



KALEIDOSCOPE

February 2020

President's Message

Linda Stowers

I just got home from spending the afternoon at the home of Lynn McLaughlin learning how to decorate cookies with Royal Icing. What an awesome afternoon with 10 members learning something new. This is what we are all about. Not only did we learn how to decorate cookies, but we made them for the Valentine's Day cookies for the Airmen.

The Board met on Wednesday in the Library at the Boys and Girls Club. What a great venue. Civic League helped them stock the Library with books and the shelving last year and the students made placemats for us showing their appreciation. We accepted the resignation for Kate Silver as she has moved, nominated Heather Dodson for Leads Candidate (will also accept other nominations at the meeting), and recommend to general membership support of the X-JWC petition drive to have the restored Esther Hobart Morris statue placed back in front of the Capitol. The Board held their first e-mail vote to appoint Wendy Owens as Christmas House Treasurer and Teresa Kunkel as Assistant Treasurer. We really appreciate them for stepping up to fill these important positions and would love to hear from anyone else who would like to help.

I look forward to our meeting on Wednesday. Thanks for all you do.



See the little jets!

Second Vice-President

Marcy Helser

WCLC Luncheon

February 12, 11:30, Country Club

Our Artisan of the Month is Charlene Baktamarian. Charlene is a multi-talented member who has a heart of gold. She is generous to our community and our club as well. She is fondly called Mrs. Peanut which she developed when she served as the peanut butter and jelly chair. Her costume is hilarious, and her presentation of provocative Mrs. Peanut is nothing short of memorable.

Not only is Charlene famous for her peanut characters but she is equally known for her fondness of bling. It is always a pleasure to see Charlene who will undoubtedly be extremely glamorous and dripping in bling.

Charlene hales from Detroit. For a while all of her siblings lived in Cheyenne. Charlene is the only one remaining. She and her husband have one son who has a lovely daughter. They live across the street from Charlene. Charlene tells us that her son is a tremendous salesman which we know he inherited from Charlene. Charlene has a true talent for selling. Christmas House has benefited greatly from this.

A major emphasis in her life is her television show which she produces in her TV studio at her home. The show, God's View, is televised around the world and can be found on Channel 33. Religion is of utmost importance to Charlene. She not only preaches it but lives it.

Years ago Charlene took a Bob Ross class which is her entire training in art. She took it to heart and really developed her art ability. She has produced tons of paintings, most of which she has volunteered to needy causes. Recently, she started a business of painting pets. They are remarkable and real keepsakes. Her enthusiasm led her into developing gift packets which feature her original art. Each packet features a different painting. Five lucky members will win one of these for Wednesday's meeting.

Corresponding Secretary

Marsha Tempte

Name	Card Sent	Reason
Wilma Lathrop	Sympathy	Husband's Death
Pat Caldwell	Sympathy	Son's Death
Lucy Russell	Sympathy	Daughter-in-law Death
Carolyn Icendedr	Sympathy	Mother's Death
Ruth Storey	Thinking of You	In Hospital
Kristin Voycheske	Thinking of You	Treatments
Becky Caswell	Get Well	Surgery

MEMBERSHIP

Coming In April!

Our evening meeting on Wednesday, April 8 will also be Guest Day. Do you have a friend interested in joining WCLC? Have you been asked what is WCLC? Maybe you know someone you feel would be a great asset to our membership. Let's invite them to our April meeting when our CGC grants and scholarships are awarded. Our guests will see how the Cheyenne community benefits from the dedication and hard work of WCLC's membership.

Please send the names and addresses of those you would like to invite to Kristin Riley, email krissydee@bresnan.net or Trish Palluck, email tpal57@yahoo.com.

We will send written invitations to them. Providing names does not commit you to sponsoring these people. If you do not wish to be a sponsor or are too new there are members that are willing to sponsor.

The April Meeting is in the evening and will be held at the Red Lion in. Let's hope Spring will join us for this meeting. Last year's April meeting was canceled due to snow. We are in Wyoming, what will be will be.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee met and selected Sue Ann Schafer as Chair of the Committee. She will announce the slate of officers at the March meeting.

INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH

The International Outreach Committee will be meeting on Monday, February 10th at 10 to discuss the March

MILITARY SERVICES

In January the Military Outreach Committee supported the Wyoming Military Department's Outstanding Soldier and Airman of the Year banquet. This annual morale-boosting event celebrates the contributions and achievements of of the Soldiers and Airmen in defending our State and Nation. Hosted by Wyoming's Adjutant General, General Porter, the evening is a significant way to recognize the sacrifices military members and their families have made throughout the year. This event is funded by donations. Donations toward this event allow such things as hosting the young Airman who participate in the POW Ceremony. (Photo from the very moving POW Ceremony below.)

Col Walrath, Commander of the 153rd Airlift Wing, expresses his appreciation for our generosity in supporting this event.

Thank you to everyone who has so generously signed-up to bring cookies to the Valentine's Day Cookie Drive for the Airmen in the Dorms to this month's meeting. We will be packaging the cookies to be distributed to the dorms this Thursday, February 13. We are looking forward to giving you the full post-event report next month.

In March, the WCLC membership has the opportunity to support local military (active, reserve, guard, retiree) children and spouses through the annual Warren Spouses' Club Boots and Baubles Scholarship Auction. This scholarship auction is the Warren Spouses' Club primary fundraiser each year. The WCLC Military Outreach Committee is putting together a "Wyoming Kitchen" basket for the silent auction portion of the Boots and Baubles Scholarship Auction, and we invite all WCLC members to donate a Wyoming or western themed kitchen item to this basket. Some suggestions of items to get you thinking are: Wyoming or western themed kitchen towels, pot holders, trivets, cutting board, cookbooks, etc.; made-in Wyoming jams/jellies/sauces, Chugwater chili seasoning, etc. Last year's collapsible plastic crate (purchased at Bed Bath and Beyond) was a huge hit; we displayed all of last year's donations in it in lieu of a basket. If you would like to donate money toward our basket item, we will be happy to shop for you. Please bring your items to our March meeting. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Carolyn Ritschard.

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn Ritschard



POW Ceremony at the 2020 Outstanding Soldier and Airman of the Year banquet, taken January 11, 2020

SENIOR SERVICES

The Senior Services committee will be filling and delivering Valentine's Day treat bags for nursing homes/assisted living facilities on Thursday, Feb. 13th, at 1:30 at Barb Kuzma's office, 603 E. 17th St. We will be hosting a birthday party for residents at Sierra Hills on Thursday, Feb. 27th at 1:30. In March we are hoping to host a dinner for residents of the VA nursing home. Still working on that.

We will be meeting Wednesday, Feb. 19th, 11:00 at Barnes and Noble.

Brenda and Claudia

YEARBOOK CHANGES

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We don't have any changes this month.

Tracy Wilson's correct email as tracywilsonc21@gmail.com

Resignations: Barb Costa, Tandie Opsal, Linda Swing and Sharon Federer

Add to your yearbook –

Rebecca Caswell accidentally got removed from the yearbook and Melissa is our first new member of the year.

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Birthday: June 4

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307-286-0352 (cell)

Please make the following changes to your yearbooks –

Nancy Abel's email address should read mabel7478@msn.com
Shelley Herr's email address should read herr.shelley62@gmail.com
Marietta Dinneen's email address should read mabdinneen@msn.com
Sherri Geringer's email address use: geringer@wyoming.com
Ruth Storey email correction – ruthzstorey@gmail.com
Sandra Surbrugg email address clarification – prentice_surbrugg@yahoo.com
Van Mellblom's birthday should be October 31
January Board meeting January 2, 2020
Bev Schrader's phone number is: 634-7681.

ESO BOOK CLUB

BOOKS FOR THE YEAR 2019-20

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February 24-A Gentleman in Moscow-Amor Towles

March 16-Open Season-C.J.Box

April 20- The Hate U Give-Angie Thomas

May 18- Truly Madly Guilty-Liane Moriarty

CAN MAN

Bring Peanut Butter and Jelly to the meeting!!!

