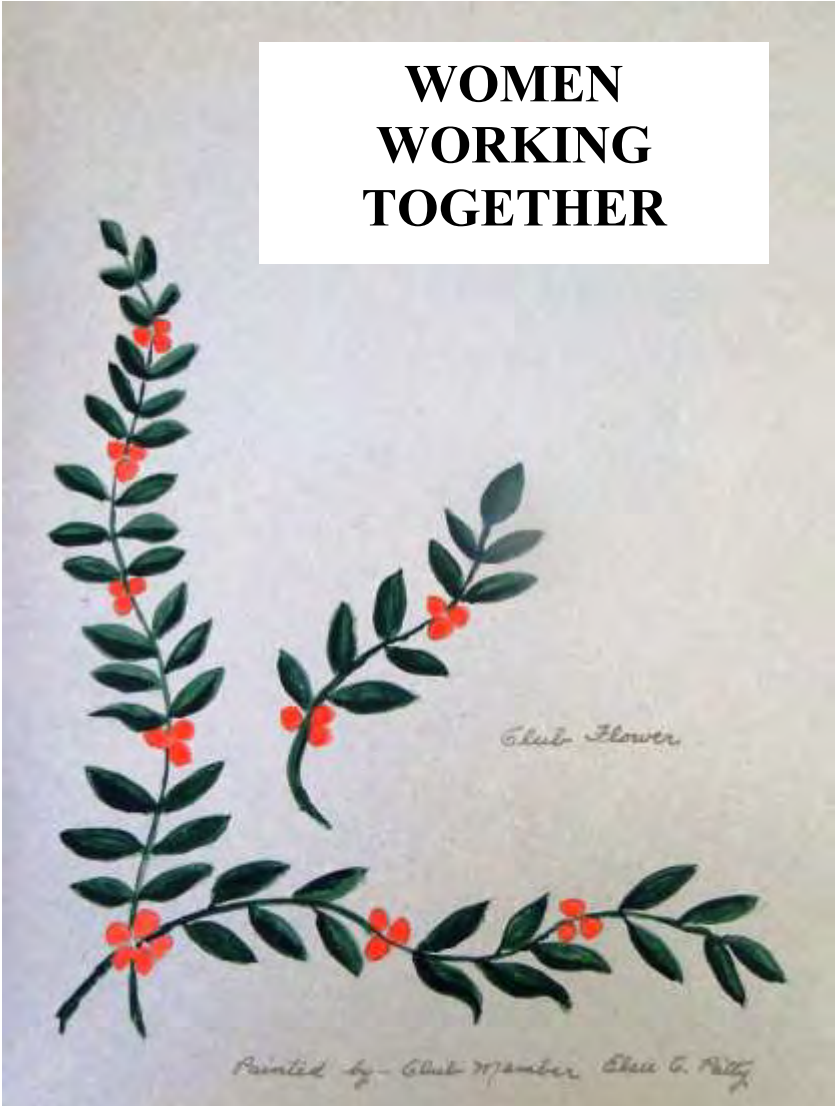


# **WOMEN WORKING TOGETHER**



## **History of the Grand Lake Woman's Club 1912 - 2012**

**Compiled from the minutes and scrapbooks of the  
Grand Lake Woman's Club**

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## A WOMAN'S CLUB IS FOUNDED

Only to women who have spent long winters in the high country can come the realization of what those snowy months can mean, especially to mothers shut in by four walls with little children. There were dances; it is true; but no daytime recreation. Before the coming of powerful machinery, roads were not plowed out as they are now; horse-drawn sleighs broke out their own roads. There were few telephones; no movies; no radio; no television.

Was it any wonder that neighbors sometimes got to imagining things about one another? Once in a while things got so bad they didn't speak. Cabin fever, some people called it. Before spring snows were melted and the first anemones peeked through, most of the women felt at least a little bit depressed. Day and night, sometimes, snow would fall for nearly a month. Often this meant solitude, sometimes great loneliness. Summer visitors can have little conception of it.

Sensing this atmosphere one year, Mrs. Mary E. Lyons felt that something should be done about it. With this in mind she got a group of women together at the home of Mary Lyons Cairns, and in September, 1912, formed the first Woman's Club at Grand Lake. The real need was to promote a friendly social relationship; and with the forming of the club this need began to be fulfilled.

At the close of the first meeting Mrs. Henry Lehman said: "I've had such a nice time today!" She was little, and dancy, full of enthusiasm. "Won't you meet with me soon?" Mrs. Ezra Kauffman and Mrs. Lehman held the next meetings at their homes. And so the club continued.

Those early charter members were: Mrs. Mary E. Lyons, Mrs. Amelia Lehman, Mrs. Mary Husted, Mrs. Belle Kauffman, Mrs. Betty Harbison, Mrs. Georgia Eslick, Mrs. Josephine Langley, Mrs. Ethel Curry, Miss Genevieve Smith, Mrs. Lulu Mackey, and Mrs. Mary Cairns.



**Mary E. Lyons**



**Patience Cairns, Mary E. Lyons,  
Mary Lyons Cairns**



**Mary Lyons Cairns, Josephine Langley, Carrie Schnorr,  
Sophia Holzwarth, Susan Johnston, Caroline Holzwarth,  
Georgia Eslick, Belle Kauffman, Carolyn Rhone**

Often we went in a bob sleigh to neighboring ranches, and sometimes we drove to the Smith sawmill for meetings, with sleigh bells on the horses playing winter music.

One woman said not long ago, "I'll never forget the Swedish weave and the rambler roses Mrs. Lyons taught us to make; they were beautiful." So they were. So, also, were the ornaments fashioned for the public Christmas tree each winter, and the candy sacks that were made of red and green mosquito netting to be filled by the women with candy, nuts, and an orange.

The teacher always arranged the Christmas program. The club did the rest. We had very few "store" ornaments or strings of "boughten" tinsel. But for weeks ahead every woman hoarded tinfoil that came around her husband's Horseshoe Plug tobacco and certain kinds of chocolate. With this they covered nut shells, big buttons, and the like, fastening a string to each for easy hanging on the tree.

They strung popcorn for long, fluffy festoons among the green branches; kinnikinnick berries, gathered in the fall, made lovely crimson chains; they covered pasteboard stars with gold and silver paper; and to top it all, there was an angel, white and gold and beautiful with long hair of corn silk carefully saved from the summer before.

Years afterward a teen-age girl howled with laughter when she saw a picture of one such tree. "Popcorn and cranberries!" she exclaimed between giggles. "Gilded nuts and frosted cookies hanging there!"

But to me it wasn't funny. I loved those Christmas trees.

*(From Grand Lake in the Olden Days by Mary Lyons Cairns)*



**Patience Cairns**

Newspaper accounts of November 9, 1917 reported that the Ladies' Club of Grand Lake had contributed \$10 to be used by the Red Cross in the purchase of supplies for the comfort kits. World War I and the flu epidemic were events affecting the whole country and even the small mountain towns of Colorado.

The Woman's Club was active in 1927 with several reports in the Middle Park Times of club meetings. In April the club met with Mrs. Henry Schnoor and spent the afternoon piecing quilt blocks. May 12, 1927 the Woman's Club met at the "lodge on the hill". Mr. Jennings drove down after the members and all enjoyed the sleigh ride, as well as the afternoon and the dainty lunch which was served.



**Grand Lake Lodge**

In January of 1928 the decision was made to join the Colorado Federation of Women's Clubs. They chose Grand Lake Woman's Club for their name with the object of the club being culture and recreation. President, secretary and treasurer were the officers elected. They were given the responsibility of writing the constitution and by-laws and presenting them at the state convention in Denver on January 19<sup>th</sup>. The constitution and by-laws were written and accepted. At the January meeting they also decided that at future meetings, refreshments would consist of two articles of food. It was the responsibility of the hostess to plan entertainment or study for the meeting.

January of 1929 the by-laws were amended to elect a vice president.

A decision was made to separate the social and study groups with their own officers and divide the money. An amendment to the constitution was made changing the election of officers from January to the May meeting. Before the year was over they voted to ask the social club to come back.

The social part of the club was usually the playing of bridge or some other card game following the regular meeting. Winners were always announced in the newspaper accounts of the club meetings. Six tables and dishes were purchased for the community building, the tables being used for playing cards and serving refreshments.

The study club had interesting programs on Housekeeping, Flower Gardens and Birds. Book reviews were given at each meeting by members. A large patriotic program was given by members with many papers, poems and music. In 1934 there were programs discussing the war in Europe and Hitler. A program on choral reading was held in 1935 and this led to more activities for the club with members writing the history of Grand Lake presented as a choral reading for the 1936 district meeting. Another verse speaking group performed for the district meeting in Yampa in 1937.



The Club Collect became a regular part of each meeting beginning in 1932. Dues were raised to fifteen cents each meeting.

## THE CLUB COLLECT

Keep us, O Lord, from pettiness.  
Let us be large in thought, in word, in deed.  
Let us be done with fault-finding and leave off self-seeking.  
May we put away all pretense and meet each other face to face,  
without self-pity and without prejudice.  
Teach us to put into action our better impulses,  
straight-forward and unafraid.  
Let us take time for all things;  
Make us to grow calm, serene, gentle.  
Grant that we may realize that  
it is the little things that create differences;  
That in the big things of life we are at one.  
And may we strive to touch and to know  
the great common heart of us all;  
And, O Lord God,  
let us forget not... to be kind!

The collect was written by Mary Stewart. She was born in Ohio but moved to Georgetown, Colorado and then Longmont. Mary attended the University of Colorado in Boulder and became a teacher and high school principal in Longmont. In 1904 while in Longmont and a member of the Fortnightly Club there, she wrote the Club Collect for Club Woman. The Collect was written as a prayer for the day because she felt that “women working together for wide ends was a new thing under the sun, and perhaps they had a need for special petitions and meditations of their own”. Mary went on to work in Washington, D.C. where she was a charter member of the Women’s Joint Congressional Committee, helped organize the National Women’s Club Federation in 1919 and served on the board until her death in 1943. She is buried in Longmont, Colorado.

In 1933 the club decided to join the Moffat District instead of the Central District of the Colorado Federation. In December the other district clubs were invited to a tea at the Corner Cupboard Hotel – seventy guests attended and this became an annual event.

Invitations were received regularly from other clubs in the district for luncheons and teas – Granby, Meeker, Walden, Hot Sulphur Springs, Yampa and Oak Creek.

Members of the club attended the district meeting in 1935 and proposed hosting the next year's district meeting in Grand Lake with the Granby club. Plans were made in May of 1936. Three meals would not exceed \$150 total; lodging \$1 per bed and 50 cents each with two in a bed. Junior clubs would be invited to sit in at the meetings. The club paid to have the Community House cleaned.

Club members Mary Lyons Cairns, Caroline Holzwarth and Carolyn Rhone wrote a pageant of the history of Grand Lake which was presented at the district meeting in 1936. The Lions Club asked the club to present the pageant at their meeting.



**Amelia Carr, Ruth Meyers, Fern Nair, Ada Harsh,  
Nancy Redburn; Catherine Seymour, Helen Dixon,  
Carrie Schnoor; Raymond Gregg, Carolyn Rhone, Ole Hawkins,  
Nell House,**

In 1934 members were asked to present poems for a club song. Dues were \$1 per year – ten cents collected at each meeting for flowers. Kinnikinnick was selected for the club flower.

### **Grand Lake Woman's Club Song**

By Rachel Rader

Tune – “Home on the Range”

Oh there's no where at all,  
In a club large or small,  
Where you'll find what you find at Grand Lake.  
Where we work and we play in a diligent way  
And there's love in the hearts of us all.

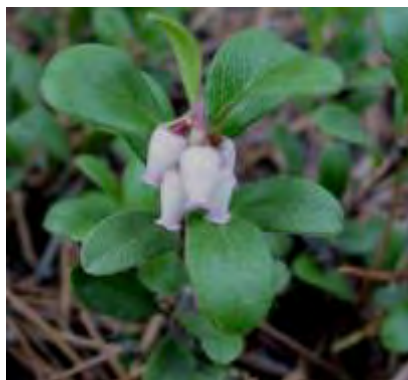
Chorus:

Home, home at Grand Lake.  
With our mountains and clear rushing streams,  
Where our club work is done and we all find it fun  
As we strive to accomplish our dreams.

2<sup>nd</sup> Verse

G.F.W.C.

Your ideals we all promise to take  
In our club to uphold, in our hearts to unfold  
As we live on the shores of Grand Lake.



