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TOPPS (Tired Old Past Presidents) members Sigrid Laird and Sandi Conrady parade into the 2012 GFWC Montana Convention's Saturday evening banquet ready to welcome 2010-2012 President Vurnie Kaye Barnett into their illustrious ranks.



What have GFWC Montana Clubs done for the world in the last two years?

Look inside for the inside story!

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My humble thanks go out to the members of GFWC of Montana for your wonderful support over the past two years. Sometimes when we begin a task it seems like two years is a long time but it is a mere blink when it comes to the great scheme of life. Each of you can be very proud of all that you accomplish in

your communities and the difference you make in so many lives.

The 2012 Spring Convention saw the election of officers for Nancy Hanford's 2012-2014 administration of Joyce Rogers, President-elect; Joyce Hooper, 1st Vice-President; Mary Lou Hermes, Recording Secretary; and Joyce DeCunzo, Treasurer. Joining them on the Executive Committee will be Florence Diede, Corresponding Secretary, Adina Fox as Budget and Finance Chairman and myself as Parliamentary Advisor.

At the Friday evening "Camp Out for Cancer Family Network" dinner, Lisa Dunster, CFN Camp Director and Vicky Reynolds, Cancer Support Community Development and Program Coordinator joined us where we were able to present items for camp welcome baskets and a check for \$5,000.00 to support this year's For One Another camp to be held at Flathead Lake June 21-24.

Everyone enjoyed the District get-togethers after Friday's dinner and everyone made the PDQ's jewelry sale a huge success. Thank you also goes out to all of the clubs who provided the fundraising baskets and to everyone who joined in the spirited bidding war for those wonderful prizes.

Terry Kockler will represent GFWC of Montana as the LEADS candidate at the 2012 GFWC Convention.

We were joined at the Spring Convention by Marian St. Clair, GFWC Treasurer who presented a wonderful message about the benefits of belonging to GFWC and inspired us all to stand up.

Marian also presided over the Installation of the 2012-2014 officers, which was a very moving and meaningful ceremony. We were entertained by Kylie Paquette, Nancy Hanford's granddaughter, who is a fantastic young pianist.

I cannot express how wonderful an experience being your President has been. It is indeed with much gratitude that I say farewell and thanks for the wonderful memories.

In Federation, Vurnie Kaye Barnett

This issue of Montana Woman is full of Convention pictures, thanks to the photographic skill and the generosity of photographer Penny Cope. Many thanks to her.



# Montana Special Project - Cancer Family Network Terry Kockler, chair

Two years ago I was asked and honored to become the Montana Special Project Chairman. It is hard to believe that two years have gone by. During that time we have done a lot, from GFWC Big Timber Woman's Club going to camp to teach different art projects to the children, to Districts throwing out challenges to sponsor a family at the 2011 camp and the PDQ with their Jewelry Treasure Chest. GFWC Fort Benton Woman's Club raised some money and worked with the Chouteau CountySupport Group to match so they can send a local family to camp. GFWC Madison Valley Woman's Club held a Christmas fund-raiser with the proceeds going to the Cancer Family Network. We can't forget all the members who honored their family and friends by donating a dollar in their name to help fill up the purple ribbons.

On Friday May 18, 2012 at the Spring Convention, we were able to present a check to The Cancer Family Network in the amount of \$5,000.00. Then members once again came through and we raised even more money for the project. Words can't even come close to expressing my thanks to everyone for helping make this project a success.

President Vurnie Kaye and Chair person Terry Kockler present the big check to Vicky Reynolds, Development and Program Coordinator and Lisa Dunster, Camp Director,,

Altogether this biennium has raised a total of \$8000 for the Cancer Family **Network!** 



President Vurnie Kaye enjoys some of the campers

# The 2012 GFWC Montana Convention

# Remember the Past...Live for Today...Dream of the Future



The 2010-2012 GFWC Montana Officers preside over their last meeting in Helena, May 18-19, 2012

Left to right: First Vice President Joyce Rogers, Secretary Mary Lou Hermes, (President Elect Nancy Hanford and GFWC International Treasurer Marian St.Clair, both hidden behind the lectern) President Vurnie Kaye Barnett, Acting Parliamentary Advisor Sandi Conrady, Treasurer Joyce Hooper, Budget & Finance Chair Adina Fox and Corresponding Secretary Shirley Weisgerber.

