

# GFWC BILLINGS JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB

1st Presbyterian Church, 2420 13th St West AGENDA

March 17, 2026

Remember to bring your own drink!

## Officers:

President – Marsha Hotchkiss

President Elect – Peggy O'Brien

Secretary – Kristen Stewart

Treasurer – Karin Green

Member at Large – Amanda Webber

Parliamentarian – Gayle Carter

Program 6:30 PM

Meeting Hosts : Children's Foundation

Speaker: Ryan Padden, Financial Consultant, 1st Interstate Bank

General Meeting Opens 7:00 PM

Call to order by President

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CLUB COLLECT

INTRODUCE GUESTS, WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Minutes: Kristin Stewart

Treasurer's Report: Karin Green

**Correspondence:**

**Announcements:**

*Children's Foundation Meeting immediately after this meeting*

**Unfinished Business:**

**New Business:**

1. 2026-28 officer candidates - Florence Diede
2. Prevent Child Abuse Day - Florence Diede
3. Opportunity to volunteer at Ronald McDonald House - Marsha Hotchkiss
4. Donations to GFWC Headquarters and Mt Presidents Project - Florence

**Coming Events! Dates to Remember**

**April 17-19,2026 MT State Convention, Helena**

**June 26-29,2026 GFWC International Convention,  
Scottsdale,**

[See downloaded requests for item to bring this month](#)

Committee Reports

**Domestic Violence Committee**

**Chairman: Judy Senteney**

Crisis Center: Work has continued at the Crisis Center organizing files

Volunteer Hours: 1

Club Dollars Used: 0

In-Kind Donations: 0

**Education & Libraries**

**Chairman: Karin Green**

Volunteering in Billings Public Schools/Libraries – 56 Hours

Schools

Members – 2 Volunteer Hours – 20 Cost - \$0

Billings Public Library Members – 1

Pulling holds – Children’s section

Members - 1 Volunteer Hours - 20 Cost - \$0

Friends of the library - Book Nook

Cost - \$0      Members – 1      Volunteer Hours – 16

## **Books for Babies**

### **Chairman: Joan Sleeth**

Bev and her husband delivered 100 bags of books to iHealth and 50 bags to Billings Clinic in February. iHealth recorded 126 babies born and Billings Clinic recorded 66 babies born in February.

Joan had a request from iHealth for Bilingual books for the parents that only read Spanish. They had a parent refuse the baby book they were given because they wouldn't be able to read it. Joan contacted All About Books and was able to order 30 Touch and Feel animal books to donate to Books For Babies.

Volunteer members: 2 Guest Volunteer: 1 Volunteer hours: 5

Club dollars spent: 0 In-Kind Donation dollars: \$104.

**\*If you are interested in delivering the tubs of books for babies to the hospitals, please message Joan at sleethjoan@gmail.com , or call or text 406-860-35**

## **Scholarship**

### **Chairman: Linda Baker**

We gave out 2 Community Scholarships this month.

We received 5 scholarship applications from Skyview, 3 applications from West High

Senior had 4, and 3 license/ certificate. We received none from the county.

Total applications: 15

Members: 3 Guest: 1

Hours -23

Club money spent: \$500

## **ESO**

Chairmen: Karin Green

Seven members attended the ESO meeting at Perkins. Twelve books were reported on at the meeting. Two of the books reported on were very interesting memoirs, "The Last Secret Agent: My life as a spy behind Nazi lines" by Pippa LaTour and "Gone to the Woods" by Gary Paulsen. Both books are available to check out at Billings Public Library. Members read 67 books or 23,400 pages

## **Health & Wellness**

**Chairman: Deb Willis**

We delivered 50 comfort pillows to Ellen Ellard, Nurse Navigator at DBC. On Saturday,

March 14th, we had a rice bag party.

Volunteer Members: 10 Volunteer hours: 7 hours

Club Dollars spent: \$100 rice

In-Kind Donation dollars: Fabric for rice bags and comfort pillows is priceless  
Environment

## **Environment**

**Chairman: Bev Silkwood**

No Report this month

## **Civic Engagement**

**Chairman: Barb Barret**

Project: Tumbleweed

March Lunches:

Hot food was prepared and delivered for lunch at Tumbleweed to feed 70 individuals for 2 days each month during the month of February: for a total of 2 meals

Volunteer members: Barb Barrett, Marsha Price, Barb Hogg, Joan Sleeth, Harriet Brandon  
Volunteer hours: 2 Club dollars spent: \$ 0 In-kind Donation dollars: \$440

Donations:

55 items were donated: food pantry items, towels, socks, and hygiene products.

Volunteer members: Joan Sleeth, Barb Hogg, Barb Barrett, Marsha Price, Ellen Smith

Volunteer hours: 6 Club dollars spent: \$ In-kind Donation Dollars: \$133.00

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Project: Yellowstone Methodist Free Store

120 items in total donated: women's clothing, shoes, bedding, misc. household items.

Volunteer members: Marsha Price, Kathy Broyles

Volunteer hours: 14 Club Dollars spent: \$ Donations in-kind: \$470.00

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**Advocates for Children**

**Chairman: Florence Diede**

Easter Eggs

On Tuesday, March 10 at 1:00 at 535 Johnson Lane 7 members and 2 guests and spend about an hour and a half chatting, laughing and filling close to 200 Easter baskets. All of the baskets have been spoken for to provide a bit of happiness for children. Many have been picked up or delivered already. Some will be delivered next week. Remaining baskets will go to Friendship House as they could use 145 baskets.