## **A Memory to Our Club**

Written by Alice Victoria Ish

Some of us, living today, are pioneers  
In this Grand Lake Organization – which  
Started some twenty-five years ago.  
It was then called the Ladies Sewing Club.  
At these meetings, along with their sewing,  
Current events were usually discussed.  
And always, uppermost in our thoughts  
Were plans for our village.  
How to make it more attractive – not only  
For ourselves, but for the summer guests.  
We realized Grand Lake was a tourist attraction.

But always the big question –  
Of how to get the money for  
The things we wanted to do so badly.  
While we did not accomplish great deeds,  
We have many good things stored in our memory  
That we cherish.

And today, looking back at the group,  
I should like to be able to clasp the hand  
Warm and true, of each one and say –  
I remember so many nice things about you.

Slowly we have climbed the ladder,  
And we are known today  
As the Grand Lake Woman's Federated Club.  
For some years now, we have helped  
Our community in a small way perhaps.  
But I am sure it has been a pleasure  
For each Club member to do her part  
The best she could.

And we are still striving for the welfare  
Of our village,  
And our hearts swell with pride  
As we point to our lake so beautiful  
High up in the Rockies – surrounded  
By forests, meadows, trails and snow peaks.  
With the Grand Lake waters  
Softly rippling in the moonlight  
And the Colorado River flowing from it,  
Echo casting her shadows o'er it  
And Grand Old Baldy standing  
Sentinel over all the splendor.  
And I am sure we, as the  
Grand Lake Woman's Club of 1935  
Love it all.



The district presidents corresponded with the clubs in presenting ideas for many projects; and the state and national organizations had funds for art projects and education which the local clubs supported. Women's Clubs around the country became involved in many political and conservation movements that had a big impact on the activities of the time. Women in large numbers finally had a voice that was being heard.

Clubs sponsored projects for the Red Cross and sold stamps for tuberculosis. In 1937 the Colorado Women's Clubs formed the Society for Control of Cancer. Clubs were also asked to petition for syphilis control in 1938. Grand Lake had the highest Red Cross roll in the state – 62 members in 1939.



The Junior Woman's Club, composed of thirteen members, was organized in 1938. The Junior Club worked on the Red Cross Roll and helped with Girl Scouts. Later they changed their name to the Juniper Club.



**Back Row: Marjorie Johnston, Louise Caddell,  
Unice MacIntier, Clara Wescott**

**Front Row: Dorothy Howard, Grace Eslick, Alice Hudson,  
Bea Redburn, Lillian Jennings and Sue Spearman**



## LEGISLATION 1930s

The minutes of the club meetings record the following political activities of the Grand Lake Woman's Club during the 1930s.

1. A resolution was signed to endorse the appointment of an advisory member to the Highway 6 board.
2. Phone calls were made to legislators regarding the gas tax.
3. Protest was sent to congressmen on Pari-mutuel bill.
4. Club went on record favoring Grand Lake to be a part of Rocky Mountain National Park with the new Trail Ridge Road being brought through the main street. This came up often with representatives from the town going to Washington D.C. as well as representatives of the Park Service coming to town to explain that there was no intention of making Grand Lake part of the park. End of the hopes of having a dust free main street.
5. Voted in favor of the U.S. entering the World Court and discussed whether our sportsmen should enter the Olympic Games in Germany in 1936.
6. Public Health Nurse from Denver presented a program at the district tea in October 1935. This led to a meeting with the county commissioners to see if there were funds for matching federal money to employ a county health nurse.
7. Motion to endorse a qualified person for position of Director of Public Welfare. The secretary wrote to the state Welfare Board on why such an appointment had not been made for Grand County.
8. County Nurse organized classes in every community in the county – needed at least sixteen to attend.
9. Purchased one acre of forest land for \$4.50 – located near Manitou, Colorado.
10. Chairman appointed for roadside development in 1938.
11. Sponsored a movement to further the building of a new bridge across the North Inlet – copy of resolution to county commissioners and appointed a committee to attend the next commissioner's meeting.



## COMMUNITY PROJECTS 1930s

In January of 1933 the Middle Park Times reported on the Grand Lake Woman's Club meeting held at Mrs. Henry Schnoor's home. In response to roll call many ideas for town improvement were advanced including a chapel, cooperation of organizations, playground equipment, inclusion in the national park, building in conformity with the scenery, a golf course, transplanting trees, making Grand Lake the cleanest town in the county, filling holes in the oiled street, and helping to obtain fire equipment. These may have been just ideas at the time but many if not all have come to pass.

Grand Lake was not an incorporated town until the 1940s. All projects of the club involving Grand Lake needed to be discussed with the county commissioners. Ladies of the club began to attend county meetings and work with commissioners to fulfill their dreams for Grand Lake.

In October of 1928 a motion was made to have a committee see about graveling the main street and look into the cost of oiling and a sprinkler to reduce the dust. In June of 1929 \$35 was given to purchase a sprinkler for the town streets.

The club voted to give \$20 for "necessary conveniences" at the Community House in 1929. The decision was also made to offer aid to help remodel the town pier. A committee was appointed to handle the erection of a town sign and in 1934 the Grand Lake sign at the junction of Granby, Hot Sulphur Springs, and Grand Lake road was brought to a member's ranch until spring.

In 1930 town signs were erected at the cost of \$35, the club made curtains for the Community House, purchased a silver cup for the Ski Carnival, the first year of the ski competition. Prizes continued to be offered by the Woman's Club each year. In 1938 fountain pens and a manicure set were the prizes.

Woman's Club voted to help the firemen with prevention in 1933 and it was suggested the club hike to the new fire tower on Echo Mountain (Shadow Mountain) in the spring for a picnic. There was no record of the club making that trip!



### **Grand Lake Community Hall**

Motion was made to support building a basement for the community room to hold kitchen, club and Sunday School rooms. In 1935 the club volunteered to care for the Community Building the next year.

Books, magazines and playing cards were sent to Fitzsimmons Hospital for several years.

The Woman's Club sponsored the Girl Scouts beginning in 1936. They held a rummage sale, donated old clothes and white elephants to raise funds for the Girl Scouts. Grace Eslick was a leader for many years.

The club began preserving historical material in the community. Members selected different pioneers and interviewed them for history of the area. Pioneer stories were read at the meetings and the County Library Board promoted the collecting of data and suggested the county library as repository for all data collected.

In 1937, through a community health program, the club provided dental service to Grand Lake children at low cost. A proposal was made to sponsor a pre-school three mornings a week in the summer.

## LIBRARY

A library project was discussed in 1933 and a motion made that a library be housed in the homes of Mrs. Todd or Mrs. Hawkins. The club should collect books and start next October with the library open to the public one half day per week.

In October the club voted to purchase lumber for shelves for the library. 125 books had been collected and cards were sent to cottagers during the summer which resulted in many donations. In December the library opened every Thursday from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. in Mrs. Hawkins home. Mr. Schnoor donated the lumber and Mr. Hawkins built the shelves.

In 1934 the library had 35 books in circulation and the club ordered 200 new cards. More shelves were needed for the library.

In April of 1936 the library books were placed in storage as there was no building yet for the library. The club applied to Youth Movement Fund for money to rent a house and hire a young person to act as librarian. There was no money available for the library or a health nurse. In a letter from the National Youth Administration the application for a librarian position indicated the person must be between the ages of 18 and 24.

October 1, 1936 the library opened in the new school house. Mr. Hawkins made book cases and the books were moved to the Hawkins' home where they were sorted, indexed and ready for the new cases. A picture was donated by Mr. Dave Sterling of Estes Park for the wall of the library and he suggested we might get some books from the Estes Park library.

In 1938 the library was kept open for one month in the summer. In September Dorothy McLaren was approved as librarian and in October the club received a box of books from the state library. The club sent \$5 to the state library for new books, thereby receiving 200 re-conditioned books. The library now had 1243 books catalogued.

A shower was held for the former librarian when she married – Mrs. Dorothy McLaren Howard. The new librarian was Letha Olvey. The encyclopedias were moved from the library to the school rooms.

In 1939 the library had 1,343 books but had difficulty in securing a librarian. The library was open one hour three afternoons a week with members taking turns. Mrs. Howard agreed to work for 50 cents an hour if any member wished her to substitute for them. Members of the Juniper Club also took their part in serving as librarian. The library was open until the 24<sup>th</sup> of May when the books were packed away with the possibility of reopening in September.

In September permission was granted to use the school hall for the library and 55 new books were donated. Club members were assessed to pay the librarian. In November 133 new books were added.



**Grand Lake School**

## FUND RAISING 1928 - 1939

To support their club projects the Woman's Club had several interesting activities.

During 1928 the women made a quilt – each member contributing a block.

Several dances were sponsored, most on very short notice. Admission of 25-50 cents was charged with a potluck supper served by club members. One of the dances was a costume dance.

Funds were raised by a candy and kitchen sale in May of 1930. Throughout the 30s the club sponsored card parties with the proceeds for civic purposes. Card parties raised money during the summer when cottagers and tourists were in town.

The club wrote to the district president about obtaining motion pictures and plans were made to have a motion picture benefit. Several movie nights were sponsored by the club in 1937 and 1938.

A fund raising Amateur Night followed by a box supper was held in March 1936 and they took in \$20.60 and cleared \$17.30. A play was given with supper after a dance in 1937 and 1939 and was determined a success.

In November of 1938 aprons were sold and brought in \$3.80, \$10 from a cooked food sale, and the club had \$77.26 in the treasury.



## ENTERTAINMENT 1930s

Woman's Club planned entertainment for the members, their families and the community throughout the 1930s. The women sponsored a supper for the Ice Carnival with a free dance. In 1930 an invitation was sent to Hot Sulphur Springs to present their play in Grand Lake. In May of that year an evening meeting was held as a party for their husbands. An open house in the Community House with a community supper was held in 1932. The club made plans to produce a play in May of 1936. An art display was held at Vannie Maker's in 1937. Over 100 articles were displayed and 75 were in attendance. A covered dish luncheon was held in February of 1939. Salmon loaf, meat loaf, scalloped potatoes, molded vegetable salad, hot rolls, butter, jelly, olives, pickles, coffee and cherry pie were served. The club sponsored a lecture by a park naturalist from Rocky Mountain National Park on December 5<sup>th</sup> of 1939. For the Christmas party in 1939 the club purchased the motion picture Dickens' "Christmas Carol".

Every year the club participated in the spirit of Christmas with many activities. In 1928 and 1929 poinsettias were purchased for the Community House. A Christmas box was sent to the State Home in 1928 and to Volunteers of America in 1929. In 1935 Mrs. Rhone asked members to place candles in their windows for the carol singing. The club continued to sponsor carol singing on Christmas Eve.

The annual Christmas Eve party in Grand Lake was continued with sacks made to distribute Christmas candy to the children. In 1938 Mrs. John Zick gave 108 sacks of candy in memory of her husband and this continued for several years. A tree and trimmings were provided by club members; lights were purchased for the tree, and a Santa Claus suit purchased with the aid of the Sunday School and PTA in 1939. Notices were posted at the post office for donations of funds for the Christmas party. Toys were collected and baskets of food with desserts made by members, along with toys, were delivered to needy families.

## **WOMAN'S CLUB 1940's**

The decade of the 40's was dominated by the war. The women of Grand Lake were involved through the Grand Lake Woman's Club with many activities. The war also affected the activities because of rationing of food and gas. The attendance for district and state meetings declined and the sponsoring of district teas each year was discontinued during the war years.

As early as September of 1941 the District President spoke on material from the state convention on "Defense Bonds and Distant Horizons" and showed that we must prepare people psychologically for a National Defense Program. She stressed the need for women's work and interest in National Defense before it is too late. One of the members reported on a convention forum on Women and Defense and "sound, happy homes will produce man power". "Defense means Health, Nutrition and Recreation – defense machinery can be used later for peace." "Coming together is beginning, staying together is progress, working together is success." In January of 1942 there were two defense meetings held in the community.

In October 1941 two members attended a two day program in Boulder for club women centering around the problems in Europe and the general apathy of people in the U.S. and why we should be concerned about the threat to America and how women can help.

It was recommended that members buy and wear more cotton goods and donate old magazines to the library to sell in the paper drives for funds. Housewives were urged to collect tin cans, save fat, and collect silk hose. The club was assessed \$50 as its contribution to Red Cross Overseas Kits. Members gave \$1 each. December of 1942, after Pearl Harbor was bombed, a black out was set for Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>. Books for the USO were collected.