# What Goes on at a Convention?

Business, of course, adoption of a budget, a look at the bylaws and standing rules, official things like that. But beyond the business part, there's fun with fund raising

PDQs and other club membersbrought their slightly used jewelry to the convention, and sales were brisk. Although prices ranged from fifty cents to a few dollars, the sale brought \$269.45 to be added to the Cancer Family Network contribution Eileen Stone and Debbie Heckman examine lovely pieces at the right; at left is Karen Hoyt and in the background are Cathy McCormick and Linda Sinerius.

#### Visit over Dinner



Left: Rita Morrissey, Jean Carroll Thompson and Shirley Weisgerber visit over the Friday Night fake campfire



Intrepid shopper Debbi Kirschbaum raises the ante on a basket in the silent auction that she will later purchase. The baskets netted \$516, which went to defray convention expenses.

# Or Get a Door prize



Terry Kockler hands Joyce DeCunzo one of the many doorprizes.



Delighting everyone with her warm personality and ready wit, Convention Special Guest Marian St. Clair, GFWC International Treasurer, spoke to the convention both at the final banquet and at the Club Anniversary Luncheon, where she brought the house down with her list of the standing benefits of being

a member of GFWC. She was gracious enough to share that part of her script, which appears at the right. She is pictured above speaking at the luncheon.

#### Speaking of Leadership. . .

GFWC International has a leadership program with which perhaps not every member is acquainted. The program is called LEADS (Leadership Education and Development Seminar) The GFWC LEADS program is intended to identify GFWC members at the grassroots level who have the potential and the desire to assume leadership positions in GFWC beyond their club.

The LEADS program is held annually the day before the official opening of the GFWC Annual Convention. It is a full day of activities, and includes breakfast and lunch.

Each State Federation selects one LEADS attendee annually. GFWC provides State Federations with guidelines and forms to help them in selecting LEADS candidates, and using LEADS graduates to enhance state leadership.

**Pictured below** is Vurnie Kaye announcing this year's



LEADS candidate, Terry Kockler. At bottome are GFWC Montana LEADS candidates from the past: Judy Senteney, Joyce DeCunzo, Joyce Hooper, Doorothy Murnin and Vurnie Kaye Barnett.



### Benefits of Belonging to GFWC/We Stand Up

GFWC's unifying force gives us each a measure of strength and courage, so:

When we see injustice – we stand up,

When something needs to be said – we speak up,

When we make an appointment – we show up,

When we become blind to our faults – we wake up,

When we make a mistake – we fess up,

When we overstep – we back up,

When we get behind – we catch up,

When we're knocked down – we get up,

When we're out of line – someone says straighten up,

When our president goes fast – we keep up,

When our mentors speak – we listen up,

When our leaders teach – we sit up,

When the fight is over – we make up,

When we're being too hard – we ease up,

When our hearts are closed – we open up.

When we want something – we save up,

When we make a mess – we clean up,

When someone is waiting for us – we speed it up,

When we're caught fibbing – we give it up,

When people fall down – we help them up,

If we see someone fighting – we try to break it up,

If not the rest of the world – WE step up!



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You have made a difference and we thank you.

On behalf of *Cancer Family Network Montana*, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support. It is through charitable contributions or in kind gifts, such as yours, that we are able to provide support, education & hope to people with cancer and their loved ones.

Your contribution helps us continue to provide this very important service completely free of charge. Contributions will be used to help establish and continue these programs:

Support Groups
 Cancer Related Educational Programs
 Survivorship Skills - Seminars and Retreats
 Resource Library
 Exercise programs

• Exercise programs
• Youth and Family Programs

Thank you again for your support. Your generosity has made a difference! Cancer Family Network is a 501c3 and no goods or services were received.

Beck Franks

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Executive Director

#### In Memorium

At the Convention's Saturday morning Memorial Breakfast, Spiritual Values Chair Sigrid Laird used a memorial service from 1990, originally used by her mother, Ella Rivenes, who was Spiritual Values Chair at that time. Sigrid, left, read names while Dorothy Murnin, right, placed stars on a bulletin board to commemorate the following GFWC members who have passed away in the past two years.

GFWC Bitterroot : Madge Buck, Lorna Randolph GFWC Deer Lodge: Lucille Rachne, Joyce Olson, Vi

Mitchell, Bernice Lozel, Darlene Spock

GFWC Plains: Cindy Rickert, Grace Amundson,

Geraldine Larson

GFWC Ronan: Angie Read GFWC Butte: Ella Mae Cramer GFWC Cascade: Lois Nelson GFWC Bridger: Nadine Howland

GFWC Fort Benton: Anna Mae McKeever GFWC Madison Valley: Virginia Combs

GFWC Hysham: Dawn Worm



## Saturday Night Gala



Helen Symington, Debbie Heckman and Rae Proctor enjoy the Saturday Evening banquet and officer installation at a table decorated with tulips in memory of incoming President Nancy Hanford's father. Nancy's family were there in force, including her very talented granddaughter, Kylie Paquette, who played the piano for the group.