ART COMMITTEE

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30 members rode the bus to the Denver Art Museum. One other member met us there. It was a fun filled day that was dripping in culture as we toured the Monet exhibit. The exhibit was sold out. So, a capacity crowd was there. It was interesting how the people flowed through the exhibit listening to their hand-held tour devices. There were lots of people, but it wasn't crowded. You could always get right up to a painting if you so desired. The exhibit was just huge and surely provided one with a feeling of personally knowing the ever-talented Mr. Claude Monet.

Afterwards the bus took us to the Stanley Marketplace where Judi Loomis had arranged lunch for us at the Comida Cantina. It was delicious and was served family style. I think everyone enjoyed the food. The

Marketplace was interesting to see. It was once Stanley Aerospace. The Aerospace cement floor markings remain. All in all, it was a great day.



The Art Committee will meet on February 27th for a studio tour of Mike Beeman's studio. Mike is a prominent local artist who works in several mediums including oil, acrylic and pastels. He is a very busy man and we are grateful to him for this opportunity. Fay Zaharas generously arranged the visit. Several years ago, Mike did a drawing a day which the newspaper featured. It was fascinating to watch. Fay has invited us for lunch following. 15 members of the Art Committee have signed up with two on the reserve list. If you would like to be on the reserve list, please let me know.

Thank You,
Sue Ann Shaffer
sas@bailyranch.com

COMMUNITY GRANT COMMITTEE

The CGC will meet February 20th 8:30 – 1:00. This meeting will include presentations and a potluck. The meeting will take place in the Conference room at the Airport.
Thanks, Deb McCann & Barb Kuzma

WOMEN'S ISSUES

Do you know of a program or project that could use financial or hands-on help regarding Women's Issues? Bring your suggestions to a brief meeting before the February membership meeting or let Phyllis know.

EDUCATION

The Education Committee will meet on March 25 from 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. to review the scholarship applications for the 2020-2021 academic year. Because of meeting space, the committee will be limited to 15 people. If you are interested in being on the selection committee, please contact Brenda Laird at Brenda.laird@outlook.com.

Brenda Laird - Diane Nyffler
Co-Chairs
Education Committee

SPECIAL NEEDS

Special Needs committee donated \$800 for the American Legacy Martial Arts for their free karate classes to adults with disabilities. The committee were also able to give 87 individuals a Christmas gift. The committee will be meeting on Tuesday, February 18th at 904 West 31st Street at 11:30.

OTHER INFORMATION



January 28, 2020

Ms. Kathy VanDell 1732 Oxford
Drive
Cheyenne, WY 82001 Dear Kathy,

I want to thank you again for volunteering so quickly to provide the cookies and hot chocolate for the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. March to the Capitol again this year. Your thoughtfulness, kindness, and generosity demonstrate your support of our community and that is a precious gift that means a lot to me. Please convey our appreciation, also, to the members of the Cheyenne Optimist Club, the Cheyenne Women's Civic League, and the X-JWC organizations.

We think the march was a success again this year, partly because you and your club members started us off on a great note. The cookies were delicious, and you had so many different varieties; I wanted to taste each of the different kind. I ate more than I should have anyway and really wanted more of the raisin cookies. The hot chocolate was the boost we needed to energize us. What a great way to start us off marching! You, by far, exceeded my expectations, and we heard lots of wonderful comments from lots of people about how delicious everything was.

The support of people and organizations like yours encourages us to continue our quest for equality, justice, peace, love, and tolerance so that Dr. King's dream will become a reality.

Thanks again. Your support is so important and thank you/or the friendship that prompts your desire to help us. We look forward to seeing you again next year.

Endless gratitude,



Rita Watson

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X-JWC BIG BUNCO GAME AND LUNCH

Fund raiser supporting USI and Cheyenne Animal Shelter.

Saturday March 28, 2020, 11:00 – 3:00, Moose Lodge, 1019 S. Greeley Highway. \$15 for lunch and bunco.

