

March 2020 Committee Reports

Domestic Violence:

Committee Meeting February 25 with 5 members present.

The Committee arranged the speaker for the February meeting. Laura Hopkins explained the production and marketing industry for the Women's Prison. A tour of the Free Store was also offered.

Tumbleweed:

We continue to supply a hot lunch monthly.

A request was made to Chafee Program/Tumbleweed for a meeting regarding the D/V Committee adopting a college student for mentoring and support.

Angela's Piazza:

\$100 was contributed for Spa Day.

Number of Projects: 4 Volunteer Hours: 30 Cost: \$100 In-Kind Donations: \$50

Advocates for Children:

School Medical: Our School Medical resource person, Jessica Newby, at Riverside Middle School, is doing a wonderful job helping us keep a stock of Lice Treatment shampoo.

Last Month we bought 24 bottles from Wal-Mart, online. This is the ultimate way to get the shampoo. It is ordered online and shipped directly to Jessica, paid for by credit card. Previously we had to drive to the three Wal-Marts in the area and hope to get one bottle at each store. The online price is exactly the same as the store price and the shipping is free.

While delivering Pillowcase dresses the school secretaries were reminded that the shampoo is available from BJWC. Several schools contacted Jessica and requested a few bottles for their stock. Again, shampoo sent by school mail, no cost and easily available.

1member, 1 volunteer 2hours cost \$167.52

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

CASA provides continual training opportunities for each dedicated CASA. With the health issues, we are encouraged not to visit our children in person or to be together in groups. We are able to call them on the phone, email or write letter.

Pillowcase Dresses:

DRESSES ARE COMPLETED! 130 have been delivered to the local schools. About 15 dresses remain to be delivered. Thank you each and all for the many hours you have given to have this be so successful. The schools were excited to receive the dresses.

5 members 30 hours

Remaining Funds: Each year Advocates for Children has remaining funds that we donate to local agencies to help with summer activities. If you are familiar with a camp, summer activity or adventure that you believe would benefit children in our area, do get this information to Barb Hogg or Florence Diede for our committee to consider. We will be making those decisions by May 1.

Arts – no report this month.

Conservation:

On March 3rd Linda Wheeler, Kathy Broyles, Rena Bucher, Jan Cline, and Marsha Hotchkiss met at Bev Silkwood's house to discuss conservation/environment projects and ways BJWC can help with funding worthwhile projects.

Our committee will bring green-themed treats for our March meeting, and we have arranged for Sheila McKay from WJH Bird Resources to be our guest speaker.

A Recycle Montana Educational bin was delivered to the Audubon Education Center for use in their preschool, Earth Day and summer programs.

Participating members: 6 Hours: 10 Gifts in Kind \$250 Costs: 0

Education:

[BOOKS FOR BABIES](#)

We have received a grant from the Friends of the Library.

Bev and Harold delivered books to each hospital's Birth Center.

Members: 1. Linda A. Hours: 3. Orders. Meetings.

Members: 1. Karin. Hours: 12. Billings Pubic Library

Scholarship:

The Scholarship applications have arrived! There were five from West High School. Team Broyles will be sharing them with other members. Senior High School sent in 4. Team Bucher will be sharing them with members. Certificate/ License had 4 applications. Team Wohler is in charge of those. Skyview and the County Schools each had two applications and members, Linda Baker, Gayle Carter and Kathy Broyles, read them at our meeting on March 6 and determined the winners. We will meet again on Thursday, April 2nd to determine the rest of the winners.

We had 17 acceptable applications turned in this year.

These students are amazing!

Expenses: \$6.66 Members: 6 Hours: 26

Read to Your Bunny & Reading Ladies:

Reading Ladies: January 13. Read nursery rhymes from Mary Engelbreit's Mother Goose to two classes at Rimrock Preschool to 23 children. Members 2 Hours: 5 Cost: 23 x \$4 = 102.00

Reading Ladies: January 22 Young Families Members 2: Hours : 7 Cost: 0

Read to Your Bunny: January 29. Read to Your Bunny presentation to Young Families' parents. Members: 2 Hours: 12 (two classes AM & PM) Cost: \$129. (children's books \$65 + Parent books: \$64).