TOPPS members Adina Fox, Sandi Conrady, Sigrid Laird and Jean Carroll Thompson welcome newest member Vurnie Kaye Barnett, wearing fireman attire to make volunteer fire fighter, Vurnie, feel thoroughly welcomed into their ranks.



# Reports, Reports, Reports! Here's What GFWC Montana Has Been Doing

Every club in the Montana Federation is an important club, and each club does important things for its local community, but put them together, and they're not just important, they're POWERFUL! On the next few pages you'll find excerpts from reports that were given at the 2012 Convention. Just see what a bunch of women can do for the world when they band together!

#### Domestic Violence Projects

Karen Durfey, Chair

Five GFWC Montana clubs engaged in 14 projects to meet some immediate needs facing families that are domestic violence victims. Common issues for victims are the escape and the immediacy of assistance available. The 70 members volunteered 734 hours to gather in-kind materials amounting to 200 items with additional items valued at \$428.67. More cash donations of \$2428.69 went to the agencies with the skills and facilities designed to accommodate victims of violence and their families.

Some of the cash and in-kind gifts were not outright donations, but delivered in other ways. One club, with the help of a local shelter, adopted a family - a mother and two teen daughters. The intent was to help them out until they became more self-sufficient. Members shopped for Christmas and birthday gifts; one member made quilts for each of their beds.

#### Home Life

Marcia Zankowski, Chair

Helena Woman's Club went the extra mile, identifying a need, writing a grant, then teamed up with YWCA to start building an inventory for the Placer Pantry. The Placer Pantry will provide items for food stamp recipients that are necessary but not covered under food stamp regulations for purchase. Hair products, dental care, shaving care, office supplies were collected and donated to the Pantry.

Plains and Bitterroot each had 10 projects, Deer Lodge and Fort Benton each 9, Billings Junior 8, and Helena 7 home life projects.

Fort Benton and Big Timber are outstanding in volunteer commitment with Fort Benton achieving 87% member participation in 8 projects and Big Timber with 100% member participation in 3 projects.

#### Leadership

report by Joyce Rogers

Seven GFWC of Montana Clubs reported on their Leadership projects. Five clubs included a narrative with the statistics form.

GFWC Billings Junior Woman's Club uses club commitees to mentor and move members into leadership roles. Club members attend state and international functions and report to their clubs on what they learned. Members also receive a club newsletter. Club bylaws encourage meeting attendance by allowing members to receive compensation for registration, meals and rooms during conventions.

GFWC of Forsyth asked their HOBY sponsored high school student to attend a meeting and speak about what he learned at HOBY.

#### **Education Collaboration**

Kathleen F. Nelson, Chair

During the 2010 and 2011 reporting periods, 15 of the 31 clubs of GFWC of Montana reported in the GFWC Education Collaborative Program. During these two years, a third of the membership took part in 131 education projects, involving a total of 7,857 volunteer hours. These clubs donated \$74,262.80 in monies and \$7,806.37 in in-kind donations. Clubs from the Big Sky State clearly recognize the need for a literate populace, so that our children and community members are able to function well in today's complicated world.

Clubs made scholarships a priority, giving scholarships to graduating High School Seniors. They also recognized that non-traditional students, who desired to attend a trade school, those returning to school after having been out for a time, and students that were home-schooled were in need of aid and included these persons in their scholarship programs and selections.

Clubs also recognize that more than financial support is necessary to further literacy. They donate their time and talents to further education. Several clubs have members who are active in Friends of the Library groups, aiding their libraries in fundraisers and other events. Members worked at used book sales, bake sales, library teas, served on library boards, sent books to a school swamped by Hurricane Katrina, supported a Farm to Fork program, assisted in camp educational programs, mentored students in after-school programs, aided in reading in the classroom, acted as guides and conducted field trips for classes from schools at an interpretive center, educated the puble by volunteering at the local museum, taught adult ed courses, hosted guest speakers and/ or authors at club meetings, developed reading programs for parents, handed out activity bags to children at a pediatrics wing in a local hospital, sponsored and worked with dogs who listen to children read, provided treats to educators, and partnered with other organizations to do some of these things. Yes, Montana women recognize literacy as lifelong learning.

