language*)

The chairman refers new member names and information to the Board of Directors, collects new member dues, updates membership guide, and introduces new members at ~~the September~~ a General **Membership** meeting.

Section S-1. e. Page 118 (*divide "e" and add language*)

S-1. e. i. This committee shall.....with the remainder assigned to the Community Service Program Committees. Any funds remaining after May 31 will revert to the Community Grant Committee. S-1. e. ii. Remainder of Section 1. e. will become 1. e. ii.

Section S-1. g. Page 119 (*correction*)

Christmas House ~~Program~~ **Standing** Committee

Section S-1. h. Page 119 (*new subsection*)

**The Community Grant Committee shall meet to determine redistribution of any reverted funds.**

Section S-2. Page 119 (*add language*)

**The immediate Past President shall be the coordinator of the Community Service Program Committees. She shall meet with the committee chairmen. She may also chair the Home Life Community Service Program Committee. She may choose her own co-chair.**

Section S-2. b. Page 119 (*correction*)

The ~~chairman~~ **committee** may advise the membership concerning local and national environmental, recycling, and conservation activities which may be of interest.

Section S-2. d. Page 119 (*delete letter i, re-letter*)

~~It is recommended that the immediate past president be the coordinator of the Home Life Community Service Committee. She may choose her own co-chair.~~

Section S-2. d. ii. Page 119

**ii. i. The There may be a Special Needs subcommittee may be used to support and enrich the lives of people with special needs, to be described as people with developmental, physical, mental and brain injury disabilities.**

Section S-2. d. iii. Page 119

iii. ~~ii.~~ **There may be a** Youth and Family services subcommittee ~~may~~ **to** support a variety of youth and family programs that promote literacy, citizenship and support in developing and maintaining healthy family lifestyles.

Section S-2. d. iv. Page 120

iv. ~~iii.~~ **There may be a** Women's Issues subcommittee ~~may~~ **to** serve as an advocate and champion for the improvement and well-being of women and assure that a portion of GFWC Women's Civic League of Cheyenne's time and resources go towards benefiting women in the community.

Section S-2. d. v. Page 120

v. ~~iv.~~ **There may be a** Senior Services subcommittee ~~may~~ **to** support a variety of programs that promote independence, enrich the quality of life, and promote support for the elderly and their caregivers in the Laramie County community.

Section S-2. d. v. Page 120 (*new subsection*)

**There may be other committees as deemed appropriate.**

Section S-2. e. i. Page 120

~~The~~ **There may be a** Legislative subcommittee ~~will~~ **to** advise the membership concerning activities of governmental entities which may be of interest to the membership.

Section S-2. e. ii. Page 120

~~The~~ **There may be a** Military Outreach subcommittee ~~will~~ **to** assess and support the needs of the military, military families and the military retirees of the community.

Section S-2. e. iii. ~~The~~ **There may be a** Substance Abuse subcommittee ~~will~~ **to** provide drug and alcohol prevention education and to work to develop projects and to partner with other organizations to support individuals and families dealing with addiction issues.

Section S-2. e. iv. (*new subsection*)

**There may be other committees as deemed appropriate.**

## EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The Committee will review the scholarship applications on March 20<sup>th</sup>. Watch for an e-mail announcement.

## WOMEN'S ISSUES

Women's Issues will be having a committee meeting prior to the GM meeting to discuss how to spend the remainder of our money. The meeting will be at the Radisson at 10:30 a.m. on March 8. Hope you all can attend. Pam and Susie, Co-Chairs

## ESO BOOK CLUB

### BOOKS FOR THE YEAR 2016-2017

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

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

## YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES

Youth and Family Services will be collecting diapers at the March and April general membership meetings. The diapers will be used as door prizes at a community baby shower to be held on Saturday, April 22. The shower is being sponsored by Wyoming Department of Health and Laramie County Health Department. The event is open to all new parents in Laramie County.

The Youth and Family Services Committee will be visiting the Friday Food Bag program on Tuesday, March 14 at 5:15. Friday Food Bag is located in the back of Element Church, 600 E. Carlson. You will see a door on the north side of the building marked Friday Food Bag. Please come and hear how this program helps over 800 students in Laramie County School District.

## INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE

The International Outreach Committee has again purchased six items from the UNICEF market which we will be raffling off at the March general membership meeting. By purchasing the six items, we have provided 65 polio vaccines, 480 oral hydration salts, 32 measles vaccines, and 9 life-saving nourishment packets. The money we receive from the raffle we will be sending to Operation Smile. So this is a win-win situation. We look forward to having a fun time with the raffle at the March meeting. Thanks from the International Outreach Committee.

## MEMBERSHIP

March New Members

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Thieta Nathan Stuart, Margaret Cox, Mary King, Robin O’Gara and Kelly McFadden are no longer members.

Just a reminder to all Active and Associate WCLC members that Dues are due for all members by the April General Membership meeting which this year is April 12th.