In 1943 the Woman's Club sponsored a Service Flag. The cost of a flag large enough to accommodate 125 stars would be approximately \$50. The club sent letters to people in the community asking for contributions and names to place a star on the flag. Twenty five letters were received and \$30 in contributions for the Service flag. The Service Flag would hang in the Presbyterian Community Church and would be dedicated when a list of names was compiled. Mrs. Rhone completed the list and planned the dedication.

In 1944 the club raised money with a card party to purchase war stamps and eventually purchased two war bonds for the club. Another bond was purchased for the library project.

In 1945 the club entertained a group of soldiers from Fort Logan the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in May. They brought magazines to send to Fitzsimmons Hospital and brought playing cards for service men as an admission to the next meeting. Two boxes were sent to soldiers at the Navy Hospital in Glenwood Springs.

The club sponsored a clothing drive for Greece; donations were left at the post office.

Club programs included a book review of Ernie Pyles' *Here is Your War* (1944), Jack Ish who was recently back from the China-Burma Theater (1945), and Mrs. McLaren showed an interesting collection of souvenirs and medals brought home by her two sons who just returned from overseas duties (1946).

A tribute to Roosevelt's passing was given at a meeting by reading Walt Whitman's poem "Oh Captain, My Captain".

1948 – General Federation of Women's Clubs urged support of the campaign for needy children overseas – Grand Lake Woman's Club donated \$5 for sending packages.



In June of 1940, Mrs. Henry (Carrie) Schnoor was chosen as Pioneer Clubwoman at the Moffat District meeting of Woman's Clubs and as a part of the Golden Jubilee celebration of the General Federation. She was honored with the distinction of holding the longest continuous membership in a woman's club for the entire Moffat District. In recognition of the service implied in such a record, Mrs. Schnoor was presented with a beautiful corsage of gardenias.

Mrs. Schnoor joined the club about 1913 and had been a continuous member since that time. She served as president of the club for several years, taught school in the Grand Lake community and served as Grand County Superintendent of Schools.



**Carrie Schnoor**

## CLUB ACTIVITIES 1940-1949

1940 – Covered Dish luncheon – each member was asked to bring some article of food, the name of which should start with the same first letter as the name of the member.

1941 – Club sponsored a Current Event Contest.

1942 – Decision that the wearing of slacks and the bringing of sewing to work on during programs and more informality might be wise during the war period.

1944 – District Fine Arts Festival May 20 at church with luncheon.

1945 – Cooked Food Sale at Farrell's Drug Store Feb 17 -  
\$24.60 taken in.

1945 – November – Benefit Bridge Party.

1946-47 – Sold Greeting cards and Christmas cards,  
profit of \$17.10 and \$10.75.

1947 – March – no meeting due to flu epidemic.

1947 – District Convention at Grand Lake May 27-28  
hosted by Juniper Club.

1948 – Committee appointed to revise constitution.

1948 – 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary dinner at Cora's in April.

1948 – Revived the District Tea in September.

1948 - Purchased a copy of Robert's Rules of Order.

1949 – Baby announcements from two members -  
Mrs. Tilton and Mrs. Kemp.

1949 – Parliamentary drill practiced at meetings.





**20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner April 26, 1948**  
**Joined the National Federation of Women's Clubs in 1928**



**Library above the Fire Station**

## LEGISLATION 1940-1949

1943 – Resolution passed in the interest of keeping Palestine open for the unfortunate Jews of Europe who need a haven of refuge.

1943 – Motion that GLWC go on record as passing a resolution that any trespassing by livestock on Victory gardens – such trespassing be reported to the O.P.A. and W. L. B.

1945 – Club goes on record against the abolishment of the primary election – secretary to write representatives.

1945 – Discussed Education Program Amendment to bill 271. Members urged to write representatives at once.

1946 – Discussed candidate for the Union High School and local school board.

1946 – Letter to Boy Scout Organization and Town Council that Woman's Club was in favor of the Boy Scout Den in the Community House being used as a meeting place by other organizations when needed, after the Boy Scouts and Town Council selected their meeting nights, instead of being dedicated to Boy Scouts alone.

1947 – Letter to senators and representatives protesting a bill that would allow grazing lands to be turned over to individual owners.

1948 – Members wrote to state representatives and senators endorsing the Marshall Plan for European recovery.

1948 – Woman's Club on record against another liquor license issued in Grand Lake. Letter sent to city council and state.

1948 – Voting registration discussed; club sent notes reminding people to vote.

1948 – Club held a program with a round table discussion of the Dumbarton Oakes Plan. (This was a meeting held in Washington, D.C. at Dumbarton Oakes Mansion with representatives of China, Russia, US and many other countries who discussed how to obtain world peace. This meeting led to the United Nations.) Grand Lake Woman's Club went on record as favoring an international peace organization and requested state senators give their active support of the project. Members were to write to senators.

## **COMMUNITY PROJECTS 1940s**

A Joint meeting of Executive Committee of Chamber of Commerce and Woman's Club was held July 10, 1941 to discuss the question of a marker for Grand Lake; the plaque to be furnished by the Colorado State Historical Society.

### **Grand Lake**

**Area, 507 acres, altitude 8,369 feet**

**Largest natural lake in Colorado**

**Source of the Colorado River which gave its name to the State**

**First white settler came in 1867**

**Land acquired from the Utes, 1868**

**Town of Grand Lake begun in 1879**

**A Trading Post was established for trappers, hunters, and miners**

**County Seat of Grand County, 1881-88**

**Annual Regatta inaugurated 1901**

**Erected by The State Historical Society of Colorado**

**From the Mrs. J. N. Hall Foundation**

**And by the Grand Lake Woman's Club**

**And the Grand Lake Chamber of Commerce  
1941**

The Colorado State Historical Society sent representatives on Labor Day and a luncheon was held at Daven-Haven. Dedication of the plaque took place at the lake shore.

1940 Sponsored free picture show at the school house "Along the Santa Fe Trail".

Invited speaker from Old Age Benefit Department and Unemployment Compensation Department - open to the public.

Program at School House – open to public for 25 cents "Life with Father" play and music.

Sponsored "Safety" poster contest for school children – presented awards.

Club went on record as favoring a kindergarten for school in the fall; petition given to the school board. Later, there were not enough children for a kindergarten.

President appointed committee for the annual Christmas tree and Juniper Club was glad to help. Committee appointed for purchasing Christmas treats.

1941 Motion to not sponsor a community tree this year.

1946 Sponsored Rodeo Parade, Queen Contest and window displays.

1947, 1948, 1949 Donated candy box for PTA raffle.

1948 Supported Winter Sports Club in obtaining Ski Hill.

(Ski Hill was at the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation camp.)

1949 and 1950 \$10 to American Legion in Granby for Columbine State Girl to represent Middle Park. (Girl's State)

1949 and 1950 Requested mayor to proclaim a clean-up day for Grand Lake.

1949 and 1950 Sponsored contest for nicest yard at end of season with past presidents as judges. Set aside \$50 for garden award prize money for summer of 1950.

1949 Hot Sulphur Springs Women's Club invited members of all clubs and organizations to attend a meeting with speaker from Denver to talk on Sex Education.

## HEALTH AND PUBLIC WELFARE PROJECTS

1940s

April of 1940 the president assured the County Nurse of our interest and cooperation in anything concerning her work for Grand County. In September 1940 the club sent a letter to the county commissioners stating the club desired the continuation of the county nursing project. A year later a committee was appointed to meet with the commissioners to ask for a county nurse. They said they could do nothing until Dr. Sudan agreed the county needed a nurse. There was a fund for a public health nurse but not for a county nurse. Committee appointed to meet and send letter to Dr. Sudan and ask for aid in securing a public health nurse for Grand County. A committee met with Dr. Sudan and he was not opposed to a public health nurse but advised against one at this time. The club asked Dr. Sudan to give a talk on Public Health.

In February of 1940 the club sponsored the project of building restrooms on the community grounds. A Sanitation Committee was appointed to solicit funds. The cost of the two double units would be \$90. \$120 was pledged for the project. It was suggested the surplus money be used on the community grounds for fireplaces, trash units, etc. Mrs. Ruske volunteered to paint two signs and Mr. Ruske would stain and oil the buildings if the committee would furnish the necessary materials. April of 1941 a motion was made to construct two fireplaces in Community Park and in May one had been built, work and material donated by Mr. King; the only expense was the steel grate. An additional fireplace will be built by Mr. King for \$24. Bill of \$1.72 allowed for grate and fireplace.

In December 1941 the club requested a class in Home Nursing and First Aid be organized. Mrs. Courtney was in charge of this class at the hospital. The club sponsored a Red Cross Home Nursing Course to be completed in six weeks. In March of 1942 six members started the Home Nursing Course and three members completed it.

Early in 1941 the club discussed buying oxygen for the resuscitator and wrote the Commodore of the Yacht Club for permission to have someone from the Denver Fire Department instruct a few persons in the use of this machine. The club purchased a wool blanket to be used when necessary with the resuscitator for about \$6. In April it was noted that instruction on the use of resuscitator was postponed until June.

In Sept of 1942 the club investigated the cost of roping off the lake as a safety project for children. The cost to be about \$100 but they were not sure whether the material could be procured during the war. Suggested maybe lights for the pier or repairing the bridge over the outlet as a different project.

In 1944 the Woman's Club sponsored the Blood Drive Mobile Unit to come to Grand Lake.

October of 1944 a case of undulant fever had been reported in the county and a member spoke of the need of testing dairy cows. A motion was made to contact the town council and ask them to pass an ordinance "that all cows of dairymen who supply milk to the Town of Grand Lake be tested for Bangs disease." A letter from the town council thanked the club for their interest in the welfare of the town. The secretary was then instructed to write the Dairy Commission concerning the testing of all dairy herds furnishing milk to Grand Lake community.

November of 1944 the club took charge of testing all wells in town. Members volunteered for water testing and only one water source showed contamination. The club paid for mailing water containers. Again in 1946 the committee reported on water testing. Silver Tip Lodge water tested negative, the club tried to contact the owner and the matter was turned over to the Town of Grand Lake for further action.



The club decided to sponsor and help maintain a Red Cross First Aid station due to the urgent need of the same with two ski hills being in operation. The town council offered space in the Fire House for a loan closet to take care of supplies. In 1947 the Public Welfare committee reported that a local fund was held in Grand Lake for Red Cross activities to be used in emergency cases and the county Red Cross would donate funds for a first aid station. In January of 1948 members were advised that the Red Cross Loan Closet would be covered by a new project. The Grand Lake Health Association had been organized to bring a doctor and equipment to Grand Lake. Woman's Club donated \$25 to the Health Association in 1949. In October 1949 the club held three bingo parties and along with donations raised \$379 to help the Health Association.



## **GRAND LAKE FIRE DEPARTMENT 1940s**

Woman's Club meeting in November of 1945 announced the Fireman's Ball on December 1 at the Pine Cone Inn. Members made fireman's hats out of crepe paper, cooked food and were hostesses at the food bar. The motion was made that Grand Lake Woman's Club go on record to sponsor the Fireman's Ball, proceeds to go to pay or help pay for new equipment. Letters were read from some of the summer cottagers who gave to the Fireman's Ball fund - \$421.25 received. Thank you letters were sent to summer people who gave to the fund.

In January of 1946 Mrs. Rhone was appointed to interview the firemen and find out what they needed in the way of equipment so the money could be used.

A committee was appointed to help serve refreshments at the Firemen's Dance Jan 10, 1947. A suggestion was to make an afghan to raffle for the firemen's benefit. Firemen will furnish material for afghan to be made by Mrs. Margaret Tillett and raffled this summer. Printed 500 raffle tickets at Sky Hi News. Raffle showed a net amount of \$271.66 which was turned over to the firemen.

April 1949 – Asked Mrs. Eslick to come to the next meeting and bring her crochet work. Offered Mrs. Eslick \$50 for a tablecloth to raffle off this summer.



**Fire Station with Library upstairs**

## **YOUTH CONSERVATION 1940s**

In 1940 two club members volunteered to help Grace Eslick with the Girl Scouts. In March an invitation was sent to the Girl Scouts and their leaders to be guests of Woman's Club on Saturday April 27<sup>th</sup>. The Columbine and Evergreen Patrols with Mrs. Clyde Eslick and Mrs. Don Woods started their program by singing "God Bless America". Mrs. Rhone told the history of the scout movement and the scouts then demonstrated their work. This consisted of scout pledges, songs and first aid work. Thanks were given to the State Courtesy Patrolman and former County Nurse for assistance with scouts. In November Mrs. Eslick asked the club to find someone to take her place as one of the leaders. Several were suggested but by May of 1941 there were no more references in the minutes to the Girl Scouts.