#### Community and Identity

Gayle Carter, chair

GFWC of Montana clubs had a very busy year communicating club information and projects. Individual clubs are displaying GFWC banners, wearing GFWC pins and apparel, passing out pens and brochures, all with the GFWC logo and/or club contact information. Members participated in parades, and one club won first prize for their float, "100 Years of Fair Ladies." Refreshments were served at a Christmas stroll and at a school decorated for a Homecoming week.

Many clubs have formed partnerships with other volunteer agencies in their communities. Twice one club donated books to the VFW to be shipped to Afghanistan. One club provided activity bags containing coloring tools, books, paper, puzzles, games and toys to children who were in the hospital more than two days. Another club worked on a 100 year celebration for the YWCA, helping with the fund-raiser/celebration.

GFWC Billings Junior Woman's Club entered the Publicity Book Contest for 2010 and won third place at GFWC International Conference. GFWC Miles City Woman's Club won the 2011 state Publicity Book contest, and GFWC Billings Junior Woman's Club won first in the 2011 Newsletter contest.

#### International Outreach Collaboration

Jackie Shirley, chair

In 2010 to 2012 the women in the GFWC of Montana had a total of 18 clubs reporting on their International Outreach Collaboration Projects, involving 3322 volunteer hours. "In kind" donations were \$45,565 on 54 different projects.

Our women in Montana have collected food to be distributed to the needy. They have donated to the people of Haiti in their time of need. They adopted and supported children of other countries. They reached out to foreign students to let them know they are welcome and appreciated in Montana. They held silent auctions, different fund raisers, and pot lucks to raise money for projects like making quilts for third world countries, and as always, they strive to enlarge their knowledge at their meetings of other countries, the people and their needs.

GFWC Fort Benton Women's Club earned a certificate of award for their hard work in collecting \$35,400 worth of food products donated to needy families.

Honorable mention goes to the GFWC Billings Junior Women's Club for their adoption of Gabriela, a 12 year old girl from Ecuador.

#### Conservation Community Service Program

Donna Albers, Chair

GFWC of Montana clubs have been very active educating members and communities on the importance of preserving our natural resources and stimulating citizen action to address these concerns. Eleven out of thirty-one clubs reported and eight provided a narrative. There were 33 projects, 26 members volunteering 2334 hours and the money involved was \$2418.

One club gave members specific areas to focus on to improve our environment, such as shutting off the faucet while brushing teeth, getting those cans to the recycle center and - who knew - keeping the proper level of air in your car tires, thus using less gas. Other clubs celebrated Earth Day, participated in the Adopt a Highway program, worked on community clean-up.

The state Conservation award will be awarded to Plains Woman's Club, who started a new project to collect plastic at their local fair. They set up 8 garbage bags collecting the plastic waste for four days.

A certificate of merit goes to the Madison Valley Woman's Club for finding a new way to recycle items brought to their Nearly New shop. They found a "for profit" thrift shop in a town fifty miles away that picks up the items at no cost and sends them on to a recycling center in Texas.

Just one club reported correctly in the Partnership Service Program through the Humane Society of the United States by providing *Kind News* to seven of their schools.

#### Public Issues

Rae Proctor, Chair

Montana clubwomen are very good citizens and volunteer on election day at local polling places and help transport folks to the polls. GFWC of Fort Benton held a candidate forum, served refreshments to 150 people as they visited with candidates, and posted flyers giving voting locations and voter registration information.

Our veterans are also a priority for several clubs. GFWC Billings Juniors made Easter bunnies from wash cloths and a bar of soap and delivered them to veterans. GFWC Deer lodge Woman's Club donated money to help pay for an expansion of the veteran's cemetery. GFWC Harlowton Woman's Club had a fun Veteran's Day program. Members answered the question, "What is your favorite patriotic song?" Then several of the songs were sung.

## **Education Community Service Partnership**

Eileen Stone, Chair

Two GFWC of Montana clubs reported on their Community Service Partnership projects.

GFWC Woman's Club of Missoula is a member of the Friends of the Library of Missoula City/County library. They pay annual dues of \$15 and donated \$150 for the purchase of books for the children's department.

GFWC Cascade Woman's Club asks students to submit essays and selects a HOBY delegate from Cascade High School. In 2011 they paid \$475 for two delegates to attend HOBY. At their fall meeting one student spoke about how HOBY had been an experience that influenced her life and thanked the Cascade club for their sponsorship.