Dollars Spent: \$230? In Kind: \$25 Volunteer Hours: 20

CASA

Yellowstone CASA continues to support children in foster care through their volunteer program. Upcoming information sessions are Monday, March 23 at 11:30 at the CASA office 550 North 31st. Suite 240. A virtual information session will be held April 12 at 5:30. Go to [yellowstonecasa.org](http://yellowstonecasa.org) to register.

Volunteer hours: 60. Always a guess.

Club dollars used:

### Family Tree Nurturing Center

Watch for information on Child Abuse Prevention activities as April fast approaching. We often support their gathering at the courthouse where a blue pinwheel is put into the ground for the month .

### **School Medical**

Chairman: Barb Hogg

We continue to have requests for head lice treatment.

Volunteer members: 1 Volunteer hours: 1

Club money spent: Previous lice treatment \$423.12

Insulin for student \$27.90

### **Communications/ PR**

#### **Chairman: Gayle Cart**

#### Project 1

General Communications

[gfwcbill@aol.com](mailto:gfwcbill@aol.com) - A variety of messages including the GFWC News and Views were sent to members during the last month.

Volunteer hours: 3 hours

#### Project 2

Website

The website was updated with new pictures.

Volunteer hours: 4 hours

Please send any information to gecarter7@gmail.com about who you gifted the card and \$10, passed out at the November Meeting.

## **Building & Grounds**

**Chairman: Marsha Price**

### Project 1

Paid balance of Insurance through February 2027

Volunteers - 1 Volunteer hours – 1/2 Club dollars - \$14,357.11 In Kind - -0-

### Project 2

Hired Commercial Air Duct Cleaning for our four systems. The process took 8 ½ hours. Lots of dirt and toys were removed.

Volunteers - 1 Volunteer hours – 10 Club dollars - \$2,400. In Kind - -0-

### Project 3

Hired Handyman to Remove 8 original ballasts and replaced 30 old fluorescent tubes with new LEDs. Amazing how much dust has accumulated! Hopefully, the duct cleaning will help

Volunteers - 1 Volunteer hours – 2 1/2 Club dollars - \$150.00 In Kind - -0-

### Project 4

Removed a failing backsplash from staff bathroom, repaired and replaced and caulked.

Repaired 2 door knobs, installed vinyl baseboard around 2 bathroom vanities, straightened and spray painted 2 large cold air returns, removed and replaced 24 cupboard knobs that were stripped/loose in baby room kitchen, installed a door closer on back door, adjusted a door switch plate so it would latch, repaired a piece of door trim in classroom, fabricated a cover for a bathroom light, replaced weatherstripping at front entry, and adjusted 2 drawers in laundry room that wouldn't close.

Volunteers - 1 Volunteer hours – 7 Club dollars - \$88.17 In Kind - -\$58.00

Totals

Volunteers - 1

Volunteer hours – 20

Club dollars - \$16,995.28

In Kind - \$58.00

## **Leadership**

**Chairman: Florence Diede**

GFWC Montana

On Sunday, February 22nd at 3:00 PM Montana's LEADS graduates and GFWC Second Vice President Mary Beth Williams of Colorado presented information on conducting a general business meeting. Five BJWC members were in attendance and four were LEADS graduates.

Hours: 5

GFWC Montana Convention 2026 will be held April 17-19, 2026 in Helena at the Great Northern Hotel. April 16 there will be tours of the State Capital and the Montana Heritage Center.

Please be sure you are registered and have a room.

Be sure to get a copy of your hotel receipt, the conference registration, BJWC reimbursement form and submit to Florence Diede, Leadership chairman.

GFWC

Join us at the GFWC Convention "Climbing Together, Shaping Tomorrow," in Scottsdale, AZ on June 26-29 at the Westin Kierland Resort. Convention discounts are only until March 16. Please get a roommate, plan to attend and make your reservations now. BJWC will pay for ½ your room and meals during official meeting times.

Yes, there will be a Western States Meeting at this time.

Yes, this is the meeting where Bonnie Conner WSR Jenny Award winner will be honored.

Yes, this is the meeting that LEADS attendees are trained two days prior to convention.

GFWC Learning Gateway Series provides learning for members.

\*\*\*The Gateway Learning Series is via Zoom and if registered one will receive the recording after the session even if you were not able to attend. SOOO don't miss the upcoming one..."Dancing with Your Brain," a webinar designed to help you partner with your most powerful organ to create sweeter sleep, calmer days, and more energized livin

April 7 at 5:00 pm. Register today![bit.ly/gfwcgateway040726](https://bit.ly/gfwcgateway040726)

## **Membership**

**Chairman: Peggy O'Brien**

This was a quiet month for our committee!

Members are looking into ideas for the May dinner. It will be held on Tuesday, May 19 at 6:00 at the First Presbyterian Church. Mark your calendars! We will have a western theme with a red and white color theme. We will cater bar-b-que. We will be installing our new officers on that day. Watch for more details to come.

Volunteer members: 5 Volunteer hours: 2 Club dollars spent: 0 In-Kind Donation: \$0.00

## **History**

**Chairman: Judy Senteney**

One member worked in the garage organizing Club scrapbooks.

Volunteer Hours: 3 Club Dollars Used: In-Kind Dollars Used: 0

## **Document Organization**

**Chairman: Marsha Price**

No report this month