In 1945 the Woman's Club and Juniper Club members met to hear the National American Homes chairman from Estes Park who gave a delightful talk on Youth Conservation at the meeting held in Boulder. In December the club discussed plans and turned it over to Youth Conservation chairman. The district convention in June of 1946 was mainly on Youth Conservation.

### **District Meeting - 1946**



Club members discussed the need of a Youth Center in Grand Lake. It was decided to make this the outstanding activity of 1945. A committee was appointed to work with other organizations in Grand Lake to further this activity.

In January of 1947 it was decided to hold a general meeting of other organizations including the parents of teenagers. A number of communications were read by the secretary from pupils in Grand Lake School stating their desires regarding a Youth Center. A carnival was held for raising funds.

Minutes reported that the next joint meeting of GLWC and Juniper Club would be Dec 10, 1947 at the Youth Center.

A pool table was donated by Red Fisher for the Youth Center and the club contacted Mr. Irwin Beattie for new felt for the table.

A White Elephant Sale was held with proceeds to the Youth Center. A youth box supper and dance cleared \$75. In March of 1948 the club bought new silverware and keys with money donated to the Youth Center. In January of 1949 the club was told of various things needed at the Youth Center and suggested a tea to raise money for them. Youth Center presented a play.

April 1949 – a letter written by the Youth Conservation committee on the severance tax.

March 1950 – pledged \$15 to be used, if needed, for the Youth Center furnace.

**Youth Center in  
the old school**



## LIBRARY 1940s

Started in 1933, the library project continued to be the focus of the Grand Lake Woman's Club in the 40s. In 1940 a motion was made to pay a librarian \$5 per month. Seventy books were checked out in January and seventy one in February. In April only five adults were drawing out books and the library was closed for the summer. 1500 books were now on hand. Charged ten cents for ten books.

The question of moving the library from the school house to a more central location was discussed. 200 books were moved to the Ruske Grocery with room for 100 more books. The library committee continued to buy more books.

In October of 1940 a committee on a library building was appointed to work with the librarian and the Juniper Club. Mrs. Cairns presented a plan and figures of a library and club building, 16' x 26' with seven windows, glass front door, plain back door, hardwood floors, fir paneling part way and balance of walls and ceiling Celotex squares, an oil burning heater and a 25 foot sidewalk from street to the front door. A price of \$1,221.41 was given. This included insurance on workmen and bystanders. Action postponed.

A special committee met to discuss the feasibility of building a library and club building. They discussed different buildings that might be rented and agreed that the rental was too high. They discussed building material and the ways and means of financing a building. It was agreed that the building could be erected on the grounds of the community square.

The idea of a pictorial map of Grand Lake was brought up in November; the map to be sold and proceeds to go towards a building fund. Club voted to go ahead with this idea.

Later the question of the library building was brought up and report made that the plans and specifications were in the hands of the Juniper Club. Their opinion was that the price was too high but would submit these plans to seven men of the community. Juniper Club could have \$100 this year towards the building fund. The librarian continued to buy new books and the school asked for some more children's books.

It was suggested that the library be turned over to the school; no decision made.

The educational director of the Civilian Conservation Corp asked for the loan of books through the summer – fifty books were loaned to the CCC camp.

In September of 1941 Mrs. Young offered a building at \$6/month rent. Juvenile and reference books were left at the school. Vannie Maker was selected as librarian. A new book shelf for the library was built by Mr. Ruske with materials supplied by Mr. H. Smith.

Mr. James donated a load of wood. Juniper Club donated \$20. In March of 1942 the club voted to give the Juniper Club the next Defense Bond from library funds as a thank you. In April 1942 Mrs. Young agreed to store the library books in the back part of the present location for a small storage fee. In September a new room could be rented by the club which could be used both as a library and club room; rent \$10 a month from Mrs. Lee Baker, adjacent to Shadow Mountain Grocery.

A representative of the Juniper Club and Executive Board met in October 1942 and decided to have no library this year. In January of 1943 there was no room to store the books at the school house and the books remained in Mrs. Young's building. In 1944 Mrs. Young reported she would like to have the room occupied by the library. Motion to move the books to the old school house until other arrangements could be made. The secretary wrote the Juniper Club that the Grand Lake Woman's Club had no library project in view. The club books would be available for the Juniper Club use but remain the property of the Grand Lake Woman's Club. The library fund was transferred to the general fund and the stove belonging to the library was sold for \$5. In November 1947 each member donated 25 cents to be given to the Juniper Club for Library Fund and the \$25 bond held for the library presented to the Juniper Club at the next joint meeting. The club played cards and donated ten cents per member to the Library Fund.

## DONATIONS 1940-1949

Cancer Control Project –\$19

Red Cross – 1940 – 1950 \$100 - \$1,000

War Chest Fund – 1945 \$3

Nurse Scholarship \$14

Campfire Girls and Boy Scouts \$5

1947 – Kremmling hospital \$50

1948 & 49 – March of Dimes \$2, \$6

1949 – Polio Fund \$10

1949 – Collected labels or coffee strips for Butter-Nut Coffee

Penny Art Fund (Colorado State Federation) \$1

Woman's Club took charge of the yearly Red Cross Drive in addition to donations. In 1941 they pledged to the Red Cross that the club would make fifteen convalescent robes and ten layettes. \$115 was donated in 1941. In 1944 the club collected \$509.11 from the Grand Lake area and in 1945 collected \$981 and \$21 in tokens. The club added enough to donate \$1,000 with \$5 left to start next year.



**(back) Spitzmiller, Rhone, Pettingell, Woods, Graves,  
Thomas, Haywood, Howard, Bjorklund, Harsh, Mackley,  
Fraser, Farrel, Todd, Maker, McLaren (front)**

## WOMAN'S CLUB 1950s

In March of 1949 the "Build a Better Community Contest" was announced. Club sent for application. In December the club voted to give \$25 for a scrapbook for the contest.

January of 1950 the scrapbook was presented to the club.

In March of 1950 the scrapbook won first prize of \$100 and sweepstakes prize of \$200 and the scrapbook was sent to Washington, D.C. The state and district presidents were invited to the April 1950 meeting. Carnation bouquets were given to Mrs. Rhone and Mrs. Bachman from the club for fine work done on "Build a Better Community" contest. A \$300 check was presented to the club by the state president.

The fifties were a big change for the Woman's Club.

Maybe winning the prize for the scrapbook relieved some of the anxiety of making money for projects. Maybe with the war over a more relaxed atmosphere happened and nothing seemed so urgent. Other activities such as the Colorado-Big Thompson project brought life back to Grand Lake and people were traveling again which kept people in Grand Lake busy as well.

Woman's Club still met in the homes of members most of the time but occasionally they met at the Corner Cupboard or Cora's Café, Circle H Corral and the Bureau of Reclamation Recreation Center. Meetings no longer concluded with bridge games, many meetings were moved to the evenings and eventually only one meeting each month; still no summer meetings.

The \$300 didn't last long as donations were made regularly to the Red Cross, Cancer Control Fund, March of Dimes and Polio. Special donations were made to UNESCO and the German Youth Fund. The club continued support of the Federation projects in the Penny Art Fund, and Minnie L. Harding Education Loan Fund, and a statue in Washington, D.C. for Florence Sabin. Locally, money was donated to the Health Association and Middle Park Hospital for a sterilizer.

One hundred and fifty letters were written by club members to the summer people and received \$175 in donations for the Health Association.



Annual \$10 donations were made to the American Legion Auxiliary for girls to attend Girl's State, and Camp Insmont for Sunday School children. Beginning in 1955 the Y-Teens organization received \$5 donations each year.

The club didn't forget the soldiers as books and puzzles were sent to Veteran's Hospital; books were mailed to servicemen overseas and a subscription to Colorado Wonderful magazine was sent to Ft. Lyons. Relief efforts were also continued with yarn and flannel mailed to Europe, old clothes collected for Korea, and thirty four packages of clothing were sent to Goodwill Industries.

Club members continued to save nylon hose, collect Butternut coffee strips, and used stamps for the Jewish and Swedish hospitals. Money was also donated to the Navajo Indians.

Library books were collected for a town whose library burned. Money was donated to the Colorado Council of Youth, \$15 to Grand County youth to rent Arnold's Café for one night, and money for the Youth Center furnace. There was a jewelry and leather drive. A copy of *Grand Lake in the Olden Days* by Mary Lyons Cairns was donated to the Grand Lake Library. An Easter basket was given to a local family in need.

Locally the club donated columbines for the Three Lakes banquet in 1951, continued support of the refreshments at the ski hill and coffee and doughnuts to workers on clean-up day in May, made a candy box to raffle at the PTA carnival, sponsored a Brownie troop, tried to get a blood mobile to Grand Lake – none available – but the Legion was able to get one to Granby. The club sponsored a contest at school on Smokey the Bear and Conservation with Grace Eslick in charge.



**Ski Hill and Snack Shack  
Bureau of Reclamation Camp**



## PROJECTS 1950-1959

In 1950 the Woman's Club approached the Town Council to sponsor a clean-up day for the community. Each year they continued to insist this project continue and the club served lunch.

### Grand Lake To Have Clean-Up Days

The Annual Grand Lake Clean-Up Week end will be sponsored again this year by the Grand Lake Woman's Club in cooperation with the Town Council. Mayor R. W. Bachman has set aside the week end of May 20 and 21, this coming Saturday and Sunday, as the official Clean-Up Days.

All citizens of Grand Lake are asked to have their yards raked and their trash placed in containers convenient to the street. The Town truck will be available on those days for hauling trash and cans to the dump. Other trucks are needed with a driver for each one.

On Sunday, May 21, the men of the town are asked to come and help clean up the community yard, ditches, streets and the beach. As is customary, the Grand Lake Woman's Club will serve a free lunch to all workers on Sunday at one o'clock at the Community Picnic Ground. The committee in charge of the food is composed of Mrs. F. S. Snider, Mrs. Fred McLaren, Mrs. Cliff Ebright. Advertising is in charge of Mrs. Harry Haywood, Mrs. Leo Woods and Mrs. R. W. Bachman.

The Woman's Club made draperies for the Community House. This project started early in the 50's and took some time to complete. The women sent for bedspread samples which were finally ordered. Directions for making the curtains were distributed at a meeting. Discussion was held at several meetings on how to get the curtains hung. Suggestion was to tack the curtains to a board forming individual pleats. Eventually a day came when the old seats in the Community House were removed and the curtains were to be hung before the new seats were put in. Hanging was left to the men! Cost came to \$106.89. New drapes, rugs and daveno were supplied for the new chamber building in 1955. Another curtain project in 1956 was to make curtains for the recreation center (in the old Thompson building) at the cost of \$12.54.



A member from the club made a United Nations Flag which was displayed at a meeting and flown on United Nations Day.

The cemetery was an all-time project and club members went to the cemetery in October or May for clean-up. They requested permission to make markers for unmarked graves and set a workday for that purpose in 1951. Inquiry was made into a fence to surround the cemetery and they were told there was a fence for the cemetery in the Eslick's yard. In 1958 it was noted that four markers needed repair and there were ten unmarked graves. Club members again worked to make the wooden markers.



A project to beautify the town was suggested. The garden project was discontinued in favor of starting a contest to beautify business fronts. An application would be sent in to the club, a picture taken of the business to help in judging at the end of the contest period. This project was unsuccessful. The club investigated beautifying the triangle of land at the intersections of Hwy 34 and 278. They talked with the Boy Scouts about helping but eventually decided it was a too big project for a small organization.

In January of 1954 the club asked the Town Council about making street signs and was given the go-ahead. The signs were made and painted twice by the members on workdays and were in place by June 1<sup>st</sup>. More street signs were made in 1955 with signs directing people to the business district and to the beach and cemetery. Louise Millinger requested signs directing people to the vesper services on the beach and the club had 500 cards printed to put in motels listing the church services. In 1958 the street signs were repainted.