#### Arts Collaboration

Michele Furry, chair

GFWC Montana had 11 clubs participating in the Arts Collaboration projects in 2011. Many projects gave opportunities for children and adults alike to share in the arts, drama and music, which otherwise may not have been available in their communities without the help of the participating woman's clubs.

One club holds an annual art show in the local library. Participants include the handicapped and Special Ed students. Each entry receives a ribbon or certificate.

Another club is very instrumental in bringing art, music and drama programs into the local schools for the children and for the community. In 2011, this club brought in and paid for Missoula Children's Theater and a Shakespeare in the Schools program. They annually gather donations to bring Shakespeare in the Parks to their town for the enjoyment of the community.

One club donated money for a metal welcome sign to be made for their town, is in charge of the open art class at the county fair, and helped with the Cancer Family Camp last summer.

#### Legislation and Public Policy

prepared by Joyce Rogers

GFWC Fort Benton Woman's Club hosts an Art on the Levee during the Summer Celebration. When "No Dogs Allowed" signs did not solve the city park event dog problem, two members of the club attended the Fort Benton City Council meeting to lobby to prohibit dogs during this show. They were successful.

GFWC Miles City Woman's Club hosted a "Meet the Candidates" forum, serving beverages and cookies. Club members attend the forums and several are active in community politics, serving on several committees appointed and set by the Miles City Mayor.

GFWC Helena Woman's Club supports our overseas soldiers by collecting old cell phones. They work with the *Cell Phones for Soldiers* project, an organization that recycles old cell phones and purchases calling cards, video phones, etc. for soldiers. The club members sort, box, and ship cell phones overseas. They have donated over 70 pounds of cell phones and accessories to this project.

#### **And the Winners Were:**

# 2011 Photography Contest The World of Pictures

Fern Johnson, chair

#### Scenic

1st place: Sigrid Laird, GFWC Miles City Woman's Club:

"My Kind of Tigers"

2nd & 3rd places: Sigrid Laird, for "Onions - Who Knew?"

and "Hawaii Comes to Montana."

#### **Feature**

1st place: Mary Meissner, GFWC Fort Benton Woman's Club - "Don't Look Back."

#### **Natural History**

1st Place: Mary Meissner, GFWC Fort Benton Woman's Club - "Tournesols"

#### **Volunteers in Action**

1st Place: Virginia Fortner, GFWC Plains Woman's Club - "Happy Volunteers"

2nd & 3rd places: Mary Meissner, GFWC Fort Benton Woman's Club, for "Identifying and Honoring our Country's Veterans," and "Do I Dust Them or Move Them."

#### Short Story and Poetry Contest

Mary Lou Hermes, chair

It was very nice to have entries from eight clubs in the contests this year. There were entries in every category, and a bonus number of entries in the club member category, which means that the prizes awarded were not default prizes!

First Place in the Member Poetry contest went to GFWC Plains member Nora Verpoorten and second place went to GFWC Thompson Falls Womn's club member Eileen Stone.

First place in the Member Short Story contest went to GFWC Miles City member Amorette Allison, for a story titled *Miss Milton's Mercy*. Second prize went to Muncie Morger, member of GFWC Fort Benton Woman's Club.

# Juniors Special Project - Advocates for Children

prepared by Joyce Rogers

Two GFWC of Montana clubs sent statistics on their Advocates for Children projects but just one club sent a narrative.

GFWC Billings Junior Woman's Club collaborated with school nurses and principals, paying for medicines, x-rays, tests, and head lice treatments. They aid elementary students with shopping for clothing needs. This club bought restaurant gift cards and Christmas gifts for children during the holidays. They donate to drug and alcohol-free graduation parties and to the school store where students can shop after earning school dollars from their teachers. Some of their members are court appointed child advocates, supporting and mentoring the children in court cases.

The Billings women also dressed a Christmas tree with personal items for children in the Youth Service Center. Members took cookies and hot chocolate on a visit and met children at Target to shop for Christmas presents for them. They fund raised to pay for pizza and other treats throughout the year.

# Assorted Yarns About Club Work

(Sorry - couldn't resist that pun)

#### GFWC Bitterroot Tours Yarn Factory

submitted by Michele McConnaha

Our Bitterroot Woman's Club took a tour of an all-women workshop where they dye beautiful yarns. We heard about their work, they heard about our club/service. Check out their work and product at: <a href="http://www.mountaincolors.com/">http://www.mountaincolors.com/</a>

**Photo**: (I to r) Bonnie Dye-DeMott, Carol Steigerwalt, Linda Sinerius, Pat Tibbs, Barbara Harrison, Roxanne Jozwik, Amber Tuchrolski, Barbara Plakke, and Michelle McConnaha in the Mountain Colors show room floor.