Bunco prizes, 50/50 drawing, blanket raffle and lots of fun guaranteed!

Patty Benskin, Wendy Owen, Lucy Russell, Phyllis Salzburg, and Katherine Van Dell have tickets.

Get your bunco friends together and join the fun. X-JWC will appreciate your support!

PETITION TO MOVE STATUE TO FRONT OF CAPITOL

X-JWC has initiated a petition to the Capitol Building Commission to move the statute of Esther Hobart Morris back in front of the Capitol. The petition, which includes GFWC Women's Civic League in the body, will be available to sign at the next few meetings should you wish to support the petition and include your name.

EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT.

From GFWC regarding upcoming vote to remove the time limit on ratification. "GFWC has exciting news to share! In his most recent Dear Colleague letter, House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer indicated that ERA legislation will be voted on in the upcoming weeks. HJ Res 79, Congresswoman Jackie Speier's bill to remove the time limit on ERA ratification, will be taken up the week of February 10th.

In 2020 GFWC will celebrate 130 years of service to communities across the nation. Our Nation will also celebrate 100 years since the passage of the nineteenth amendment granting women the right to vote. Help honor the legacy of this organization and women's suffrage by urging your elected officials to recognize and guarantee equality for women through their support of the **Equal Rights Amendment (ERA)**. The ERA ensures that rights are not denied based on an individual's gender.

In January of 2020, Virginia became the 38th state to ratify the amendment. Now that the Equal Rights Amendment has officially reached the minimum of 38 states required for ratification to the U.S. Constitution, Congress must act to ensure that the U.S. Constitution will be amended to guarantee equality for all U.S. citizens. "

To send a message as a member of GFWC to Rep. Liz Cheney:

Go to **GFWC.org**. Follow these links on the website: What We Do, Public Policy, Legislative Action Center, Support the Equal Rights Amendment (pictures scroll through important legislation – wait for ERA), Take Action. Enter your information in the blanks, follow instructions for the message on the screen to be sent to Rep. Liz Cheney urging her to vote to extend the deadline.

Breakfast Egg and Sausage Bread Bake

This awesome recipe was made by Shelley Herr for the Board meeting.

2 14x4 inch unsliced loaves of Italian or French Bread

8 oz uncooked sweet or mild Italian sausage (remove casing)

¾ cup chopped bell pepper

½ cup sliced green onions

10 eggs, lightly beaten

2/3 cup heavy cream or half-and-half

¼ cup chopped fresh basil

½ tsp salt

1 ½ cups shredded Fontina, mozzarella or provolone cheese (6oz)

Preheat oven to 350 F. Line a large baking sheet with parchment paper. Using a serrated knife, cut a sedge into tops of loaves. Using a spoon or your fingers, hollow out the center of each loaf. Place bread shells on prepared baking sheet.

In a 10 inch skillet cook sausage and bell pepper over medium heat 8 minutes or until sausage is browned and pepper is just tender, stirring in green onions the last 1 minute. Drain off fat.

In a large bowl combine eggs, cream, basil, and salt. Stir in sausage mixture and 1 cup cheese.

Pour egg mixture into bread shells. Bake 35 to 40 minutes or until eggs are set. Let stand 5 minutes before slicing. If desired sprinkle with additional basil. Makes 10 servings.

LEADS Candidate

The candidate is expected to attend LEADS in Atlanta, Georgia this June. It is held in conjunction with the GFWC annual convention and is held the day prior to convention start. The state pays \$250 towards the bill for attending.

Cookies:



Art Trip:



FEBRUARY CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2	3	4	5 WCLC Board meeting	6	7	8
9	10 International Outreach 10 Barnes and Noble	11	12 WCLC General Membership Meeting 11:30 Country Club	13 Plate Airman Cookies 1:30 Senior Valentine Bags	14	15
16	17 President's Day	18	19	20 CGC Meeting Airport meeting room 8:30	21	22
23	22 Afternoon Bunko	25	26	27 Birthday Celebration Sierra Hills	28	29

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