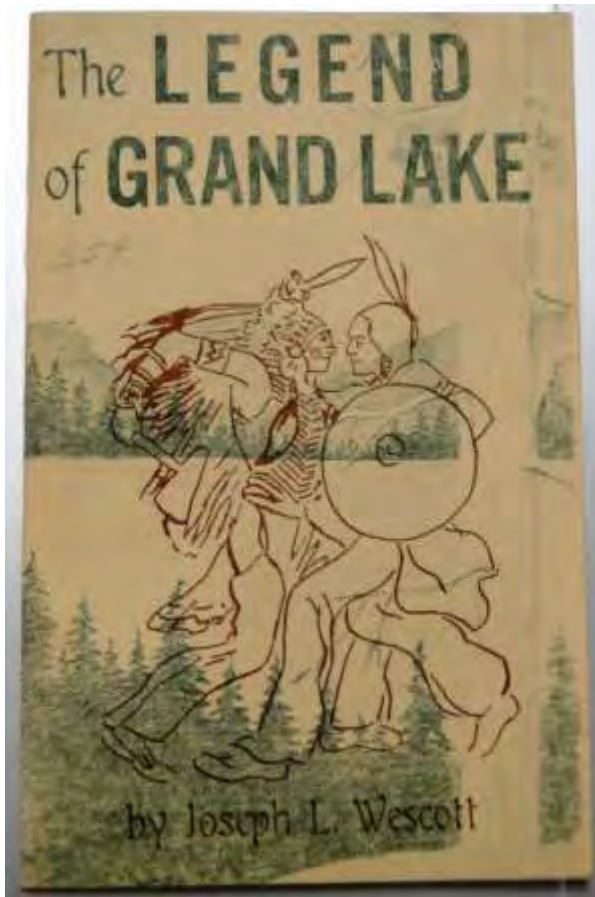


**Elsie Trout, Jo Slocum, Faye Gimlin, Judy Woods,  
Katherine Tuff, Pansey Hutchings, Lesta Pettingell,  
Barbara Spitzmiller, Bessie Bolton**



The club looked into building shuffleboard courts for the city park, but at \$300 or more each, they were not completed during the 50s. The club purchased horseshoes and pegs in 1954 and they were eventually installed in the park. Town playground equipment was repaired and new equipment purchased in 1959. The purchase of litter bags for the town proved too expensive so the club looked into purchasing trash containers for the park.

Other projects included sponsoring the Heart Drive in 1958. The club reprinted *The Legend of Grand Lake* for the pageant and centennial year. They had 1000 copies printed at the cost of \$80.



## FUND RAISING 1950s

Bingo parties and card parties were held to raise money, Bingo being the more successful. The club sold greeting cards for several years. Tupperware parties brought in money for the club. A new subscription to Sky Hi News through a club representative earned 50 cents and a renewal 25 cents for the club.

A unique project was the embroidering of your initials on a square dance skirt, putting one cent per each letter of your name in a money box and passing the skirt on to another member for their initials. At the end of the project each member could guess how much money was in the box and the winner got to keep the skirt. The project raised \$44.23.

In 1956 the club ordered fifty pounds of shelled pecans and cleared \$21.46. Pecan halves were ordered another year. They also sold baskets and covered coat hangers one year. In 1957 the club ordered forty dozen tea towels and sold thirty five dozen and ordered another twenty dozen. Profit from the towels was \$95.25 and they voted to continue selling tea towels. The club was credited with sponsoring five new clubs to sell towels and received five dozen free towels.

A card party was held, charging 75 cents per person, refreshments included. Bridge, Pinochle, Canasta and Scrabble were played at the Shadow Mountain Camp Recreation Hall. Mrs. Bunte donated game prizes and a door prize was furnished. Members furnished pies.

A cake walk held by club members for the benefit of the Health Association brought in \$50.

An order for 144 lbs of Golden Butter Bits was placed, expecting to yield \$50 for the club.



## LEGISLATION 1950s

The club wrote letters of protest to the county for another liquor license on Highway 34.

The club wrote letters of protest on the oil severance tax.

Letters were written to the state protesting undesirable comic books.

In 1955 letters were written to senators and representatives seeking equal pay for equal work for women and seeking removal of harmful comic books.

In 1956 letters were written to the state in favor of changes in school law.

Letters to the Town Council protested the posting of signs on the posts of the street signs. The council replied that in the application for putting up the signs, it had been allowed that directional signs would be able to be posted.

In 1956 it was reported that much had been done to improve comics in newsstands.

1958 John Holzwarth gave a program at Woman's Club on Recreation and the vote coming up on the recreation district.



## CLUB MEETINGS 1950s

Programs for club meetings changed from those prepared by members to inviting guest speakers, slide shows (colored slides) provided by businesses, slide shows presented by members who had taken international trips, movies presented by organizations and ministers, foreign exchange students from Germany and Australia. Another program was on Civil Defense.

The district teas and invitations to other clubs were not continued. Instead there were more local events. The club sponsored a Mother-Daughter banquet in May beginning in 1955 with 50-70 in attendance. An End-O-Summer Tea was given in September with ninety in attendance. The annual Christmas party of the club members and their husbands was changed to a Valentine party as many members were often absent during the Christmas season.

Members attended the district and state meetings and reported back to the club. Grand Lake also hosted a district meeting during the 50's. The National Fine Arts Festival Tour came to Grand Lake in the fall of 1951 and the club held a tea.

The war bonds matured and were cashed and placed in a savings account. Money was moved to the bank in Granby.

The club need for a filing cabinet was discussed often and finally they used apple boxes and purchased alphabetical filing dividers for the boxes. The club scrapbooks were stored at the Health Center Office.

Breakfast meetings were held for department chairmen to encourage them to get their annual reports written for the district and state meetings.

At one point it was discussed whether to withdraw from the Federation; no action taken.

At another meeting it was brought up to talk with Juniper Club to see if they wanted to combine. No further action was taken.

A Tardy Chair was presented to the club by Dorothy Howard. A later meeting fined members one cent per minute for being late.

A training chair as a baby gift was bought by the club for Steven Robert Howard.

In January of 1953 the club program was a movie on the birth of a baby and a caesarian section of quadruplets.

Martha Howard played a flute solo at one of the programs.



**1952 – Easter Bonnet Parade**



## **WOMAN'S CLUB 1960s**

The Woman's Club of Grand Lake in the 60s had a whole new group of people who were much younger. Mention is made of baby gifts for members. Dues were raised to \$3 and meetings were held at 7:30 in the evening.

The pioneers and charter members were mostly gone. Four members died during the 60s: Mrs. Caroline Holzwarth, Mrs. Carolyn Rhone, Mrs. Ada Harsh and Mrs. Fred (Martha Iva) McLaren. The club included three professional artists and three writers; all were active members.



**Caroline Holzwarth**



**Carolyn Rhone**



**Ada Harsh**



**Martha Iva McLaren**

Two charter members from when the club was federated in 1928 were still living – Nell Pauly and Mary Lyons Cairns. The club nominated them for the Jewels Award at the state convention.



**Nell Young Pauly**



**Mary Lyons Cairns**

Club members also took turns visiting an elderly member, Vannie Kemp, daily to help out and check on her on a regular basis. The club purchased a new fifty star flag for the club and a “World Fair” flash camera priced at \$8.50 in 1964.

The women of the club worked together with other community organizations to accomplish many large projects – but Woman’s Club was the “first to be asked because they knew it would get done”.

The club continued their regular activities from September through May. The first meeting in September was the Guest Night and members invited others who might want to join. An interesting program was planned. In December the club had its annual Christmas party and gift exchange. The February meeting was a Husband's Party which was a potluck supper followed by games. This decade Court Whist was introduced as well as Bingo and other card games.

In May was the annual Mother-Daughter Banquet. It was now opened to the public and they charged \$1.75-\$2 for adults and \$1.25 for children. Eighty to ninety were usually in attendance with special guests and decorations. The banquets were held at the Recreation Hall of the Bureau of Reclamation, Patty's Village Inn, and other area restaurants. New officers were installed for the coming club year at the banquet.



The club attended the District and State Federation meetings. In 1966 our past president Mrs. Faye Gimlin became the district president and then moved up to state boards of the Minnie Harding Loan Fund. The district meeting was hosted by Grand Lake Woman's Club and the Juniper Club in 1967 and a club member made mugs for all in attendance at the meeting. Marty Schneller won first in state with her essay on the Troupe (theater) in May of 1968 and again on "Build with Youth for a Better World".

In August or September the "End-O-Summer" Tea was held with the summer people as invited guests and again a special program.



**MOFFAT DISTRICT**  
**Mrs. D. B. Gimlin, President**



Summers were active but no meetings were held. Cemetery clean-up was held before Memorial Day and members continued to repaint and repair the markers. The club continued to sponsor the town clean-up and served coffee and refreshments for those who worked. Rummage sales were held in June (several weekends) and September as fund raisers. One year the club was asked to conduct a boat raffle to raise money for the Colorado Chapter of American Cancer Society. The three day fund raiser was successful.



**Town Cleanup 1962**  
**Lesta Pettingell, Helen Weber, Barb Spitzmiller,**  
**Agnes Pruitt, Shirley Acord, Jessie Young**

Coffee and refreshments were served for a Camping Caravan in the fall of 1965, 1967 and 1968 – 200 campers and 600 guests each year.

Coffee was served for the town Christmas tree party in December.



The club fund raisers made much more money than in the past. The balance was usually under \$100; but now the balance was much higher. Members thought they were rich with a balance of \$700. Another community improvement scrapbook, featuring the summer theater, in May of 1968 won a \$300 prize in a contest sponsored by the Federation and Sears Roebuck Foundation. The club set their sights high for projects and donations.



**President, Mrs. Don Weber, presents book to Mrs. Edgar Parrington, Librarian – National Library Week.**



## DONATIONS 1960s

Donations were continued as before to the library. The club joined the "Book of the Month Club" and let the library board pick the books. Donations were made to the library fund at the Girl's School in Morrison. Old clothing was sent to an Indian school in Arizona and a family in Alaska. Money was donated to the Colorado Boys Ranch - \$100 one year and \$25 other years.

The club adopted a patient from the mental hospital in Pueblo and sent gifts for a couple years until she was moved to a rest home. Gifts included an apron (which she wouldn't remove), beads, writing paper and perfume. The patient wanted to give some of the gifts to other people in the hospital. Gifts were also sent to the state penitentiary for women and some of these gifts were used as prizes at Bingo games to distribute them in a fair way.

At the end of the decade the club worked with other clubs in the county to make ditty bags to send to the soldiers in Vietnam. A program by a doctor who showed slides helped us understand the South Vietnamese and we befriended a Thai boy who was spending a year in the Grand Lake community. The club presented a skit for the March of Dimes program, Take Me Out to the Ballgame, costumes and all.



The 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Rocky Mountain National Park was held in 1965 and the Woman's Club worked with the Estes Park Woman's Club to be hostesses for that event.

In May of 1961 The Woman's Club initiated the idea of a Community Fund Drive to be held in the fall, usually October. A committee was formed with two representatives from each of six groups in the community to canvas for the drive in designated areas (Rotary, Firemen, Juniper Club, Music Club, PTA and Woman's Club). People who donated could specify where the money went and the committee designated which charities would receive the funds. Approximately \$1,000 was raised each year to donate to many national organizations such as Red Cross, Polio, Cancer, and others. This project saved a lot of time for everyone.

### **FUND RAISING 1960-1969**

Woman's Club continued to sell dish towels until the Busi Lady Company went out of business in 1962. Members sold greeting cards and post it notes. The rummage sales brought in a lot of money each year; \$300 - \$400 made with two to four sales. Another big money making project was the selling of advertisements in the Golf Course Score Books – souvenirs for tourists –and the club made over \$1,000. They did this project about three years.



**Mrs. Wheatley & Mrs. Garber – Sister Act  
Old Time Sing-a-long – Woman's Club Piano**

## **PROGRAMS 1960s**

Pornography and lewd publications, Credit, Cosmetic Drugs, Music, Recipes, Ceramics, Civil Defense by Dorothy Young, Philosophy of History by Rev. Brightwell, Panels of Teenagers, Careers for Married Women, Middle Park Wild Life, Status of Women in Other countries, Sheriff – Juvenile Delinquency and Colorado Boys Ranch, Finger Painting, Navajo Indians, Shell Collection of Vannie Kemp, National Park Service slides, Ladies of the Whitehouse, Grace Eslick on recent tour of South American through National Education Association, Educational TV, Haiti's Voodoo Tyrant, Slides in Art from National Art Gallery, Grand Lake Fire Chief, Rotary trip to Europe, Tour of the Pumping Plant, Home Décor, New Math, Fashion show, Fiberglass fabrics, China painting, Mental Health, Career in Oceanography, Diet, Exchange student from Sweden, Sheriff spoke on local problems and use of drugs, addition to court house, and water pollution.



**Vannie Kemp and  
the Bottle House**

## **LEGISLATION 1960s**

The club hosted a program on Civil Defense with over 100 people attending from five towns.

John Holzwarth presented a program on Community Affairs. He told of tentative plans for a ski area, all-weather highway and foot trails. The club wrote a letter to John Holzwarth supporting his plans for a ski area.