Read to Your Bunny: January 30. Presentation to YWCA domestic abuse parents. Members: 2 Hours: 4 Cost: Books \$20 + Blanket Bundles \$20. (2 blankets @ \$7 ea= \$14 + 2 bears @ \$3 ea= \$6.00)

Reading Ladies: Feb 5, Young Families. Members 2 Hours: 7 Cost: 0

Read to Your Bunny: Feb 5, Books to Homeless Children School District #2 via Sue Runkle. Members: 2 Hours: 5 Cost: \$420 (104 books X \$4)

Reading Ladies: Feb 26. Books gifted to Young Families from Kathy Olson's Reading Club. Members: 2 Hours: 15 Cost \$550.85 (243 books purchased: 200 books to YF children - 4 books each; 43 books to YF Library)

Reading Ladies: March 11, Young Families. Members: 2 Hours: 7 Cost: 0

Home Life:

Be sure to keep yourself healthy! Take time to wash your hands with soap often. If you need something, I would be happy to pick some items up for you! Stay home as often as possible. Practice kindness! In a world full of choices, choose to be kind!

Pass the word about this information:

Nutrition services will operate the Meal Service at a curbside kiosk for parents/students to drive up and receive meals. All children ages 0 – 18 may receive meals free of charge.

The following sites will be open for meal pick-up at the following times:

Castle Rock – 1441 Governors Blvd Breakfast: 7:45-8:30 Lunch: 11:00 – 12:30

Riverside – 3700 Madison Breakfast: 7:45-8:30 Lunch: 11:00-12:30

Lewis and Clark – 1315 Lewis Ave Breakfast: 7:45-8:30 Lunch: 11:00-12:30

International:

Rut received a St Patrick's Day card through PlanUSA. A note was included about springtime in Montana or the lack of one.

1 Member 1 Hour \$10. In kind

Public Issues:

GFWC would like members to contact Montana US Senators to urge them to pass the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act (VAWA). To access the Legislative Action Center, visit www.GFWC.org and select 'Take Action' under the Public Policy t

Projects: 1 Volunteer Hours: 3 Dollars Donated: 0 In-Kind Donations: 0

Communications & Public Relations:

Participating #- 2 Hours -10 Gifts-in-Kind - Cost - \$31

Visit 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 account. If your committee has an Activity/Event to be posted on Facebook contact Karen Durfey and send pictures and articles for the newsletter to Gayle Carter for the website.

The Newsletter has become our club's scrapbook. The Fall 2019 newsletter has been sent for the GFWC Newsletter Contest.

Our club will be listed with other volunteer organizations in the Gazette during National Volunteer Week in April.

Last month's meeting was printed in the Billings Gazette. The upcoming meeting information was sent to the Gazette and will be printed Tuesday.

Building & Grounds – no report

Leadership

GFWC

Reservations have been made for one room at the GFWC International Convention in Atlanta in late June. Florence Diede will be representing our club and GFWC MT. Joyce DeCunzo will be introduced as our state president and Florence will carry our Montana flag. July 1 Florence will begin her two year term as GFWC MT President. Her first official meeting will be held July 1 in Atlanta. _

GFWC of Montana

At this time our GFWC MT Convention is still scheduled for April 24-25 at the Double Tree in Billings for the GFWC MT Convention. A copy of the registration will be emailed directly to you. One room at the hotel has been reserved for our club to use to change, relax and store items during the convention. There will be several keys to share.

Suellen Brazil, GFWC Second-Vice-President will be attending and doing the installation.

Hoping all is well by then and we can have a wonderful meeting. Much excitement and celebrating has been planned.

Juniorettes -

Submitted by Becky McGill

The Juniorettes met on February 22, 2020, at the Gateway House, 909 Wyoming, at 2pm. The plan was to bake cookies and read stories to the children. The girls did bake cookies, but we did not read stories as there were no children present that day. There were six girls present and two

adults. Books were donated by Becky McGill from our Pre-School Screening supply, plus some personal books. At least 30 books were donated. Malinda Christensen donated another 20 books, the cookie ingredients, two backpacks, numerous stuffed animals, and some throw pillows.

6 Junioresettes present: 6

Adults present:2

Hours-24 hours

Cost-in kind donations \$200

Membership: The nominating committee met and have set a slate of candidates for the April elections.

Women's History & Resource Center:

On August 2, 1919, Montana became the 13th state to ratify the Susan B. Anthony Amendment, which read, "The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex. Most Montana women had already won the right to vote 6 years earlier, although full voting rights for American Indian women remained a painful 55 years in the future.

Programs: 1 Hours: 2 Dollars spent: 0 In-kind: 0