## GFWC Billings' Junior Woman's Club Donates 61 Pillowcase Dresses to Local Schools.

contributed by Florence Diede

Hearing about the Pillowcase Dress Project for Africa, Haiti and Mexico got us started. We collected gently used printed pillowcases. Standard size for small and medium dresses and king size cases for larger dresses. Cases with lots of print and/or ruffles work best. The plain white or light colored cases were later tie-dyed by Girl Scout Troop #2118 and then returned for distribution

We planned a factory type work meeting that was held right after our business meeting. With cutting boards, ironing boards, scissors and five sewing machines, about 30 members prepared the cases.

Later the dresses were each sized and packaged with a new coordinating tee-shirt and new underwear. By adding the tee-shirts, they could now be worn to school. As we were so warmly received at one school, we decided to check with a few others to just see if they had a need. Three elementary schools distributed these beautiful dresses



Robin Pittley, Judy Senteney, Florence Diede and Darla Soto proudly display a box of dresses and tee shirts.





*Workers pictured,* identified by their apparel are: dark pink top back to us is Judy Senteney, light pink is Linda Altwine, black with head down is Mary Huffmaster, dark purple is Gayle Carter, red is Carole Rodeback, print is Lauren Graves. and at far right, Florence Deide.

GFWC Montana's 2010-12 Treaurer Joyce Hooper has been undergoing chemo treatments this spring, and sends the following note to the membership:

Thanks for your prayers, cards and thoughts. One of the nicest things that I have is friends helping me climb to the top of the mountain. With your help I will make it. Thanks again!

Yours in Federation and your friend always.

Joyce Hooper

#### Deer Lodge Donates Big Time

The following stories arrived in the mail the same day the spring edition of Montana Woman went to the printer, thus missing that edition. They may be slightly old news, but they certainly are sensational news. That Deer Lodge Club is busy making a good name for GFWC!

#### Donating Back to the Community

by Pat Walston, GFWC Deer Lodge

On 1/26/2012, the Deer Lodge Woman's Club gave back to the community by giving out checks in the total amount of over \$18,000 to help some of the Deer Lodge organizations. Checks were given to Grant Kohrs Library, \$1,500; the Rialto Theatre, \$2500; Victim's Advocate, \$700; the Literacy Program, \$500; Powell County Search and Rescue, \$500; Lifelines, \$500; Close-Up, \$200; American Legion baseball, \$300; Pawhs, \$500; Senior Companions, \$500; Museum and Art Foundation, \$300; Deer Lodge Fire Department, \$500; Hospice, \$500; Senior Citizens Center, \$2000; the Food Bank, \$1500.

The club will also award three \$1000 scholarships to second year female college students from Powell County, \$200 in prizes for the art show and a \$200 scholarship to a Senior High School student taking art.

We had a very good year in 2011 at the New to You and so appreciate our volunteers for their hard work and the community for their donations of clothes, shoes, and purses, etc.





New to You Volunteers Feted

by Pat Walston, GFWC Deer Lodge

The volunteers at the Deer Lodge New to You Store were treated to a catered luncheon for all of their hard work at the Deer Lodge Woman's Club house on February 18, 2012. Charlene and Dale Staffenson were the caterers. Pictured are some of the approximately 16 - 18 volunteers attending.

The New to You store moved to a new location on Main Street and the sales have increased immensely. Connie Deyott, the coordinator of the store said a nice time was enjoyed by all.

## Keeping Women's Club in the Limelight

It was a dark and stormy morning, the day of the Plains Day celebration, but members of Plains Woman's Club were not daunted. They were there with their umbrellas, ready to show the town how Wild West Women really look. Sign bearers Shirley King and Mary Lou Hermes flipped that sign every 8 paces so all could see both the Wild Women side and the Plains Woman's Club side. They were followed by a carload of those wild women, driven by Louise Lulack. The two on the back are Debbi Kirschbaum and Fern Johnson. Barely visible, on the passenger side was petite Marty Burrell with her legs hanging over the low door. Other club members walked along handing out "Get out of Jail Free (if you ain't done nothin' bad)" cards. Those walkers visible in the picture are Debbie Heckman, pulling the wagon and Marlene Gerhartstein.

# Your club activities belong here!

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