

## February 2020 COMMITTEE REPORTS

### **Domestic Violence Report**

#### **Tumbleweed:**

We continue to supply a hot lunch monthly.

#### **Angela's Piazza:**

11 members supported Souper Bowl, January 31, sponsored by Angela's Piazza.

Number of Projects: 2

Volunteer Hours: 26

Cost: 0

In-Kind Donations: \$350

### **Advocates for Children:**

**SCHOOL MEDICAL:** It seems January is a busy time for head-lice. Jessica Newby, our school representative, had 14 requests for Lice Shampoo in one day. We were able to cover those requests and then needed to replenish. 24 bottles of shampoo were ordered and delivered for a cost of \$167.52.

Members 1, Volunteers 1, Hours 2, Cost \$167.52.

**CASA:** Florence Diede, Barb Hogg, Debbie Willis, and Judy Senteney

CASA provides continual training opportunities for each dedicated CASA. This month it is on dating violence.

1 in 3 young people will experience some form of dating violence. Any young person can experience dating abuse or unhealthy relationship behaviors, regardless of gender, sexual orientation, socioeconomic standing, ethnicity, religion or culture. Foster youth may be especially at risk for dating violence if they don't have trusted adults to confide in, or if they have never seen healthy behaviors and relationships modeled. CASA's talk to their teens about healthy behaviors and the warning signs of dating violence.

<https://www.yellowstonecasa.org/>

### **Pillowcase Dresses:**

Yes, Yes, Yes! The time has come and gone for group sewing of pillowcase dresses.

How many did you help make? Did you donate used cases, trimmings, hours sewing or ironing or packing? Maybe you would like to drop some at a nearby school. Most helpful is to take a few moments to admire what has been accomplished. Just this past month 20 ladies donated 90 hours. It is amazing when we actually track names and hours that so much can be accomplished by dedicated volunteers. THANK YOU each.

If you have dresses to complete at home, please bring them to the meeting or deliver them to 535 Johnson Lane before March 10.

Nearing one hundred (100) completed dresses. Every dress is cuter than the last one. We do admire our own creations.

Maybe you will visit a garage sale and find just what we need... eyelet lace (no more nylon lace) and rick rack.

Members 20 Hours 90 Spent 0

**Arts Committee:** No Report

**Conservation Committee:** No Report

## **Education:**

### BOOKS FOR BABIES

Tow hundred one babies received a book in January. Bev and Harold delivered books to each hospital's Birth Center.

**Members: 1. Bev. Hours: 3. Books delivery and adding inserts.**

**Guest: 1. Harold. Hours: 2. Books delivery.**

### ESO

ESO met Monday, January 27, 2020 at Perkins downtown.

7 members met and discussed 13 books.

Books discussed were:

Matriarch – Anne Edwards	The Girls of Murder City – Douglas Perry
Cold Country – Russell Rowland	Call It Grace – Serene Jones
A Minute to Midnight – David Baldacci	A Warning – Anonymous
Where the Crawdads Sing – Delia Owen	If you Fell – Gregg Olsen
A Night Divided – Jennifer Nielsen	The Fountains of Silence – Ruth Supetys
The President Is Missing – Bill Clinton & James Patterson	
Tangled in Time – Kathryn Lasky	The Dutch House – Ann Patchett

**Members: 7 Hours: 17.5.**

The next meeting will be February 24, same place, same time.

### NICU

No report.

### ECI

No report.

### PRE-SCHOOL SCRESSING

On Friday, February 14, we attended BPS Pre-School Screening at Rimrock Learning Center, the old Rimrock Elem. School Dist. #2 offers free screening to children in Billings, age 3 - 5. The screening does a couple of things - during the comprehensive testing, they can evaluate readiness for entering kindergarten, and they also evaluate children who fall short in some areas. The testing is done by specialists from the school district: psychologists, speech and language therapists, small and large motor skills, vision, and audiology. The testing is done one-on-one without parents. Testing usually takes a good hour. After the "exit interview" with the parents is where we come in. We are stationed close to that last station so we can catch families as they leave. We thank the kids for working so hard and being so big and brave. All the kids, including siblings, choose one of our very cool books to take home. This screening is offered 4 times a year. The one on Friday was quite low in attendance due to illness and it WAS Valentine's Day! The next one will be April 17.

When we began this project, we worked with Head Start, but they changed their testing technique and only tested new students. We felt that since they didn't have a set schedule, trying to coordinate our time was difficult.

Becky McGill, Bev Silkwood, and I (Sandy Mueller) have been the ones from the BJWC who feel dedicated to this and always look forward to sharing our books with kids.