At election time club members called out the vote, making calls to people to remind them to vote for school elections, sewer, primary, general and city tax elections.

The club sent a letter in support of television programs on the United Nations by the Xerox Corporation.

Another involvement was a petition to the town about getting rid of a building at the entrance to town which they considered an eyesore.

A petition was sent against pornography and the club supported the acquisition of a County Home Agent.

Petitioned the county commissioners for a new hospital.

## **PROJECTS 1960s**

Club continued to help improve the Youth Center building by repairing the floor and windows.

The club continued to help find a doctor for the community. In 1963-64 they cleaned the clinic and sponsored an open house. In 1968-69 a doctor was coming for the summer months and Woman's Club members cleaned the clinic, made new curtains and held an open house to welcome and introduce the new doctor.

## **“Mending Main Street”**

### **Community Improvement Project 1962-1964**

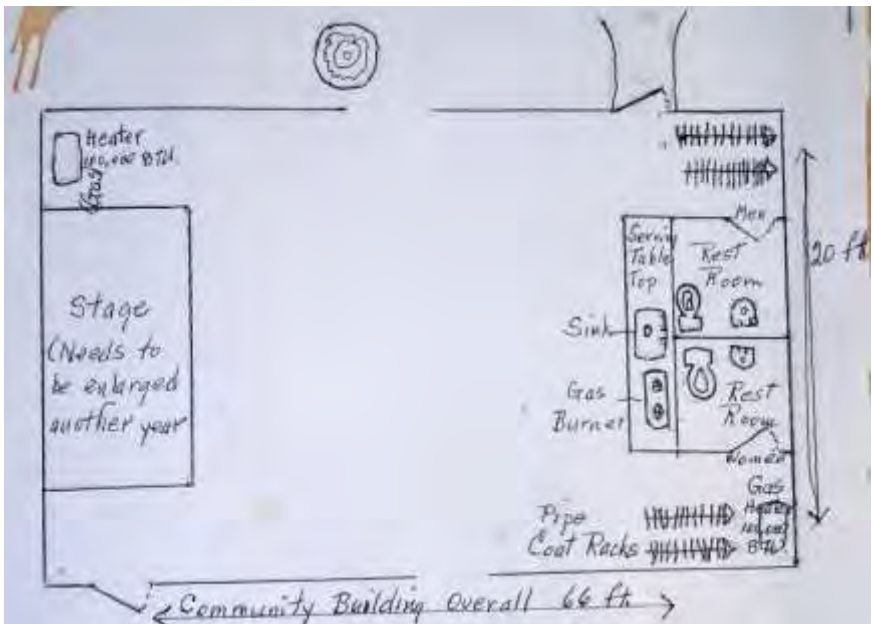
#### **Modernization of our Community Building:**

Installation of two rest rooms. Worked to get others to do the work, but funded the project. Spent three years trying to get someone to put windows in the restrooms. Donated a mirror for the restroom.

Installed two gas heaters, sink and gas plate and iron pipe coat racks. The town council matched funds up to \$500.

Purchased hot water heaters for the community building. Worked to get estimates and decided how large a water heater was needed.

Donated a coffee pot. Purchased a thirty cup coffee pot with 4000 Gold Bond Stamps and placed it in the Community Building. Later they decided to put the coffee pot in the Trinity in the Pines church.



Mrs. Rhone made a gift of a piano (page 59) for the Community Building in November 1962. The piano was to remain in the Community Hall as Woman's Club property (December 1962). Later an old piano from the community building was sold for \$50.

In 1964 the town wanted to partition off the community building to separate office space. Woman's Club was to decide what goes to the dump. The women inspected and found there was not much to dispose of. A round table which the club wanted to keep was missing.

Club members varnished the exterior of the Community Building in 1965.





A playground set was purchased for smaller children and placed in the public park.

In the spring of 1964 hundreds of oriental poppies and golden glow plants were dug up from original beds and transplanted throughout the community.

Repainted trash barrels in the park. "Thanks" instead of "Trash" was painted on the sides. This was very successful.

Planted live trees in small silver tubs placed along three blocks on both sides of the main street. Most of the trees died so decided after that to do flowers instead.

Built and paid for the installation of a tennis court in 1964-65. The cost estimate was \$1800. The project took two years. It was first going to put it at the school but a misunderstanding delayed project a year. It was put in town park with the understanding it would be flooded for ice skating. Paving was \$750 from contractor who was resurfacing roads in the area. A member donated a net. The next year the club put up a chain link fence.





1966-67 Made a garden in front of the Community Building with a statue in memory of Joe Astog, a local angler.

1967-68 Donated two picnic tables for the beach area and also for the park.



### **Painting by Elsie Patty of Astog statue and garden**

A long standing project was the yearly repainting of street signs and upkeep of grave markers in the cemetery. A pre-school was organized and taught by a Mrs. Steve Ness, a Woman's Club member in 1969.



## THEATER 1966-69

Work began in 1966 on a theater project. Club members wrote letters to colleges to see who might be interested in putting on a summer theater in Grand Lake.



Woman's Club brought a national opera workshop to Grand Lake to present a show in the mountains as a fund raiser.

The club sponsored Sing Out 66 - a workshop of a 100 member chorus from Moral Rearmament Group meeting in Estes Park. They presented a program at the Pine Con Inn for \$1 admission with free dancing afterwards in the Ballroom to live music— over 300 attended the program.



David Thompson came to town and Woman's Club worked with him to help establish the Troupe of College Players – A committee of two members from all groups in town was set up to help. Woman's Club wrote letters, stuffed envelopes, brought items for The Troupe's Studio (where they stayed): blankets, linens, furniture, etc. in May of 1967.

The club donated \$100 the first year to the troupe for a scholarship and \$500 in 1969 to begin a children's workshop the first two weeks in August. Woman's Club has continued to support the troupe and summer theater each year.



Town Beautification Project in 1968 enlisted professional landscape architect (worked with Rocky Mountain National Park and Board of Trustees) and formed plans for four recreational sites around Grand Lake. This project was accepted by the state of Colorado for federal matching funds. Club pledged \$500 for the town square, town beach, Triangle Park, and Sewage Disposal Area. Construction began in 1969 on three of the beautification projects.

“Business for Beauty” was announced as a federation project. Grand Lake sponsored their own contest with \$100 and \$50 prizes.



### **Western Week in Grand Lake**

**Mrs. Doug Wheatley, Mrs. Fred Young, Mrs. Paul Pauly,  
Mrs. Elsie Patty, Mrs. Jim Fraser, Mrs. Bloomquist**

## **WOMAN'S CLUB 1970s**

Woman's Club in the 1970s was an active organization. They continued to meet in the evenings at 7:30 and sponsored the yearly Mother-Daughter Banquet, an End-O-Summer Tea, and the Husband's party or also called Couple's party in February around Valentine's Day. The club Christmas party in December included a gift exchange for \$1 - \$10. A limit was set at a different amount each year. One year the item was to be \$1 or homemade. In later years the gift exchange was eliminated as the club contributed to needy families. Each year there was a Guest Night – usually the beginning of the club year in September or October. In 1977 they had a Halloween party and members and guests came in costume. The leaders were intent on putting the fun back in Woman's Club.

The club hosted the district convention in 1972 as well as the dinner at the state convention. Elsie Patty was granted honorary life membership in Grand Lake Woman's Club as she was the only living charter member when it was federated in 1928. Elsie Patty's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday was celebrated with an open house.



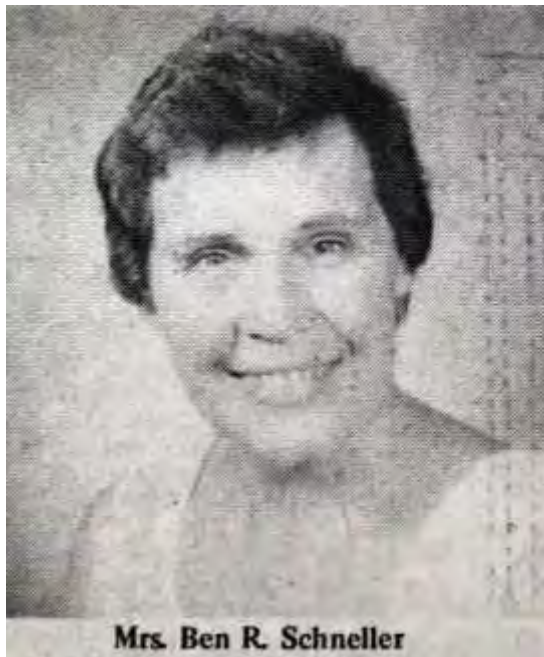
**Elsie Patty**

The secretary's book for 1970-1975 was lost and a new book purchased; but they continued to look for it. The information for this report comes from the scrapbooks and president's reports prepared during that time.

Nell Pauly's book *The Day Before Yesterday* was published.

Mary Lyons Cairns passed away – an important pioneer in the community and for Woman's Club.

In May of 1977 the club rented a post office box – Box 1515. Meredith (Marty) Schneller was chairman of the district convention in Grand Lake in 1978 – it was held at the Rapids. She was elected District President for 1979.



**Mrs. Ben R. Schneller**



## **PROGRAMS 1970s**

Programs in the 1970s covered the current problems of drugs and pornography, education and community design, sleep and relieving tension. A doctor gave a program on Vietnam to increase our understanding of that area and the Chamber and Fire Department gave programs. Health issues and a program on heart attacks and CPR was presented. Members who traveled, Grace Eslick and Barbara Tazer, showed slides of their trips. The history of early Grand Lake was reported by Clyde Eslick and Dorothy Howard. Some fun programs included the sharing of old cook books brought by members and music boxes which each member brought. A woman who was a makeup artist for movies demonstrated the art of make up at two meetings, using members to help them know what to use and how to enhance their beauty. Another woman showed slides about her years working with the Papago Indians in southern Arizona. Indian art pottery and sand paintings were presented. A foreign exchange student from Sweden presented a program and the pre-school teacher and speech therapist spoke on "Our most precious resource". Ski and snowshoe demonstrations made for a fun program.



**Patience Kemp and Helen Weber**

## FUNDRAISING 1970s

The club fundraising activities were the spring and fall rummage sales. They also started a bake sale and booth at the November Craft Show. In 1970-71 they made and sold salad dressing mix.

In 1979 members sold cookbooks. The first \$500 was designated by the Woman's Club for the Day Care Center playground.





## **DONATIONS 1970s**

A new net for the tennis court was purchased in 1970 and new benches for the city park in 1975.

\$100 was donated in 1974 for a baby scales at the hospital and \$100 for a new ambulance. The total cost for ambulance and equipment was \$8,000. Donations were made to the American Medical Center; Easter Seals, Arthritis, Care, UNICEF, and Horizons for the Handicapped in Steamboat Springs-\$25.

Woman's Club donated \$500 toward the city Parks Commission three step improvement project which included plantings in Triangle Park, the City Park and the Beach Area. The total project was budgeted at \$30,000 with grants and some state funding. Along with the Juniper Club we helped provide playground equipment for the town and new trees. One of the projects, building a new pavilion in the park, had a lot of controversy as it was not built with natural materials. The club received letters explaining the reasons the committee made the changes which were mostly financial.



**New Pavilion and Community Center**

Continued donations each year to the theater - \$500 and \$100.

Continued support of the library with donations for books and subscription to "Book of the Month Club".

Individuals were helped through club donations: three youths received \$50 each to attend the White House Conference on Youth, the area Teen club, Earlene Cox Fund, and a \$50 donation to help Kerry Lynch with expenses in the Olympics skiing competition in Alaska. The club gave \$200 for orthodontic work of one of the boys at Colorado Boys Ranch in LaJunta, Colorado.

Rummage Sale proceeds left after cleaning the Community building went to help move the Old Log Church in Granby.

## **LEGISLATION 1970s**

The Club remained active in legislation. During the 70s they sent out fourteen letters to the governor and legislators concerning pollution control. Letters concerned pollution and sewer system for the Shadow Mountain area.

A letter was sent to support a commemorative stamp for the Pap smear developer.

Letters were written to the Olympic Committee to have some activities in Winter Park.

Members wrote congressmen regarding the removal of tax exemption status for the Women's Club building in Washington, D.C.

Petition was signed for the community hospital in Kremmling.

Petition signed to remove an unsightly building on the way into town.

In 1979 the club wrote to the mayor and town board about saving our trees and planting new ones. The town had been cutting trees unnecessarily.

## **PROJECTS 1970s**

Continued Clean-Up Day at the end of May where members served coffee to the workers.

