

**GFWC BILLINGS JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB AGENDA**  
**September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020**  
**Via ZOOM**

**Officers:**

**President - Debbie Willis**

**President Elect -**

**Secretary -**

**Treasurer - Barbara Barrett**

**Member at Large - Karin Green**

**Parliamentarian -**

**GENERAL MEETING OPENING 6:00 PM**

**Meeting Hosts - Zoom**

**Speaker -**

**Regular Meeting opening**

**Call to order by President Debbie Willis**

- **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- **CLUB COLLECT**
- **INTRODUCE GUESTS, WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**
- **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Minutes: The Minutes were sent to you via e-mail on 9-??-2020**

**Treasurer's Report: Barbara Barrett**

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**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Coming Events! Dates to Remember!**

September 15 - First Regular meeting  
September 26 - Western States Regional Conference  
October 15 - **Deadline** to register for GFWC Fall Meeting  
October 20 - Regular meeting  
October 23-24 - **GFWC Montana Fall Meeting** - Zoom  
November 17 - Regular meeting  
December ? - Christmas meeting  
January 19, 2021 - Regular meeting  
February 16 - Regular meeting

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Arts Community Service Program:**

**Co-Chairwomen: Karen Durfey, Kathy Broyles & Marsha Hotchkiss**

No activity this month.

**Projects:    Members:    Hours:    Cost:**

**Books for Babies and... You!**

**Chairwomen Linda Altwine & Sandy Mueller**

Bev and Harold continue to deliver Books for Babies bags to each hospital. At St. Vincent's they deliver them to the volunteer room. Then Jan Osborne, a receptionist at the front desk, takes the bags needed each day to the Birth Center. Thanks Jan for helping us!

**Members: 1. Hours: 2. Bev. Deliver books to the hospitals.**

**Guest: 1. Hours: 2. Harold. Deliver books to the hospitals.**

## ESO

### Chairwoman - Marsha Hotchkiss

The ESO meeting this month was held at Veteran's Park. Will let everyone know when the next meeting is. It will continue to be at Veteran's Park as long as the weather is nice.

#### Books discussed:

The Women in Black - Madeline St. John.

Midwives - Chris Bohjalian

The Wedding Guests - Jonathan Kellerman

The Henna Artist - Alka Joshi

Too Much and Never Enough - Mary L. Trump.

The Woods - Harlan Coben

The Splendid and the Vile - Eric Larsen.

Fool Me Once - Harlan Coben

Deliver Me From Evil - David Baldacci.

aVox - Christina Dalcherof

**Members: 5. Hours: 25.**

### Pre-school Screening

**Co-Chairwomen - Sandy Mueller, Bev Silkwood, Becky McGill**

No activity this month

## VOLUNTEERS

Members: 1. Hours: 4. Debbie Willis. Billings Public Library

Members: 1. Hours: 32. Nancy Broch. Reading to the blind.

Members: 1. Barb Hogg. Hours: ?. Sewing masks (500 so far.).

Total. Members: 3 Hours:36

### Read to Your Bunny/ Reading Ladies

Co-Chairwomen - Mary Huffmaster & Sylvia Jensen

No activity this month.

**Projects:    Members:    Hours:    Cost:**

### Scholarship

Chairwoman - Linda Baker

January 2020 - July 8, 2020 - Billings Junior Women's Club provided four high school students with a \$1,000 scholarship for a four-year degree. They also provided one high school student a \$1,000 scholarship if they were pursuing a certificate/licensure degree. A non-traditional woman student from Montana State University-Billings also received \$1,000. The club is proud of the fact that every year it helps six young people reach their future goals in education.

**Number of Projects: 1    Volunteer hours: 96    Dollars Donated: \$6000**

### International Outreach Community Program:

Chairwoman - Linda Pickard

No activity this month.

**Projects:    Members:    Hours:    Cost:**

## Home Life

Chairwoman - Kelly Smith

No activity this month.

Projects:    Members:    Hours:    Cost:

## Public Issues Community Program

Chairwoman - Judy Senteney

The Public Issues Committee as no activity to report this month.

Projects:    Members:    Hours:    Cost:

## Advocates for Children

Chairwoman - Barbara Hogg

**SCHOOL MEDICAL:** Jessica Newby our "point" person at Riverside Middle school has filled several requests for "lice shampoo." We ordered with the last of our 2019 monies so we have a good supply.

**CASA:** Florence Diede, Barb Hogg, Debbie Willis, and Judy Senteney  
CASA needs are not slowing down. The need for advocates for abused and neglected children has been as strong as ever. Florence Diede has been working with her child for 32 months. Barb Hogg drove to Anaconda for a McDonalds picnic with her child. Florence Deide and Judy Senteney continue to host monthly small group meeting using Zoom. The monthly attendance is as strong as ever and the designated topics are interesting. Judy Senteney is a Peer Coordinator, and mentors other advocates as they work to help children.

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

**Advocates for Children:** In using the monies left in the 2019 budget we donated to:

Reading Rocks: \$500.

Backpack Lunches: \$500.00

**Pillowcase Dresses:** Dress sewing may look a bit different this year. Be thinking about how you can contribute to this project. We need more than sewers; **cutters, ironers, packagers, and launderers** are crucial to the project as well. Give thought as to how you would like to participate in the Pillowcase Dress Project. We will be looking for your help!

Keep your eyes open for embellishing materials, this is the magic that turns everyday pillowcases to beautiful little girl dresses. We have tons of lace in our stash, but always need woven ribbon, ric rack, buttons and other cute things.

**Festival of Trees** will be all virtual this year. The committee has decided rather than prepare a tree we will donate. More information will be coming on this soon. We have donated \$120. to the November Pooh's Too Project.

**Projects:2 Members: 4 Hours: Cost: \$1,000.** (2019 budget)  
\$120.00 (2020 budget)

## Building and Grounds

Chairwoman - Marsha Price

No report this month.

## Communications

Chairwoman - Gayle Carter

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**Participating #- 3 Hours -15 Gifts-in-Kind - Cost - \$120.00**

### **Conservation**

**Chairwoman -Bev Silkwood**

No activity this month.

### **Domestic Violence Awareness & Prevention**

**Chairwoman -Judy Senteney**

**Tumbleweed.** Currently Tumbleweed is providing lunches only on Thursdays. They will notify us when Tuesday lunches resume.

**Angela's Piazza** BJWC was contacted by Sister Mary for assistance with rent payments for clients.

**Volunteer Hours: 2. Cost: \$759. In-Kind Donations: \$0**

### **Leadership Program:**

Chairperson: Florence Diede

## GFWC

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## Western States Region (WSR)

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## GFWC of Montana

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Bev Ferguson donated many Willow House items for our club use. About 20 items were pulled to be used for GFWC Montana Fall Meeting 2021 and Convention 2022.

BJWC has been asked to supply a few gift cards to use for door prizes for the GFWC MT Fall Meeting October 23-24.

## **JUNIORETTES:**

**Chairwomen - Becky McGill, Bev Silkwood**

No activity this month.

**Chairwoman - Michelle Breum**

We are off to an interesting start to our 2020-2021 club year. I'm excited to take on the role of membership chair and welcome input from members. We will do our best to stay connected and active this year.

I'm attaching directions to sign into the member portal. Once signed in take a look around. There have been some great webinars. Look for My Digital Library by clicking on your icon. If you have any problems, feel free to reach out to me or you can call 800-443-4392 for assistance. I hope everyone will get a chance to log in soon.

You can find the new 2020-2022 GFWC Club Manual in your digital library in the member portal. I think they will be doing a little more organization. I found it in the c file under resources.

Cards are being sent out to Becky McGill and Rena Bucher. Becky is having some back issues. Rena and her husband both have Covid and we have heard her husband is in the hospital.

Some of you may know that Bev Ferguson donated quite a few home items to the club. Membership has set some aside for auction gifts for our Christmas party. Some ideas are being developed to sell the remaining items. If you'd like to help with that, please contact me. More info to follow. The club would like to do something nice in return for Bev by purchasing some sensory play items for Bev's grandchildren.

Many of you know I'm also a member of Junior League of Billings. We were able to get a special non-profit and reoccurring week night rate with Better to Gather for our monthly meetings which are the second Tuesday of the month. I talked with Deb Willis about seeing if some of our members would be interested in meeting in person starting with our October meeting with masks and distancing and including a Zoom option for anyone not comfortable meeting in person. Better to Gather has a large room with presenter equipment. They sanitize before and after meetings. If we all sit in chairs facing front spread out this space may work. They can give us a rate of \$85 per meeting on the third Tuesday of each month. <https://www.bettertogether.com/rent-our-space>

**I'd really like all members to let me know which committees you are currently on and if committee chairs have changed, please send that info to me. If you are a newer member or a seasoned member looking to try something new, please share which committees you would like to join.** You can find our current committee published info on our website. After collecting info, we will be able to update the information on our website. Please, please, please take the time to send in your information so we can accurately update our site. <https://gfwcbillings.org/officerscommittees.html>

Zoom information for our September meeting has been sent in a separate email.

## Woman's History

### Chairwoman - Judy Senteney

No activity this month.



## **Public Policy Report**

### **September 2020 Public Policy Report**

One member continues to work with and support:

**Billings League of Women Voters with:**

Passage of VAWA

Passage of the Equal Rights Amendment

Voter Registration

**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](http://www.GFWC.org) and select 'Take Action' under the Public Policy tab.

GWFC Number of Projects: 4

Volunteer Hours: 5

Dollars Donated: 0

In-Kind Donations: 0

## **Communications/PR:**

**Communications and PR: September 2020**

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## **BJWC Building and Grounds Report**

BJWC September 2020 Report  
Building and Grounds

I decided to just list individual problems we had with the building throughout the summer. Actually, it went pretty smoothly except for a major water leak.

1. 2 toilets in Nursery were running continually. Replaced valve assemblies
2. Dawn to dusk bulbs were installed outside our garage and at double door on nursery building to hopefully deter burglaries

3. No air conditioning in main building...100-degree days of August! Fortunately, the repairman was able to get them running within 24 hours. There was a bad fuse in one unit, a capacitor in another, and wasp nests in both blocking air flow! The kiddos and staff are required to wear masks, so they were pretty uncomfortable one day.
4. Electrician hired to replace several ballasts
5. The most troublesome issue was a major water leak under the concrete slab in the nursery bath/maintenance area. We were able to get a plumber to work many hours jack hammering the floor and repairing the 60 yr. old water lines. He even worked on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July! We have no idea how long the water had been leaking. The building was designed with catch areas under the concrete so it didn't come into the building. Denise just happened to hear it running one night after hours.
6. Air conditioning again not working later in August. They were able to repair with less difficulty
7. Sewer pipe leaking into basement
8. Emergency lights not working (the inspector thinks it is just batteries)

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## Juniorettes

No projects reported.

## Membership

## History Committee

### September 2020 History Report

BJWC has been asked to work with Billings League of Women Voters, the William G. Pomeroy Foundation and the Historic Marker Grant Program on the installation of a Plaque honoring Hazel Hunkins Hallinan, a prominent suffragette from Billings.

The Plaque would probably be installed at 118 Broadway, the site of the family business, Hunkins Jewelry.

Programs: 1

Hours: 2

Dollars spent: 0

In-kind: 0