



GFWC X-JWC

Hotline



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING – Tuesday, December 3, 2019, Red Lion Hotel, 11:30 a.m. We will be writing Christmas cards to veterans and women in the military.

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT – I'll be writing the annual President's report early in January and want to make sure I have information on all the activities, programs, and projects our club worked on in 2019. If there is something you know of that may not have been reported in the minutes or Hotline, please send information to me by the end of December. I'm especially interested in how many volunteers, how many hours, and how much was spent directly or through in-kind donations. This is an opportunity to let everyone know what we do. So tell a compelling story (or give me the information and I'll make it compelling)!

ESO – Norine Samuelson

PLEASE turn in your book lists. Time is running out! Send to Norine by December 31.

WAYS & MEANS – Karen Lee

Our annual Texas Roadhouse fundraiser has come and gone, and once again has been a successful event. The numbers are as follows:

Total money intake & deposit: \$6,068.25
Paid TRH: \$2,100.00
Paid to club 10%: \$397.00
Profit to Ways & Means: \$3,571.25

We had 85% of the membership participate by selling tickets, making a donation or working at the Roadhouse the day of the event. The 3 top money contributors were:

Carolyn Turbiville, Phyllis Duncan and Carol Steinhour. For the Texas Roadhouse fundraiser, 2020, I am challenging each member of X-JWC to sell 5 or more tickets to just **one business** of your choice.

Our next fundraiser will be the big Bunco Game and Luncheon on Sat. March 28, 2020 from 11:00-3:00 at the Moose Lodge. We will need volunteers to bake pies/or brownies. The Moose will be doing lunch for us. Be thinking about people that you can invite to this fun event. We will have door prizes, 50/50 raffle and a blanket raffle.

Tickets for the beautiful quilt that Bev C. donated are still available.

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM, Norine Samuelson, Chair

This is a reminder to give Norine suggestions you may have for community programs or projects our club might consider supporting with our fund raising for the 2020 – 2022 administration.

EDUCATION, Carolyn Turbiville, Chair

We have four volunteers in two schools and hopefully at least two more will start in January. Those of us who are volunteering feel like we are accomplishing much. The teachers really appreciate our help. One volunteer is working in 3 different classrooms. Carol Steinhour is working on bookmarks to be given to each child we work with. Consider taking some time helping in a classroom!



OTHER INFORMATION you might find interesting and helpful with all the cold and snow we've been having lately!

GFWC PUBLIC ISSUES COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM includes Citizenship, Military Personnel, and Safety and Crime Prevention issues.

The following safety information is from Rooted in Cheyenne December Newsletter, courtesy of Blackhills Energy:

GAS METER, WINTER SAFETY!

The winter elements can be harsh on outdoors-based equipment. Gary Hogan, manager of Gas Operations in Cheyenne, offers Black Hills Energy customers some important tips to prevent damage to natural gas meters. "First, it is very important to locate your gas meter," says Hogan. "The meter is usually located at the structure or home, but, at times, may be more remotely located. Meters can sometimes be found at the property



line or grouped with others.” Make sure you know where your meter is and monitor it regularly.

During winter months, it is important to keep your gas meter clear of snow, ice and protect it from falling objects such as icicles. “If the meter is completely covered with snow, the weight of the snow can break the piping or stop the flow of natural gas,” says Hogan. Gas meters and regulators are durable and designed with the weather in mind, but a coating of ice or snow could cause a loss of service and become a critical safety issue. If at all possible, remove the snow before it has a chance to freeze.

- Gently clear snow away by hand or with a broom. You’ll put yourself and everyone nearby at serious risk if you strike and damage any part of the meter with a shovel, ice pick or other tool.
- Keep snow blowers and shovels away from gas meters and other above-ground equipment.
- Carefully clear snow away from the outdoor vent on high-efficiency furnaces. The furnace won’t run safely and efficiently if the vent is blocked.
- Safely remove icicles hanging from overhead eaves that could fall and damage gas meters below.
- Point out the meter and any other above-ground utility structures to anyone you hire for snow removal.