Cleaned the cemetery in May.

“Business for Beauty” contest in 1970 resulted in about six businesses entering the contest. Club gave \$100 for first place and \$50 for second and the winners were entered in the state contest.

Community Fund Drive – In 1972 the fund topped \$1100 and in 1976 the club raised \$1,275.10.

Called out the vote.

Camper Caravan in November and the club served coffee and doughnuts.

Collected cancelled stamps – a state project.

Sponsored a story hour at the library weekly on Saturday mornings for one hour.

Sponsored a bird feeder contest at the elementary school with \$8 prize for several years.

Sponsored conservation poster contest at school and took them to district meetings.

Sponsored a Cub Scout group.

Preschool was organized and taught by a Woman’s Club member.

Christmas Lighting Contest was started by the club in 1970 and continued through 1976 with \$5 prizes for business and residences; three prizes awarded. In 1977 they decided not to have the contest.

The club sponsored an Arts and Crafts Exhibit at Trinity Church in the Pines in 1972.

The Grand Lake Area Historical Society was formed in 1973. In October the club went to the Kauffman House with flashlights and members were greeted by ghosts and jack-o-lanterns. The program by Dorothy Howard explained the plans for the Society and the Kauffman House. Woman's Club was active throughout the 70s with the restoration of the house. Members redid a bedroom with wallpaper and drapes; they got together to make rugs, served lunch for volunteers, paid \$25 to move furniture out of the kitchen and into the house, and in 1977 gave \$200 to help restore the kitchen with a matching amount from the state. Club members made one of the dioramas displayed in the house. Elsie Patty painted the background and Patience made the Indian figures. It is still displayed in the Gallery at the house today (2012).



**Patience Kemp and Betty Wray**

Besides the donations to the theater, the club helped in 1979 to reactivate the auxiliary for the Theater Group and clean the Pine Cone Inn. They provided the hospitality when the Troupe came to town.

1972 was the first Winter Carnival and the Woman's Club along with the Fraser Valley Jaycees sponsored the parade and donated \$100. During the Winter Carnival the Woman's Club sponsored an Arts and Craft Show in Town Hall with 245 entries, 155 exhibitors and 400 visitors. At the Winter Carnival in 1975 – the Woman's Club float won the Sweepstakes Trophy.

The Woman's Club entered the same float in the Buffalo Barbeque Parade.



**Community Service for 63 Years – 1912 - 1975**

Each year the club sponsored a candidate for Snow Ball Queen. This involved selecting the girl, paying her ticket for the event, dinner for her escort, and a corsage.



The Old Fashioned Christmas was held between Christmas and New Year's and the club was asked in 1976 to sponsor an activity during the week. The club served hot chocolate and cookies or donuts at the skating rink. The first year they did it all week, built the fire and served lunch. Each member furnished two dozen cookies and sixty young people attended.

In 1979 the club served lunch after the Yule Log hunt. For several years they served lunch for the Olympic Hopeful skaters on one day.



### **Bringing it in**

One of the activities at Grand Lake's Old Fashioned Christmas was a Yule Log hunt, held near the town hall on Saturday. David Carraker (riding the log) was the first to find the log, and was pulled to the waiting bonfire by the others. The "searchers" were later all treated to cider and cookies by the Grand Lake Woman's Club.





**Santa – Gordon Spitzmiller**



**Martha Zook – President**



## **GRAND LAKE WOMAN'S CLUB 1980s**

During the 80s Woman's Club continued many of the same activities but also made some changes. The Husband-Wife Party with guests and the Mother-Daughter Banquet continued. The End-O-Summer Tea was held at the Kauffman House, but in 1988 the decision was made to not have the tea.

Scrapbooks and minutes books were stored together at the Kauffman House. The Woman's Club piano was picked up by Martha Boehner from the Stagecoach and she has kept it at her house. (Woman's Club would like to bring the piano back to the Community Building.)

Treasurer looked into Money Market account for more interest and decided to have a Super Now account that received 7.5% interest. She applied for sales tax deduction employer ID number for non-profit organizations. The club had been able to use a state number. Dues were raised to \$5 in 1984 and \$6 in 1989.

Grace Eslick was Moffat District President in 1980.



**Grace Eslick**  
**President and District President**

In 1981 the club was in charge of one meal, favors, decorations and two door prizes at the state convention held at Snow Mountain Ranch. In 1985 Grand Lake hosted the district meeting at the Rapids. Juniper Club hosted the district in 1986. At the January 1987 meeting the members discussed whether to continue in the federation – will discuss further – then in March they voted to remain with the federation. 1987 the club won first place for the scrapbook at the district meeting. The club paid \$100 each to the outgoing and incoming club presidents for their expenses at the 1987 state meeting. Again the district meeting was held in Grand Lake in 1989 at Maxine's. The OK Corral sang and forty women attended from Grand Lake, Juniper Club, Meeker and North Park (Walden). At the state meeting in 1989 Marty Schneller was honored as Clubwoman of the Year.

Our present (2012) members involved in the 1980s were:  
Martha Zook – President,  
Edith Seaton – Secretary – for many years, and  
Romaine Wilcinski – Hostess in 1989 where thirty members and friends were present in her home.

### **FUND RAISING 1980s**

Rummage Sales held in spring and fall from 1980 - 1985. In the fall of 1985 there was no place to hold the sale and with so many garage sales it is no longer a good money maker. A motion was made to drop the rummage sales.

Bake Sale and stationery sale in December 1985 at Mr. Ed's made \$145.20. The club sold homemade cake, pies, cookies (twelve per paper plate), candy (nine per plate), and popcorn balls. They were wrapped with Saran Wrap and labeled. Quick sellers were homemade bread and rolls; then cake and cookies; sweet breads sold slowly.

## PROGRAMS 1980s

Members gave slide shows of their trips to Holland, Indonesia, Germany for the Passion Play, Egypt, Israel and Jordan, India, Brazil and SE Asia - Ruth Pratt, Barbara Tazer and Anne Thompson. Jean Fisher presented a program on ceramics and Christmas decorating ideas; Elderhostel, Sheriff's department talked on the use of the polygraph, Park Naturalists showed slides and District Ranger spoke on new project at the visitor center, Rocky Mountain National Park-opening of Trail Ridge Road, Rocky Mountain National Park's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, Division of Wildlife – feeding of deer and elk, Forest Service, Veterinarian on animal pets care, Fire Department, new town manager, Mayor "Let us not be divided against one another", candidates for County Commissioners, Senior Citizens, Mr. Mud's Pottery by Al and Carole Snyder, CPR movie, Multiple Sclerosis, Arthritis, Bear Hunting in Alaska and Canada, Raising Cranberries film, Grand Lake in the 1950s, Kremmling Hospital, Bell ringers, Economic Development Committee, Women's Resource Center – Advocates, Fire Department, Indian habitations between Horn ranch and Table Mountain, Indian Pottery, Landscaping with Native plants, Rocky Mountain Nature Association, Exchange teacher from Japan taught origami, Computers – two programs – "The computer is the hardware and the software are the prepared programs" in 1983 and Computers in our schools. Donna Lyons and four fifth grade students spoke about the trip to Crow Canyon for a study of Indians.



## **FASHION SHOW 1980s**

1986 – Fashion Show and Luncheon as a fundraiser was held November 15th from 12-4 at Trinity Church in the Pines. Clothing furnished by Colorado Casuals, Honey Bear and Git'n Pac shoes. Eighty tickets were sold at \$5 each. Members were asked to take at least two tickets. Salad and desserts were prepared by members. Profit \$457.20.

1987 – Fashion show at Elementary School November 14 by Winter Park Sports Shop with three club members, grandchildren and models from the shop. Tickets were \$5.

1988 – Style Show and luncheon November 5th by Colorado Casuals. This was the only money making project. Net profit was \$692.93.

1989 – Style Show on October 21 at the Elementary School by Joyce Ingalls of Winter Park and Dad & Lad of Granby. Members provided salad or dessert for twenty servings. Net profit was \$662.21.



**Louie Heckert and Marv Aiken**



**Loli Norman**  
**Duster**



**Hope Lawson**  
**Balloon Dress**



**Jane Eubank**  
**Box Suit**



**Edith Seaton**  
**Sack Dress**

1987 – Federation printed a cookbook for centennial in 1990 with members to send in their recipe. In 1989 a motion was made to return cookbooks to the federation.

1989 – Summer fundraiser Ice cream and cake sale netted \$334.92. Club will find out the needs of the community building and then decide what amount to donate. Motion to buy five tables; purchased for \$281.35.



Contributed \$500 for new sand for the town beach.



## DONATIONS 1980s

Halloween Party at Elementary School.

Clothing to Veteran's Hospital and St Mary's Indian School in Springfield.

Theater - \$50 - \$100 every year. \$250 to sponsor actor in dancing contest, Planter for Garden Party for Summer Theater Support school library.

\$35 for snowmobile for March of Dimes raffle.

Memorials – Clyde Eslick, Ed Schrock, Diann Admire's daughter, Marty Schneller, Lynn Pate's son.

Christmas candy and movies.

\$100 to Advocates – returned as they disbanded.

\$100 to Middle Park High School band trip to Grand Junction competition.

Minnie L. Harding Fund – for educational loans - \$100/yr for four years, one in memory of Marty Schneller.

\$100 for grand piano for Middle Park HS.

Ambulance crew – cookies for blood drive and \$20 for material for teddy bears.

Individuals - \$10 to Ray Berry to take paramedic course, \$40 student Basketball Day camp, \$30 student to Leadership Camp, Sheriff Dept Steve Hawkins \$200 to attend school for certification update, Carol Rigdon for state meeting \$100,

\$70 for Brownie troop toward summer camp.

\$50 to preschool.

Christmas needy family: 1985- mother and two year old boy-\$70 food & gifts and clothing. 1986-\$209.19 plus \$100 food certificate in February, maybe more in April, for mother with four children. 1987-bought groceries and clothing; members donated canned goods and staples. 1988 -\$100-\$150 food and clothing, bring non-perishable food and smaller gift. 1989 -\$125 to family with two boys, bring food and clothes.

1989-\$50 for 5<sup>th</sup> grade trip to Crow Canyon

1989-\$50 Men's Chorale

1989 -\$50 Early Education

1989 – GL Fireworks and \$25 Dec. 31 fireworks

## LEGISLATION 1980s

Mailed postcards to TV stations with suggestions about good and poor programs.

November 1983 - Marty Schneller wrote the town council regarding the need for saving Lake Front Property Lots 9-16 Block 4 for public use. The letter was signed by members and mailed.

January 1984 – Wrote congressman against government asking for bids to hire private maintenance contractors to service the National Park Service – several letters were written, reply received.

Winter Park can claim tax exemption for next 25 years as depressed area. Members urged not to vote for Winter Park resident running for county commissioner. Attended Town Planning Meeting regarding tax increment funding.

Wrote letter supporting the action filed in a lawsuit by Board of County Commissioners and East Grand School District opposing the Winter Park tax plan in 1984.

In 1985 the club was asked to fill out questionnaire on drinking and driving in Grand County.

Jan 1986 – town asked for letter expressing the Woman's Club opinion of building a new boat launch at East Inlet – letter of approval sent.

1986 – Petition for the preservation of designated building on Cozen's Ranch; oldest building and stage stop in Grand County.

1988 – Public meeting with Corps of Engineers regarding building Two Forks Dam and enlarging Williams Fork Gravity Collection System. Will write letter to Governor and Army Corps of Engineers against the proposals.

1989 – Letter regarding sex and violence on TV will be prepared for members to sign and send to networks and show sponsors. Motion to write individual letters.



## **PROJECTS 1980 - 1989**

Cleaned cemetery, restored graves, and purchased thirteen new granite markers at \$45 each.



**Old Markers**



**New Granite Markers – Pioneer Graves**

Planted fourteen and a half dozen flowers in city park in 1980; 1981 and 1982 spent \$300 for flower boxes and plants. In April of 1983 the club spent \$100 for school landscaping; Perennials were planted in Triangle Park in 1983.

In 1984 the club offered to take care of the flowers if the city doesn't. In 1987 a letter to the town stated Woman's Club would no longer do maintenance work on the flower garden in the park.



United Fund Campaign Collection.

Centennial Week event 1981 – sponsored a square dance.

Buffalo Barbecue parade float 1981 – served food in 1989.

Stamp collecting.

Memorial for Nell Pauly. A sign was erected at the cemetery with a plaque about moving the graves. Sign was in place the spring of 1982. It disappeared in September; October it was still missing; November the parks department didn't remove it; April 1984 the sign to be placed when road construction is finished.