Dues are \$50.00 for all members.

A reminder will be sent out before the middle of March to all Associate members.

You can mail your dues check to Teresa Kunkel our current WCLC treasurer. Her address should you lose this envelope is 3033 Crazy Horse Rd., Cheyenne, WY. 82009. Make your dues checks out to WCLC.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Save The Date: Daytime Bunco

All WCL ladies are invited to join our daytime Bunco group. Our next meeting will be on Monday March 27<sup>th</sup> at the home of Pam Crochet at 6700 Redwood Ct. 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](mailto:jvsmith611@msn.com) or Carol Fagan at 634- 4753 or email at [carol\\_fagan@msn.com](mailto:carol_fagan@msn.com) by Friday March 24th. We look forward to seeing you then.

Thanks Vickie Smith, Carol Fagan

### **Bicycle Roundup!** April 22, 2017 – American Legion Post 6 Parking Lot, 12-4

Bring your new bicycles, old bicycles, broken bicycles, and bicycle pieces! Everything you bring will go to the Wyoming Coalition for the Homeless! So dig around in your garage for those old bikes and bring them to the roundup in April! If you can't do it yourself, call Trish Peoples, 637-0131.

My apologies to Joyce, I forgot to include this last month.

### *Wander through Way Back...*

*Joyce Bailey, Historian*

In light of the program topic for the February General Membership meeting, I thought you would enjoy an excerpt from the club program 46 years ago. Pay special attention to the boxed paragraph below which reports on the role WCLC members played in World War II.

**The year was 1970**, and the Women's Civic League October General Membership meeting program was devoted to the celebration of individual member accomplishments. It was titled, "All about our Members." Following is an excerpt from what must have been a very enlightening program:

Four score and some odd years ago our mothers brought forth on this continent a contingency of energetic daughters who efforts culminated in a fantastic organization hereby known as Women's Civic League of Cheyenne, Wyoming, the United States of America. Be it known that the feminine pulchritude that comprises this illustrious conglomeration—it is, in truth, exactly that—a conglomeration.

Obviously, to have produced to the level that we have reached today, the pasts of our individual members (though deep and dark and difficult to uncover), have played a fantastic role in reaching our present heights.

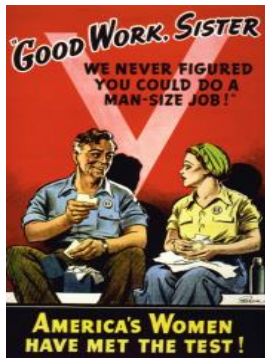
We are proud to present Marilyn Mulliken as our downhill skiing champion; Beverly Vandehei who won the fourth flight gold championship; Pat McCleery, Wilma Lathrop, and Mitzi Volk won the inner-city swim meet in the women's relay last year; Betty Weigner took lots of metals and ribbons in horsemanship, swimming, and running in high school; Mary Lou Tyrrell has received

various equitations in horse shows; Margie Wilson was on the State Champion Bowling Team, was city Singles Champ in Bowling, and is also one of our bridge champs as she won the open pairs bridge tournament in Casper.

Everyone knows that the successful athlete must have enthusiastic fans who are led by talented and vigorous females who are too often overlooked on the sports page. Cheering on that male animal and making him feel like a king were Bonnie David, Tyke Dominico, Judy Dray, Donna Kemper, Barbara McCue, and Sheryl Powers, who will now lead us in the following cheer: Rah! Rah! Sis! Boom! Bah!, Women's Civic League, Ha, Ha, Ha...

Do not overlook the local color that brings a spark to the eye of every husband at half time, the drum majorettes: Pat McCleery, Van Mellblom, Paula Burton, Mabel Wilson, and Esther Clay.

Esther Clay auditioned and was accepted to study with the San Francisco Opera Company, but chose marriage instead. Robin Volk had a White House appointment in the field of psychiatric nursing.



It is going to be very hard for a number of the new, young members to believe; however, we would be terribly negligent if we did not tell you that we in Civic League have heroes of the second World War among us. Marilyn Loomis and Joan Hughes wore the Navy Blue of the Waves, Van Mellblom was a welder in the Kaiser Shipyards, and Marge Haberkorn played her accordion for the wounded at Fitzsimmons Hospital in Denver. Mabel Wilson had a plane named after her, called "Miss Ain't Behavin," with her photo on it. Miss Ain't Behavin' made it to the Normandy Invasion—and back. Ladies of the "Big War," we salute you.

I hope that you enjoyed this *Wander through Way Back*. Personally, reading this Civic League program from so many years ago gave me a greater appreciation of the fact that each WCLC member brings to the club unique and individual histories and talents. I applaud each and every one of you

## Club Websites!

GFWC: [www.GFWC.org](http://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](mailto:wclcmembers@googlegroups.com)

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

WCLC Board of Directors: [wclcboard@googlegroups.co](mailto:wclcboard@googlegroups.co)