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GFWC Wyoming President's Message - Mary Lee Dixon



Be Silly—Be Honest—Be Kind

Happy Summer. Just a News Blast Summer edition to keep you updated on happenings and some gentle reminders.

Great things have happened!!

Please congratulate Robin Broumley, from the Casper Active Service Club, on her selection as Wyoming's Jennie June nominee to the Western States Region.

GFWC-W Vice President, Trish Peoples, wrote a grant to Walmart and GFWC-W was selected to receive \$250 for our community efforts across Wyoming.



Wyoming was well-represented at the GFWC International Convention in Austin, Texas. Karen Kent, Nancy Kaufman, and Mary Lee Dixon looked appropriately "Western."

At the convention at the end of June, GFWC Wyoming was a top winner in two categories.

Home Life

Signature Project: Domestic Violence Awareness

GFWC X-JWC was also honored for their contributions to Canines for Companions project. Thank you to the awesome report writers for their prose and submittals! Many thanks to Marcia Volner for posting convention pictures to Facebook!

Gentle Reminders:

Mark your calendars for the GFWC-W Fall Workshop, September 21, 2019, in Yoder. Lots of great ideas from convention to be shared!

Put on your thinking caps (especially you former cheerleaders) and help Wyoming come up with a cheer for GFWC or any of the grand initiatives to be presented in Boise, September 11-14, by your executive board.

Have fun! Be silly! Keep enjoying your summer!!

In Federation,
Mary Lee Dixon
GFWC-W President

GFWC Meadowlarks President Flo Beville

The Meadowlarks held a garage sale at The Pointe on June 15th. Barb Robertson graciously hosted the event at her house. We were able to raise some funds for our club. Along with raising money, we had a lot of fun and laughter.

We are looking forward to our summer project in August. We will be painting at the COMEA House, the local homeless shelter.

GFWC Laramie Woman's Club - Adrienne Polis and Annie Nelson

As a way to celebrate all the hard work at the Ivinson Mansion Project, Laramie Woman's Club is holding a tea on July 23, 4pm at the Alice Hardie Stevens Center. The program will be on suffragettes, given by Judy Knight, a special subject since we are celebrating the work of women in Wyoming in so many ways during the coming year. Check out our work with the project on Facebook!

Beyond Leadership from Ann Norwood

While attending a tour at a Western States Region Conference in Helena, Montana, I learned of the tragedy of a group of firemen. When trapped by fire on all sides, these individuals were forced to decide whether or not to follow the example of their leader, their Chief. The Chief survived the fire and the other firemen died. Out of this experience, a leadership training course was developed for a military academy. Certainly, the dire situation of the firemen was unique, unlike any daily scenario. Yet knowledge of this experience left me pondering the answer to a question, "What inspires us to follow a leader in our daily lives?" Understanding that answer sheds further light on developing those qualities that create a leader. What are these qualities?

Compassion: an empathetic concern and love for others. A desire to ease the suffering of others.

Passion: a strong desire to meet a challenge which one finds to be intriguing and stimulating.

Integrity: the quality of being honest and having strong moral principles.

Responsibility: the state of being accountable for something within one's power.

Trust: the firm belief in the reliability, truth, ability or strength of someone or something.

Reliability: the quality of being trustworthy or of performing consistently well.

Perseverance: steadfastness in doing something despite difficulty or delay in achieving success; "staying power."

Intelligence: the ability to acquire and apply knowledge and skills. Intelligence consists of three components: innate intelligence with which we are born, accrued education and the pursuit of accurate, nonbiased information to make informed decisions that benefit as many people as possible.

Yes, it is true that some of these qualities are innate and certainly developed through childhood and adolescence. So how does one assist in developing or enhancing these qualities in an individual whose goal is to assume a leadership position?

The answer is simple, though the task may be more challenging to achieve. By our example and striving to model these qualities during every opportunity that presents itself in our daily lives. We can further assist in the development of these qualities by consistently supporting, nurturing and building the self-esteem of fellow club members. As members of GFWC, it is these qualities that we need to cherish and promote. It is these same qualities that are reflected in the GFWC Mission Statement, the Collect and our Motto.



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