## HALLOWEEN 1980 - 2011



1980-2011 - Helped with school Halloween Party.  
Made popcorn balls and cookies, handed out candy.

Donated money for candy and prizes. Party held at the  
trout ponds for several years and later at the elementary school.



## CHRISTMAS 1980s

1983-1989 Decorations for Christmas were made by Dorothy Howard - \$300 set aside. Three carolers and Santa Claus were put in city park. In 1984 added a seven foot wooden tree. In 1984 the figures blew over and were run over by a plumbing truck. Spotlight was repaired; some glue and paint fixed the figures. The town added flood lights in 1986. Decorations were displayed inside the Community House in 1989.



Woman's Club sponsored a fund raising show to help fund the Kawuneeche Education Center. Tickets were \$4 for adults and \$2 for children. Dieter Plage, cinematographer, showed two films on Galapagos Islands in June and "Gorilla" in July of 1988. Members brought finger food to sell during intermission. The programs raised \$2,297.50. Dieter Plage was later killed in an accident and sympathy was sent to his wife. They had lived in Grand Lake two years while making a film about the Colorado River. Woman's Club is listed as donor on the wall at the visitor center. Ground was broken for the center in 1990 and the club held its April meeting at the completed center and were the first to use the seats in the auditorium.



Diann Admire, left, and Hank Birnbaum turn over spades of dirt as part of the ground-breaking ceremony conducted at Rocky Mountain National Park for the Kawuneeche Education Center. Admire was honored for her role in raising funds through the Grand Lake Woman's Club while Birnbaum played a vital role as a board member with the sponsoring organizations.



A water fountain in the town park near the children's playground was donated as a memorial to Marty Schneller. Helen Weber (Marty's mother) donated the plaque. Dedication was held on August 12, 1989. The club also had an ice cream, pie and cake sale on that rainy afternoon to benefit the Community House.



**Mayor Gene Stover, Martha Zook, Betty Wray**

The water fountain has been moved to the street.

**In loving memory of  
Meredith (Marty) Schneller  
She had a zest for life and a  
love for people  
Mother, wife, daughter,  
sister, nurse – Most of all  
Friend**

**The Woman's Club of Grand  
Lake and her Loving Family**



1989 – Four members volunteered to read stories on tape for the 4<sup>th</sup> grade.

1989 – Sponsored the Christmas Open House at Kauffman House Museum. Members made decorations and goodies.



**Martha Zook**



**Hope Lawson – President  
District President  
State Vice President**

## **WOMAN'S CLUB 1990s**

Couple's party-Valentine party, Mother-Daughter Banquet changed to a tea in 1991.

Cemetery Clean-up and established cemetery committee in 1991 with Rocky Mountain National Park, the town of Grand Lake and two members of the club. Received a special use permit for five years because the cemetery is within the park.

Halloween party at Grand Lake Elementary School.

District meeting held in 1990 at Grand Lake - 50<sup>th</sup> annual meeting. In 1993 the district convention was held at Trinity Church in the Pines. One person made a chicken casserole and members brought salads. The program was the Vivian Talley dancers. Jean Fischer was District President in 1997-98.

State convention 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary was attended by Patience Kemp, Hope Lawson & Lolita Norman. In 1991 the state convention was held in Winter Park and hosted by the Moffat District.

End-O-Summer Tea was held at the Kauffman House 1995.

Club dues were raised in 1992 to \$15; In 1994 the Bylaws amended to meet on the third Thursday, elect officers for two consecutive terms, and voted to have year round meetings.



**Grace Eslick**  
**55 year member-1992**



**Dorothy Howard**  
**50 year member-1995**



## **LEGISLATION 1990s**

Petition to consider building a swimming pool rather than enlarging the golf course; UN right of children – asked our country for ratification; leadership role in recycling in our community; wrote senators against wilderness proposal because it would impact snowmobiling in the area; extend more acreage to the Grand Lake cemetery; encourage voting; encourage putting deer whistles on cars; endorse partners for trails; support Community Building addition; Gambling issue 1993.

## **FUND RAISING 1990s**

Ice Cream Social made \$329.92 to buy five walnut tables for town's newly renovated Community Building.

Luncheon and style show held in 1990, 1991 and again in 1998.

Big garage sale in 1993 made \$2,830; money to be used for Community Center. Garage sale in 1994 made profit of \$911.

Craft Fair 1992 club had a bake sale and made mints and pizzeles. In 1993 the booth cost \$25 and the profit used for furnishing the new kitchen. 1994 the club sold hot dogs and deli sandwiches and baked goods. We sold chances on a quilt purchased by Carol Meine for a fund raiser.



**Romaine Wilcinski, Jeannette Chidley,  
Cleta Leinbach, Carol Meine**

## **DONATIONS 1990s**

Arts Council; Early Education (pre-school); town's new sound system; Trailblazers' Snowmobile Club; Library for preschool, school and town; Memorial for Gordon Spitzmiller \$50 to Santa Claus fund; Rocky Mountain Repertory Theater; Nita Cole Swim-a-thon for Kidney foundation and dialysis and special needs individuals; Cabin Fever Follies; Green Ways Committee for outdoor educational center; Grand Respite; Grand Lake Elementary School; Resource Center; Minnie Harding Loan Fund; DARE; Advocates; Cradle Connection; playground equipment in park; Birthright; Advocates; Arts Council \$65 toward electric piano; \$150 hearing dog; Mountain Family Center; Easter Seal Camp; Share.



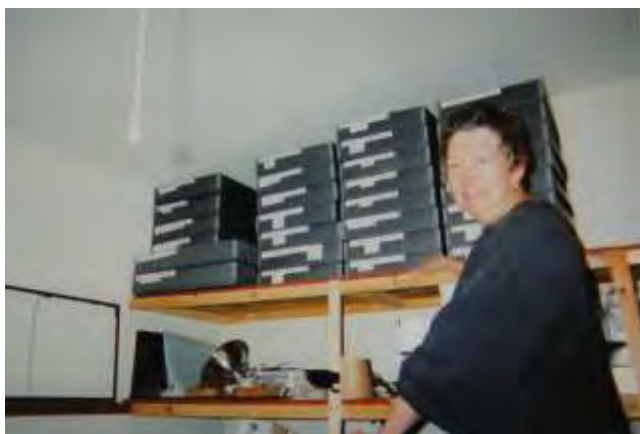
**Charlene Semsack, President and Lorraine Turk, Library**

## **PROJECTS 1990s**

In 1990 Grand Lake Area Historical Society added a room at the Kauffman House for winter sports displays and other historical aspects of our area. Woman's Club decorated the new addition and sponsored an open house and decorated a Christmas tree at Kauffman House. In 1999 the club donated \$400 for archival boxes to store the Woman's Club and Juniper Club scrapbooks and records with the Area Historical Society.



**Cleta Leinbach and Barbara Illsley**



## CHRISTMAS 1990s

Sponsored a needy family 1991 and 1992. Wreath contest 1990 through 1998.

Decorations put up inside the community building.

Lunch for Olympic Ice Skating Hopefuls.

Community Concert 1992;



1992 – Made dolls - Operation Smile – for surgical dept at Children’s Hospital.



Library-summer reading program for teens; adult literacy.

Recycling was encouraged by the club throughout the community.

Lamp post gardens were tended by members.

1990 Memorial Day Float.



**B. W. Lawson, Edith Seaton, Jean Fischer, Hope Lawson,  
B. Loudon, Eileen Belisle**

A new addition to town hall was built in 1993. Woman's Club pledged \$200 for kitchen furnishings. A refrigerator, gas stove and dishwasher were purchased from Gambles for \$1,199.85. \$50 was spent for silverware and plastic covers for the tables. The remodeled Community Center opened in 1994.



**Carole Meine-Library, Patience Kemp, Grace Eslick - GLAHS, Lynn Wray-Mayor Pro-Tem, Bill Hagemann-ISC, Dick Stasser-Rotary, Ada Haus-Woman's Club, Alan Carter-architect, Stella Grisinger-town clerk, Mark Collins-town manager, Jim Cervenka-town clerk, Jeff Brown-Deputy**





Candidates Forums were sponsored by the Woman's Club along with Rotary for several years.



1996 – WC Float – 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Women's Suffrage;



Memorial tiles were purchased at \$50 each to be displayed in the Arts Council Building in memory of deceased members: Hope Lawson, Meredith “Marty” Schneller, Helen Weber, Ada Haus, Barbara Tazer, Dorothy Howard, Patience Kemp, Mary Ellen Jensen, Lois Dismuke, Jeanette Chidley, Jean Fischer, Arlene Rowe and Hazel Griffin. The names are in gold with a small rose.

1990 – Park's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary Pageant June 16.

1992 – Assisted Grand County Council on Aging – made dinners, cleaned houses and kept ill members company.

1995 – Provided supper for fifty bicyclers staying overnight in Town Hall. Served spaghetti, salad & bread.



**Original pageant from 1936 repeated for 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary in town and at the Timber Creek Campground amphitheater.**





## **WOMAN'S CLUB 2000 - 2012**

Club met at 1:00 p.m. the third Thursday in the Town Hall Board Room. In 2002 we began meeting at the Fire Station Community Room and in 2011 we moved back to the Community Building at Town Hall.

2000 – Moffat District sponsored state convention in Winter Park. In September the club held a Style Show and Tea. We had a float in the Buffalo Barbeque parade.



**State Convention at Winter Park  
Betty Spring, Edith Seaton, Jean Fischer, Martha Zook,  
Barbara Illsley, Cleta Leinbach, Mary Vander Kooy,  
Charlene Semsack**



**Jean Fischer  
President and District President**

2001 – Entered a federation contest to match early Women's Club photo.



**Grace Eslick, Pat Parker, Edith Seaton  
Charlene Semsack, Carol Meine, Cleta Leinbach, Martha Zook  
Kathleen Means, Mary Vander Kooy**

About 2002 we withdrew from the state and national federation. Dues were \$20 with most of it going on to state and national organizations. It was difficult to find people to attend the district and state meetings. With only three clubs in the district it meant hosting a district meeting once every three years.

Mission statement adopted in 2003:

“To reach out in friendship and service to the local community with fun and fellowship;  
To live well, laugh often and love much;  
To provide networking opportunities among women.”



## **CLUB ACTIVITIES 2000 - 2012**

Cemetery Clean-up; June Membership Tea; July Salad Luncheon with Rocky Mountain Repertory Theater program; August Boat Tour and picnic; October Soup Luncheon; Halloween Party at school; November Craft Fair the club began selling walking tacos; Christmas Gift Exchange; Grand Lake elementary school children musical program and installation of new officers (every two years). Couples' Valentine Party started again in 2009 with Wine and Chocolate at Columbine Lake Clubhouse.



### **Cemetery Clean-Up – May 2010**

**Martha Zook, Edith Seaton, Nancy Lavington, Lois Sauer, Cleta Leinbach, Deb Ruth, Romaine Wilcinski, Muriel Johnson, Karenann Manley, Dee Dee Fay, Corinne Lively, Ann Waterman; Deann Tibbets, Melinda McKinney, Ann Feucht, Bev White Faust, Fay Nedello, Marilyn Binkley, Marsha Bartholomew**

## PROJECTS 2000 – 2012

Thanksgiving dinner and shower for Fire Department in the new building. Provided cookies for annual Open House.

Meet the teacher's breakfast held in September 2005 at the elementary school.

Public candidate forums held along with the Rotary Club to introduce county commissioners and local town boards.

Adopted a trail in the Forest Service 2007 – 2012. \$100 donated each year plus members hiked the first mile of the East Shore Trail to pick up trash and report to the Forest Service about the conditions on the trail.



**2008 Adopt a Trail - Erecting Trail Sign  
Romaine Wilcinski, Ann Feucht, Kathleen Means,  
Charlene Semsack, Beverly White Faust**

Mountain Family Center – collected food and coats every November.

Sponsored a library 70<sup>th</sup> birthday party in 2003.

Sponsored a student trip with the Spanish Club to Costa Rica; and the club held a meeting at the high school to hear a report of the trip by three students.

## **FUND RAISING 2000 - 2012**

Craft Fair food booth and quilt raffle are our only projects for raising funds to support many local groups and charities.



**Beverly White Faust and Ann Stark  
Quilt made by Clea Leinbach 2007**



**Quilt Raffle – 2012  
Quilt designed and made by Gay Dzinski  
Carol Miller selling tickets**

## **DONATIONS 2000 – 2012**

Mountain Family Center (coats and food), Grand Lake Elementary School, