

COMMITTEE REPORTS MARCH 2021

Education and Libraries

Members: Linda Altwine, Sandy Mueller, Linda Pickard, Lina Wheeler, Lisa Hansen, Lynn Ehresman, Diane Hooker, Nicki Broch, Janet Cole, Jody Schofield, Jude Russell, Cindy Patterson, Becky McGill, Ellen Smith, Karin Green, Mary Huffmaster, Sylvia Jensen, Marsha Hotchkiss, Bev Silkwood, Peggy O'Brien, Kathy Broyles, Linda Baker, Gayle Carter, Judy Senteney, Rena Bucher, Debbie Willis, Barb Barrett, Diana Wohler

Books for Babies and...You!

BOOKS FOR BABIES EDUCATION COMMITTEE

BOOKS FOR BABIES; NICU; ECI; ESO; PRE-SCHOOL SCREENING REPORTS.

BOOKS FOR BABIES

Members: 1. Bev. Hours: 2.

Guest: 1. Harold. Hours: 2.

Bev and Harold delivered Books 4 Babies bags to Billing Clinic and St. Vincent Healthcare.

Babies born at both hospitals in February – 177.

A \$15 memorial gift has been given to Books for Babies.

ESO

Six members met via Zoom to discuss the following books. We discussed meeting in person in April as all of us would have had both vaccine shots. Marsha H will call Perkins for a reservation,

Members 6 Hours: 12

Books read: Long Bright River – Liz Moore, Fly Away – Kristin Hannah; Watch Me Disappear – Janelle Brown, The Body – Bill Bryson 612; Moonflower Murders - Anthony Horowitz; The Poet X – Elizabeth Acevedo; The Liars Dictionary – Eley Williams; Night Over Water – Ken Follett; The Black Swan of Paris – Karen Robards; With Our Blessing – Jo Spain; In Farleigh Field – Rhys Bowen; The Greenies. – Myra Paperny;

The Woman Who Smashed Codes – Jason Fafone;
Tepper Isn't Going Out – Calvin Trillin.

NICU

ECI

PRE-SCHOOL SCRESSING

OTHER

This note was received in February from a new mother. A great validation of what we do with Books 4 Babies.

“hi there, I'm Shay Hansen. I'm a new mama here 😊 with her 3-month old baby boy Perseus Thomas Lee Hansen 💕 born 11/15/2020 at St. Vincent's. we received the book that you left for us on our door. I just wanted to thank you from the bottom of our hearts. I absolutely loved this. I'm a huge reader myself and loved the top 10 reasons why you should read to your baby. Very helpful and well written. Just wanted to say thank you. My little one is sleeping 😴, I'll get a picture with the book tomorrow and send it 😊”

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VOLUNTEERS

Members: 1. Karin. Hours: 3. High Plains Children's Wrangler.
Members: 1. Nicki. Hours: 25. Reading to the blind.

Scholarship

Scholarship Committee Report March 2021

Hours: 97 Members 15 Guest 2

Expenses: \$38.47

Scholarship applications were shared with members of the committee on March 2, 2021. Three groups had paper copies and one group met on zoom on March 8th. We received 14 valid applications.

Members and guests reviewed the applications. The results were returned to the scholarship chair on March 13, 2021. The winners will be announced at the March meeting.

Advocates for Children

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Barb Hogg, Florence Diede

SCHOOL MEDICAL:

No activity this month. Hopefully that means everyone is healthy and safe.
Members: 0 Non-members: 0 Hours: 0 Spent:

CASA: Florence Diede, Barb Hogg, Debbie Willis, and Judy Senteney
CASA's are now able to have limited visited with their assigned foster children by wearing masks and distancing. The small group trainings led by Judy and Florence focused on missing Native American children and women. "Vanished: A Native American Epidemic" is a podcast series produced by CASA of Yellowstone County advocate, Diane Casanova who is the Executive Producer at KULR 8, Billings, MT. This podcast series is excellent and was definitely worth the time spent. A segment is produced every other Tuesday. Watch for it on the news.

Members: 4 Non-members: 0 Hours: 35 Spent: \$0

Pillowcase Dresses: We continue to get pillowcases from many sources; area thrift stores, member donations, and random drop offs. Thank you to the person leaving a bag of clean colorful cases on Florence's step.

Several members are sewing complete dresses, while Peggy O'Brien and Florence Diede combine forces to produce impressive results. Gayle Carter tie-dyed another 30 cases and as they were a bit thin, we added a second plain white case to serve as an underskirt. They are now very, very impressive.

Linda Baker began choosing tee-shirts, underwear and bagging dresses. She counted 135 completed and ready for delivery in the next few weeks. Florence just purchased 80 pairs of panties and will buy tee-shirts this coming week.

If you are sewing dresses, please try to have them completed and delivered to Florence at 535 Johnson Lane before April 1. Yes, if you'd like to join in, there is still time.

Members: 8 Non-members: 0 Hours: 300 Spent: \$0

Tumbleweed Finance Class:

Barb Barrett was prepared to hold her workshop, but no one attended.

Members: Non-members: Hours: Spent: \$0

Building and Grounds

BJWC Building and Grounds: March 2021

We had pretty normal activity at the building this month, no emergencies have occurred. The next project is to replace the flooring in the laundry area. As soon as the weather permits the roofing and gutter jobs will be scheduled.

Hours: 4 Members: 1

Communications/PR

Communications and PR: March 2021

Chairwoman: Gayle Carter

Participating: 1 Hours: 4 Gifts in Kind: 0 Cost: \$37.00

Send articles and pictures to gfwcbill@aol.com for the newsletter and Facebook. A newsletter was sent to members in January. Facebook is maintained by Karen Durfey. Please send updates and pictures of your committee's work to our email, gfwcbill@aol.com.

The Scholarship committee received all scholarships online. This part of the pilot program went very well. A few corrections need to be made for evaluations and volunteer hours worksheets.

The 2020 Fall Newsletter and the club's website were entered in GFWC International's Website and Newsletter contest.

Donated by cards were designed and then ordered at Office Depot. 1000 cards were printed for \$37.00.

Zoom committee meetings continue in March.

Domestic Violence Awareness & Prevention

March 2021 Domestic Violence Report

Tumbleweed:

We continue to supply a hot lunch monthly.

Number of Projects: 3

Volunteer Hours: 20

Cost: 0

In-Kind Donations: \$210

Civic Engagement

March 2021 Civic Engagement and Outreach Report

State and Federal Legislative updates are forwarded to the members. To access the Legislative Action Center, visit www.GFWC.org and select 'Take Action' under the Public Policy tab.

GWFC Number of Projects: 1

Volunteer Hours: 3

Dollars Donated: 0

In-Kind Donations: 0

Leadership

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Chairperson: Florence Diede

Members: Gayle Carter, Marsha Price

GFWC

GFWC International Convention is now rescheduled for ATLANTA on August 27-30. Watch News & Notes for more information. Our own Debbie Willis will receive LEADS 2020 training on August 27.

GFWC of Montana

GFWC Montana has selected a 2021 LEADS candidate to represent us at the meeting in Atlanta. Sarah Fryer of GFWC Bitterroot Woman's Club was chosen with Cathy Kipping of GFWC Helena Woman's Club as an alternate. GFWC of Montana will host a Leadership Seminar on Monday, March 15. It is good that many BJWC members plan to participate.

Have your photos been submitted to Jo Campbell? GFWC Photography Contest is for photos taken in 2020. What can you submit? I know we have several club photographers who have photos to submit. April 1 is the deadline.

Be sure to complete and include the Creative Arts Waiver on BJWC website. Any of the state officers can help you find the contact/ mailing info for Jo and Marsha.

Have you read The Montana Woman February issue? What new information did you find about other clubs in Montana?

GFWC of Montana – Eastern District

Eastern District Convention is scheduled for May 1 here in Billings. Our own, Debbie Willis, is District President. She likely will be asking YOU to help. Give her a call and volunteer.

Members: 3 Hours: 0 Dollars Spent 0

Juniorettes

No report at this time.

Membership

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Membership

Karin Green – Barbara Hogg
Brief Summary of activities:

Total Members: 40

After a busy December and January, the Membership Committee has had no activity the month of February.

Members: 0 Non-members: 0 Hours: 0 Spent: 0

History & Resource

March 2021 History and Resource Center Report

March is Women's History Month! It has been observed since 1987 and is dedicated to reflecting on the often over looked contributions of women to US history. Vice President George H.W. Bush cut the ribbon opening the GFWC Women's History and Resource Center on May 1, 1984.

Programs: 1

Hours: 1

Dollars spent: 0

In-kind monies: 0

International Outreach Community Program

There is no activity this month.

Environment

There was no environment report, but Bev Silkwood provided some encouragement:

The GFWC Environment Community Services Program encourages us to become stewards of the earth by working to preserve the world's resources, protect wildlife and domesticated animals, live sustainably and beautify our communities and enjoy nature. These goals are exemplified in one of the projects GFWC Delaware State President, Rita Hollada chose called Gardens and Greenery. She encourages the planting of gardens of any size from window boxes to parks to provide recreation and beauty while improving the environment. In the words of Michael Pollan: "The single greatest lesson the garden teaches is that our relationship to the planet need not be zero-sum, and that as long as the sun still shines and people still can plan and plant, think and do, we can, if we bother to try, find ways to provide for ourselves without diminishing the world."

Health and Wellness

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Health & Wellness

Chairperson: Kelly Smith

Thank you for more donation of undergarments for Tumbleweed. The administrator said. "We just love your guys."

We delivered the following: 48 pairs of socks; 38 pairs of panties; 2 masks; 6 hats; 7 bras; and one pair of pajama pants.

Comfort pillows are now being sewn by Peggy O'Brien and Harriette Brandon. We are eager for the students to be able to join in this effort again next fall.

The GFWC Affiliate Organization, March of Dimes, is creating a Touch of Home for military families expecting a baby. Let's continue to join in the challenge to "Make 2,201 baby blankets and/or hats by April 30, 2021. If you'd like more information, reach out to Kelly Smith at share900@aol.com. This month we collected 3 baby hats.

6 participating 12 Hours \$90 Gifts-in-Kind. \$0. Cost

Read to Your Bunny/Reading Ladies

No activity this month.

Arts Community Service Program

No activity this month.

**Children's Foundation Exec. Board Meeting
Immediately after the adjournment of the regular meeting.**