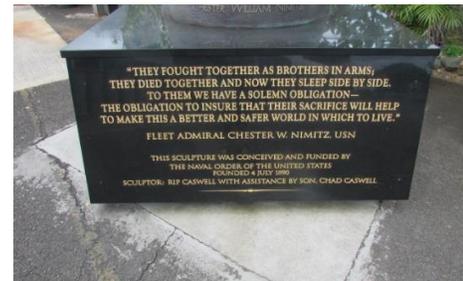
If you have a snow blower, be careful near meters. “If your meter is not at your structure, use caution with a snow blower, stay away from the meter and never pile snow onto the meter.” **For more safety tips visit: www.blackhillsenergy.com**



DECEMBER 7, NATIONAL PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE DAY

Each year on December 7, Pearl Harbor survivors, veterans, and visitors from all over the world come together to honor and remember the 2,403 service members and civilians who were killed during the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. An additional 1,178

people were injured in the attack which sank two U.S. Navy battleships, the USS Arizona and the USS Utah, and destroyed 188 aircraft.



GFWC CONSERVATION COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

From Rooted in Cheyenne December Newsletter:

Remember when shoveling your snow it is okay to put a little extra around your trees. As the snow melts it slowly waters your trees. And snow is an incredible insulator. It will help keep those new roots from freezing.



There are over 500 Rooted in Cheyenne trees planted around Cheyenne so far. Using tree software, they have calculated that these trees have increased property values by \$27,000, have stored 13,000 pounds of carbon and prevented 29,000 gallons of storm water runoff. Every year the trees grow, these number increase exponentially. Apply for a Rooted in Cheyenne tree now for the May 6, 2020 spring planting and help increase these numbers!

GFWC INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

We're often asked by family and friends this time of year what we'd like for Christmas and probably answer "I don't need a thing!" If they persist, consider suggesting they make a donation in your name to Heifer International, one of GFWC's long time partners, by shopping at the website below.

Heifer provides assistance to people around the world, including the U.S., giving gifts of livestock and providing environmentally sound agricultural training to families in need as a means of providing self-sufficiency. Farmers, mostly women, who have received a gift, are required to pass on the equivalent to another family in need. Passing on the Gift is a chain reaction that multiplies successes so that, eventually, entire communities thrive on the Gift.

You have probably heard the phrase, "Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day; teach a man to fish and you feed him for a lifetime." It is more worthwhile to teach someone to do something (for themselves) than to do it for them on an ongoing basis. This is basically what Heifer does around the world. The Heifer marketplace website is also listed below where fair trade items can be purchased that also support Heifer programs.

President Trish traveled the state a few years ago with Wyobelle, collecting donations for Heifer and Operation Smile. A very worthwhile and successful endeavor!

<https://www.heifer.org/gift-catalog/>
<https://www.heifer.org/marketplace/index.html>

WYOMING WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE CELEBRATION -- "THE STATE OF EQUALITY: Wyoming Women Get the Vote" premieres on Wyoming PBS statewide at 7 p.m. Dec. 12. Wyoming PBS is seen on Spectrum Channel 4.

DECEMBER 21 is NATIONAL SHORT GIRL APPRECIATION DAY!!

It seems appropriate since that is also the first day of winter -- the shortest day of the year! Anyone under 5'5" is included in the "short" category and since the average American woman is between 5'3" and 5'4" there are plenty of us to appreciate!

Activity for SGAD: Offer to grab a grocery item from the very top shelf. Guessing most X-JWC members fall in the short category so hope we'll get lots of help on that day!

December 21 is also **Bah Humbug Day**.

You're only allowed to say it 12 times that day. I don't know why!



GET RID OF "BAH HUMBUG" AND PUT THE GRINCH ON THE RUN WITH THESE CHRISTMAS FUNNIES!

What do the elves call it when Father Christmas claps his hands at the end of a play?

A: Santapplause!

Why did Santa bring 22 reindeer to Walmart?

A: Because what he wanted to buy cost around 20 bucks, but just in case it was more, he brought some extra doe.

Q: What did Mrs. Claus say to Santa Claus when she looked up in the sky?

A: Looks like rain, dear!

*MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR
TO ONE AND ALL!*

