

## **JANUARY 2020 COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **January 2020 Domestic Violence Report**

The National Domestic Violence Prevention Program is adding Human Trafficking to our Signature Program. This will allow GFWC to cooperate with many more agencies in our communities and nation.

### **Tumbleweed:**

We are continuing to deliver a hot lunch the fourth Tuesday of each month. Additionally, supplies are added to their pantry. Those participating are: Barb Hogg, Marsha Price, Karen Durfey, Florence Diede and Judy Senteney. If anyone else is interested in helping, contact Judy.

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

The ladies at the drop-in center enjoyed our gift bags!

We will support Souper Bowl, January 31.

Number of Projects: 2

Volunteer Hours: 4

Cost: 0

In-Kind Donations: 0

### **BJWC Monthly Committee Report**

#### **January 2020**

#### **Advocates for Children**

#### **Florence Diede/Barb Hogg**

#### **Brief Summary of activities:**

#### **SCHOOL MEDICAL:**

AGAIN -- School Medical has been very quiet this month with "No" requests.

**CASA:** Florence Diede, Barb Hogg, Debbie Willis, and Judy Senteney  
CASA provides continual training opportunities for each dedicated CASA. Small group readings followed by discussions, Lunch and Learn with court officials, Family Services and Supervised Visitation information are just a few of the trainings provided. Each CASA needs 12 hours per year to stay current. 800 children are currently in foster care in Yellowstone County. 320 of these children are served by a CASA. 480 children are waiting for a CASA just in Yellowstone County.

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

### **Advocates for Children:**

On Monday, December 23 at 6:30 pm at the Heights Target we took eight YSC youth shopping. Each youth was given a \$35 Target gift card and an escort to join them in shopping. A great time was had by all attending.

### **Pillowcase Dresses:**

Yes, Yes, Yes! The time has come to begin making our pillowcase dresses. You may choose to get directions and supplies from Florence and work on your own or join the group. Supplies and machines and dinner are provided on the group sewing dates. Do remember, it is come and go as best fits your schedule.

The following will be our group sewing dates:

Tuesday, January 28 1:00-7:00

Wednesday, February 5 1:00-7:00

Thursday, February 13 1:00-7:00

The first sewing date (Tuesday, January 14 1:00-7:00) was miserably cold but we were still able to complete 10 dresses. Gayle has painted on 18 plain cases so they are now bursting with color and ready to be made into a beautiful dress.

Yes, we are always in need of eyelet lace (no more nylon lace) and rick rack.

Member 15 Non-members 2 Hours 51 Spent \$280.

**Arts Committee** – No report

**Conservation Committee** – No report

### **EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

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

#### [BOOKS FOR BABIES](#)

We received a Thank You from the Billings Clinic Foundation for the treats we delivered to them in December.

Including 40 sets of twins and 4 sets of triplets, 2,543 babies received a touch-and-feel board book, and their parents received information about the importance of reading to their child in 2019.

**Members: 1. Bev. Hours: 3. Delivering books to hospitals.**

**Guest: 1. Hours: 3. Delivering books to hospitals..**

#### [ESO](#)

The next meeting will be Monday, January 27, 5:00, at Perkins.

#### [NICU](#)

No report.

#### [ECI](#)

No report.

#### [PRE-SCHOOL SCRESSING](#)

The next Pre-School Screening will be February 14.

#### [OTHER](#)

#### [VOLUNTEERS](#)

Member: 1. Nicki. Hours: 62. Reading to the blind.

Members: 1. Karin. Hours: 10. Library Children's Dept.

### **Home Life**

Chairman: Kelly Smith

7 wonderful women worked 28 total hours to create and deliver comfort pillow kits to Ben Steele Middle School's EMPOWER classes

Thank you! Keep your eyes open for great deals on men and Women's warm socks that we will donate to Tumbleweed. Bring your socks to the February meeting. Don't new warm socks feel wonderful on these cold winter days

### **International**

This month the Club supports Operation Smile with a contribution of \$250 which will pay for one surgery to repair a cleft palate and/or cleft lip for a child. Operation Smile also has an opportunity for each of us to give via their AmazonSmile Charity List. Please send me the information about your purchase so that it will be part of our club reports.

Rut received a New Year's card that encouraged her in her school activities for the coming year.

1 member 2 hours \$250

### **January 2020 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.

GFWC Number of Projects: 1

Volunteer Hours: 3

Dollars Donated: 0

In-Kind Donations: 0

### **Communications and PR: January 2020**

Chairwoman: Gayle Carter

**Participating #- 3 Hours – 2 Gifts-in-Kind - Cost - \$250**

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 contact Karen Durfey for Facebook and Gayle Carter for the website. Thanks to Karen for adding September to December pictures.

President, Marsha Hotchkiss wrote a letter thanking our community and sharing information about our club, it was sent and printed in the Billings Gazette, December 23<sup>rd</sup>.

The committee voted to give Billings Junior Woman's League \$250 for their Laundry Program. The Home Life Committee gave \$250 so the Billings Junior Woman's Club could sponsor one of their weekends. Thanks to Michelle Breum for leading this project.

The Communication/PR Committee has had a booth at the spring Woman's Expo for the last two years. The committee will not be able to participate this year as the Expo is no longer scheduled for winter or spring.

The Newsletter has become our club's scrapbook. This month each committee will be writing an end of the year report. When you write that report, if there is anything in the report you would like in the Fall newsletter please send it to Gayle [gecarter7@gmail.com](mailto:gecarter7@gmail.com) and include a picture if you have one. Currently there two Education Committee articles for the newsletter.

## **Building and Grounds**

### **Marsha Price, Chairman**

1. The nursery door wouldn't latch and has been repaired.
2. The drinking fountains have quit working, parts are on order
3. Some classrooms were cold during the cold snap. We will see about adding additional insulation around the windows.
4. The annual Fire extinguisher inspection was held.

**Member: 1, Hours: 5, Costs: \$515**

## **Leadership**

Chairperson: Florence Diede

### GFWC

Have you made plans to attend the GFWC Convention in Atlanta June 27-July 1? LEADS—Leadership Education and Development Seminar is held the day prior to Convention. This is excellent training for ONE person from each state to receive at Convention.

### 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. LEADS applications are due! You will find this application on the GFWC MT website and in the most recent Montana Woman. <https://gfwcmontana.org/leads/>

Dear Jenny Box. What exciting information will we learn this month from our Dear Jenny Box?

### Juniorettes

Flu season is wide spread. The Juniorettes had hoped to prepare a meal for the Ronald McDonald House but have been asked to wait until April (or after flu season). The Leaders are working with the Senior High Key Club in hopes of combining for an activity.

**Membership – No report**

## **History Report**

2020 is the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of the right to vote for women in our country. It was not an easy victory for suffragettes. Women faced ridicule, misrepresentation and outright rejection. Powerful chauvinistic opponents kept them within limits. Only with committed unified action could they change their condition. GFWC members were a part of this win!

Programs: 1

Hours: 2

Dollars spent: 0

In-kind monies: 0