**Members: 3. Hours: 15. Cost: \$190. Guests: 28.**

### OTHER

Cindy Patterson did Art & A Story at the Yellowstone Art Museum on January 19th. This is the program where kids and families look at a piece of art. Cindy read a story that complements the art. They looked at a butterfly picture and she read Charlie the Caterpillar by Dom DeLuise and The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle.

**Member: 1. Hours: 2. Guests: 15.**

### VOLUNTEERS

**Members: 1. Debbie Willis. Hours: 42. Public Library.**

**Members: 1. Karin Green. Hours: 12. Billings Public Library.**

**Member: 1. Karin Green. Hours: 8. Skyview High Competition.**

**Member: 1. Nicki Brock. Hours: 60. Reading to the blind.**

### **Home Life:**

20 magazines delivered to dialysis center.

Ben Steele completed 50 comfort pillows from the kits we made this fall. They will continue to sewing throughout the school year. February is healthy heart month. Eating healthy, getting plenty of rest and consistent exercise are good habits to keep your heart healthy. Stay in tune to your body and visit the doctor when necessary. Thank you for being warm socks this month. They will be delivered to

Tumbleweed.

### **International Outreach:**

This month Rut received a Valentine card thanking her for the letters and pictures and inquiring about her family.

1 member 1 hour \$10 in kind

A contribution of \$200 will be sent to Shot@Life which provides life saving vaccinations world wide. It is in partnership with GFWC International.

1 member 1 hour \$200

### **Public Policy Report:**

GFWC tracks and promotes national legislation that is relevant to the mission and scope of GFWC Resolutions and member interests. This is a vital piece in promoting GFWC as a national leader on the major issues that face our nation. To access the Legislative Action Center, visit [www.GFWC.org](http://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

### **Communications/ PR**

Chairwoman: Gayle Carter

**Participating #- 2 Hours -10 Gifts-in-Kind - Cost -**

Visit [www.gfwcbillings.org](http://www.gfwcbillings.org) and GFWC Billings Junior Woman's Club Facebook for the latest information. Information is sent to the members throughout the month from the [gfwcbill@aol.com](mailto:gfwcbill@aol.com) account. If your committee has an activity/event to be posted on Facebook contact Karen Durfey and send pictures/articles for the newsletter to Gayle Carter for the website.

The Newsletter has become our club's scrapbook. Thanks to everyone who sent articles and pictures for the fall newsletter which was sent February 6. Wow was our club busy!

January's meeting was printed in the Billings Gazette. The February meeting information was sent to the Gazette on February 11.

**BJWC Building and Grounds:** No Report

### **Leadership:**

Chairperson: Florence Diede

#### [GFWC](#)

Have you made plans to attend the GFWC Convention in Atlanta June 27-July 1? Florence Diede will be attending as a GFWC MT representative. Marion St. Clair will be installed as the 2020-2022 GFWC President.

#### [GFWC of Montana](#)

Do you have this on your calendar for April 24-25 at the Double Tree in Billings for the GFWC MT Convention?

Watch the Montana Woman and Club emails for registration information come March. Suellen Brazil, GFWC Second-Vice-President will be attending and doing the installation.

The following is taken from a recent News & Notes.

Highlighted are several areas that will affect our bylaws.

## **Bylaws: Preparing for Your Club's Future**

**by Gay Warren, GFWC Bylaws Committee Chairman**

Have you recently reviewed your club's Bylaws? If the last time the bylaws of your club were reviewed was a few years ago, there may have been some changes. An annual review of your club's bylaws is important to keep your bylaws relevant. Over the years, times and circumstances may change the structure and requirements of the club. As our organizations grow and mature, revisions to the bylaws should be considered to more accurately reflect the activities of the clubs, the states, and GFWC.

Recent changes within the GFWC Bylaws may also affect a club's bylaws. At the 2019 GFWC Convention, a bylaw amendment was approved to revise the names and number of the Community Service Programs. While this change does not take place until the beginning of the 2020–2022 Administration, your club needs to review its bylaws prior to that time so that the new Community Service Programs can be successfully integrated into your club's program of service. **Effective July 1, 2020, the number of Community Service Programs will change to five and will become the following: Arts and Culture, Civic Engagement and Outreach, Education and Libraries, Environment, and Health and Wellness.**

So be proactive, and review those bylaws soon!

### Juniorettes

The Juniorettes are busy planning cookie baking and reading to young children at Gateway House.

**Membership: – no report**

### **History Committee:**

One member participated in the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of the right to vote for women in our country, by the Billings League of Women Voters. Hazel Hunkins Hallinan, a Billings High School graduate was a pivotal member of the National Woman's Party and a campaigner for women's suffrage. Her efforts resulted in several arrest, attacks in the press and assaults by angry mobs.

Programs: 1

Hours: 8

Dollars spent: 0

In-kind monies: 0

