



# GFWC X-JWC

## History of Cheyenne X-JWC

1991-2015

### 1991 Turkeys for Salvation Army



### 1991-2015 History Committee

Following are the X-JWC members who committed many months of research and summarizing the club history over the last 25 years ending with 2015.

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2015 Texas Roadhouse Fundraiser

**✚ A Club year includes two different president's terms and therefore two different President's activities are included for January 1 thru December 31 of each year.**

## **X-JWC HISTORY**

### **1990 -2015**

#### **1990-1991**

During the Club year, the Presidents took on the task of working with the botanical garden director and before year end the first gazebo was planned and built at the botanical gardens. The club also purchased two wooden benches placed throughout the gardens. \$1,500 was raised and teddy bears were purchased and given to the DePaul hospital for children in need of care.

#### **1991-1992**

The main project was to raise money for an organ transplant for an infant. The club raised \$1000 for the transplant, but she subsequently died 8 weeks later. The club members also held an event where the Club members portrayed Wyoming's First Ladies and had the event at the Historic Governor's Mansion.

#### **1992-1993**

This year the club members did various community projects. They made a new blue banner for the club, they read to children after school each Tuesday, they donated money to a music teacher to help provide instruments for the children, they purchased infant books and provided the books to the parents of newborn children. The club fundraiser was a doll house contest and the doll houses were sold to raise money to help with their community projects.

#### **1993-1994**

A lot of time and energy was put into fundraisers to provide the fire department with 5 defibrillators. Members also supported "Home Away from Home" providing rooms and personal items for families

who had a family member in the hospital. The club donated a display case to the Depot Museum to display history items. Two \$500 dollar scholarships were provided to two selected women who had passing grades and needed support to continue college.

#### **1994-1995**

The main fundraisers were a Valentine brunch and cocktail party. The club partnered with the Zonta Women's Club and supported "A Children's Learning Center." Another fundraiser was a "Crazy Style Show" with women wearing wild kinds of costumes. Another project they completed was in collaboration with the Library Foundation. They put together 125 packets stuffed with library information. The club also partnered with the Infants and Children Program and provided teenage mothers with an infant book for their babies.

#### **1995-1996**

The only information found was that the club held multiple fundraisers. No other information was available.

#### **1996-1997**

The club did a canteen books fundraiser for VA patients and raised \$180. The canteen books provided coupons that could be used to shop in the VA's store. A "bakeless" cake sale was held and \$938 was collected from members. When the actual bake sell was held, they raised \$1,020.

#### **1997-1998**

A Gourmet Dinner began for members to join and share friendship once a month. A member made the entrée, another the side dishes, and a third person brought the dessert. They often held various foreign country dinners. The club made a new banner that was made

with heavy satin with gold and purple colors. Another style show of vintage cloths was held as the primary fundraiser. Over \$5,000 was given to “Home Away From Home” during the two years.

### **1998-1999**

The main project was “Adopt a Library Project” where X-JWC along with the Women’s club donated 248 books and raised \$1,935. Of special interest, there were three women’s clubs operating in Cheyenne 1998.

### **1999-2000 and 2000-2001**

No information for this two-year period is available

### **2001-2002**

The club members held a dinner to raise money for Operation Smile. They held other smaller fundraisers to continue their desire to purchase the defibrillators. Their biggest fundraisers were casino night and a card party.

### **2002-2003**

During the club year, there were sufficient funds to purchase and present the fire department with the first defibrillator along with a training class for the fire fighters.

### **2003-2004 and 2004-2005**

No information is available for this two-year period

### **2005-2006**

\$250 was donated to the club and books were purchased and given to one of the local kindergartens.

### **2006-2007**

In November 2006, the club put on an “Authentic Style Show” The photos showed Club members in period style kinds of costumes. A card party fundraiser was held and earned \$1,000. The president was passionate about families not being able to afford Christmas. An adopted family was presented with multiple gifts for all the family.

### **2007-2008**

At this point in time, the membership was reduced to an extremely low number. The President agreed to serve two years and during the second year was able to turn the club around by installing new members, new projects and determination. The club grew and began participating in new activities. 75 knitted infant hats were made and sent to infants in 3<sup>rd</sup> world countries.

### **2008-2009**

The community Project focused on raising money for Meals on Wheels. For every dollar, the club raised, the federal program would pay an additional \$4. Since a \$1,000 was raised, Meals on Wheels received \$5,000.

A new fundraiser “Bunco” was organized and held in January. It was a success and members agreed it would be continued.

### **2009-2010**

The fundraisers for this year were a Card Party and Bunco fundraiser. The money raised the prior year was presented to the Community Clinic Prescription drugs. 70 fleece blankets were made and given to children in a bag that included a bear, book and one of the blankets. 50 gowns were made for the Operation Smile children and a large number of personal items were collected for Safe house. This was the year it was decided that the vintage clothing needed to be sold as

they had begun to disintegrate. This was started by transporting all the items to the Old West Museum and a two day sale was held. The transporting involved many members and some husbands!

### **2010-2011**

The president (who was President elect at that time) took a special interest in the sale of the vintage cloths and worked very closely with an antique dealer. An auction was held at the Old West Museum. The remaining items were purchased by members. The club held their first garage sale fundraiser and the final vintage items were sold at the garage sale.

### **2011-2012**

The club members donated 175 coats in good condition to the Salvation Army. The club also purchased storage bins for the new Triumph High School for the daycare center that provides care for the children while the mothers attended classes. Money raised for the community projects went to K-9 Mobility and items were given to foster children when they were removed from their home.

### **2012-2013**

The club completed their first International Affairs project with the gathering of flat twin sheets for a boarding school in Haiti. A total of 36 sheets were sent along with a monetary donation of \$60. The Community Improvement Projects were Cheyenne Day of Giving, Cheyenne Health and Wellness Clinic, Friday Food Bag Program, Pride Inc, (autistic persons) and Scottish Rite Language Clinic. A total of \$3,018 was distributed to the various projects.

### **2013-2014**

The Friday Food Bag was the Community Improvement project for the year. The program provides at-risk children with nutritious weekend

meals and the organization was given \$2,529. The 2<sup>nd</sup> project was COMEA Shelter which provides clothing, shelter, and care for the homeless. COMEA was given \$2,529. During this year, the club members agreed to place \$1,000 each year for five years in an endowment fund at the local college. The state will match the funds contributed to the endowment. The fundraisers for the year raised a total of \$6,058 with 825 volunteer hours donated to support the fundraisers.

**2014 – 2015** In May 2015, X-JWC held a special event and celebrated their 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at the Holiday Inn with 84 members, friends, relatives, Mayor, and Civic League members attending. During the celebration, the seven members over the age of 90 were acknowledged and honored. The celebration was an event that made every member proud to be a member of the club.

Community Improvement Project (CIP) supported four non-profit organizations this year. Each project received a check for \$1,323.00. The Friends of Foster Families providing supplies for children taken from families, ARC for special events for the developmentally disabled adults, Magic Cities providing daily activities for developmentally disabled adults, and K9 Mobility training dogs to serve as a companion and assistance for the disabled.

The Conservation project partnered with the State Forestry and a White Fir tree was purchased and planted on the Capitol Complex.

The club pledged to the community college \$1,000 a year for five years and the college would match that amount with state funds they were given.

Five fundraisers were held this year raising a total of \$6,030.

## **2015-2016**

The Public Issues Committee partnered with Cheyenne Chamber of Commerce on November 12th to help sort and pack care packages for the troops overseas. Many thanks to the group of volunteers who gave their time and efforts to make this project happen! The Club also partnered with Wyoming Coalition for the Homeless in collecting and donating warm winter coats in all sizes.

## **2016-2017**

The Club enrolled in the King Soopers Neighborhood Rewards Program using the reward amounts received from King Soopers for Club programs and projects! It was the easiest fund raiser ever – nothing extra to buy, no volunteering – just shopping at King Soopers, including their fuel centers, and affiliated stores (City Market, Loaf & Jug fuel centers, Fry's, Mini-Mart, and others). The club received 5% of funds loaded on the cards of our participating members after we reached \$5000 (doesn't have to be items purchased, just loaded on their cards). Friends, spouses, neighbors, relatives also supported our project with an X-JWC Neighborhood Rewards card.

## **2017-2018**

Eleven X-JWC members volunteered in local school classrooms to help students with their reading skills, having touched about 160 lives in this program. In a joint effort with the Craft Committee, bookmarks were made for all the children. Our members had a good time working with the children and making an impact on their lives. Box tops were also collected to donate to the schools.

Our members donated 24 blankets that were given to the Wyoming Highway Patrol to carry in their cars during the winter months to give to victims of vehicle accidents.

## **2018-2019**

GFWC X-JWC partnered with the Unaccompanied Students Initiative, a non-profit dedicated to providing stable housing for homeless youths

ages 16-20 trying to graduate from high school. We supported it in several ways such as we purchased bicycles that were raffled off at Cheyenne Superday. Next a Club member created and donated a quilt which was raffled off at the Cheyenne Greek Festival. We donated money and Christmas gifts for the USI home inhabitants. One Club member donated a couch, loveseat, chair, and coffee table to USI's first permanent home.

## **2019-2020**

The Home Life committee participated in the Martin Luther King march on January 21st. There were 12 members of X-JWC that participated by bringing cookies, serving them and joining the march from the Cheyenne Depot to the Supreme Court Building. The leftover cookies were donated to the Comea Shelter and to Airmen at Warren Airforce Base.

Other activities included continuing to provide homemade dog treats to the Cheyenne Animal Shelter. One member agreed to continue making them, and the Board very generously donated money for the ingredients. We also collected toilet paper for the group home for students participating in the Unaccompanied Student Initiative.

## **2020-2021**

This was the year of the COVID-19 Pandemic. Our Club discovered important priorities on which we wanted to focus. First off was trying to keep our members healthy by providing information and staying in touch with each other. Our one major theme throughout this time was to emphasize the need for us to take care of ourselves, our families, our friends, and our communities. We honored two of our members with an "Every Day Hero" plaque who went above and beyond to keep some of our members safe and healthy.

GFWC X-JWC members made 165 COVID-19 face masks for local businesses and organizations. Information was provided on: where to wear a mask, when it was safe to take a mask off, and other pertinent information.

We provided support for Veterans' Rock, a new organization in Cheyenne that works with homeless veterans, veterans in need and their families, providing substance and nourishment. A sock drive was held with our membership and 75 pairs of socks, and 10 warm scarves were donated to Veterans' Rock.

## **2021-2022**

The Education and Library Committee Chairman arranged for Club members to bring treats to elementary school teachers with thank you notes to the teachers for a job well done along with a brochure about X-JWC. The junior and senior high schools were subsequently included. The effort was well received!

We "adopted" three families that were receiving services from Family Promise, a program that houses homeless families so our Club in partnership with the Cheyenne Optimist Club could "play Santa". The total amount expended on the gift giving for the three families was almost \$400. Members donated books, a Dairy Queen gift card, jewelry, and other items. We collected ornaments for a tree to be set up at Natalie House where two of the families were housed. We sang Christmas carols, ate homemade cookies made by our Club members and watched the children open their gifts. It was a special Christmas for all!

## JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB/X-JWC PAST PRESIDENTS 1940-2015

(+ marks Past Wyoming State Presidents)

Davey, Eleanor (Mrs. Herbert)	1940-1941	Fassett, Kathy (Mrs. Jack)	1981-1982
Spier, Shirley (Mrs. Edward)	1940-1941	Barry, Petie (Mrs. Byron)	1982-1983
Wilson, Ruth (Mrs. James)	1940-1941	Heglar, Alvorine (Mrs. Harlan)	1983-1984
Mabee, Katherine (Mrs. John)	1941-1942	Herber, Jan (Mrs. Don)	1984-1985
Carpenter, Mary Liz (Mrs. Julian)	1942-1943	Marsden, Barbara (Mrs. Gary)	1985-1986
Keefe, Katherine (Mrs. Robert)	1943-1944	Schieck, Beth (Mrs. James)	1986-1987
Craw, Margaret (Mrs. H. Kenneth)	1944-1945	Kelso, Virginia (Mrs. R. R.)	1987-1988
Innes, Minnanaree (Mrs. Marvin)	1945-1946	Kline, Betty (Mrs. Charles)	1988-1989
Schrader, Lorene (Mrs. Marvin)	1946-1947	<b>+Pralle, Carol</b> (Mrs. Norman)	1989-1990
Randolph, Jamie (Mrs. John)	1947-1948	Trosper, Iris (Mrs. Clayton)	1990-1991
Thomson, Thyra (Mrs. Keith)	1948-1949	Tuck, Sherry	1991-1992
Williams, Helen	1949-1950	Kissel, Marian (Mrs. Harold)	1992-1993
<b>+Boice, Shirley</b> (Mrs. Fred D., Jr.)	1950-1951	Condron, Williev (Mrs. Mel)	1993-1994
Weppner, Virginia (Mrs. Albert)	1951-1952	Rehill, Shirley (Mrs. Howard)	1994-1995
Halverson, Katherine (Mrs. Otis)	1952-1953	Leicht, Karen (Mrs. Ray)	1995-1996
Duthie, Betty (Mrs. John)	1953-1954	Gehrke, Becky (Mrs. Halan W.)	1996-1997
Bemel, Fern (Mrs. Leonard)	1954-1955	Langley, Ruth (Mrs. John)	1997-1998
Malone, Betty (Mrs. Larry)	1955-1956	Shaffer, Betty (Mrs. A. M.)	1998-1999
Birleffi, Lois (Mrs. Larry)	1956-1957	Fleming, Mary Alice (Mrs. Kirk)	1999-2000
Berry, Katie (Mrs. Larry)	1957-1958	Zolnoski, Doris (Mrs. Jack)	2000-2001
Bonnett , Maxine (Mrs. S. J.)	1958-1959	Iverson, Marcy Putman (Mrs. Gerald)	2001-2002
Reed, Lou (Mrs. J. O.)	1959-1960	Collamore, Shirley (Mrs. Don)	2002-2003
Morasch, Eleanor (Mrs. Henry)	1960-1961	Rucker, Jean (Mrs. R. W.)	2003-2004
Clark, Thelma (Mrs. Herbert)	1961-1962	Vance, Nadine (Mrs. John)	2004-2005
Johnston, Barbara (Mrs. Theodore)	1962-1963	Fosdick, Emma (Mrs. Gaylord)	2005-2006
Searl, Bernice (Mrs. Thomas)	1963-1964	Johnson, Carolyn (Mrs. William)	2006-2007
Ross, Sylvia (Mrs. Vincent)	1964-1965	Ash, Carol (Mrs. Phil)	2007-2009
Edwards, Roberta (Mrs. Dick)	1965-1966	<b>+Salzburg, Phyllis</b> (Mrs. Bruce)	2009-2010
Williams, Mary V. (Mrs. Curtis)	1966-1967	Norris, Sarah (Mrs. Larry)	2010-2011
Marcy, Doris (Mrs. Robert)	1967-1968	Samuelson, Norine (Mrs. Sam)	2011-2012
Mead, June (Mrs. Wilbur)	1968-1969	Schieck, Connie (Mrs. Larry)	2012-2013
Heist, Ruth Ann (Mrs. Jos. F.)	1969-1970	Engelhart, Judy (Mrs. Ron)	2013-2014
Thulin, Alice (Mrs. Sam)	1970-1971	Carolyn Turbiville	2014-2015
Breeden, Jackie (Mrs. Leo)	1971-1972	Beverly Campbell (Mrs. Roger)	2015-2016
Wasson, Elizabeth (Mrs. Roy)	1972-1973	Julia Ortner	2016-2017
Iverson, Alice (Mrs. Gerald)	1973-1974	Benita Thompson	2017-2018
Emerson, De Ann (Mrs. Frank)	1974-1975	Trish Peoples	2018-2020
Newton, Minnie (Mrs. Charles)	1975-1976	Kathleen Petersen	2020-2021
Fintus, Barbara (Mrs. Paul)	1976-1977	Katherine VanDell	2021-2022
Breeden, Jackie (Mrs. Leo)	1977-1978		
Williams, Hjalma (Mrs. Richard)	1978-1979		
Stout, Joan (Mrs. Rex)	1979-1980		
DuQuoin, Charlotte (Mrs. Earl)	1980-1981		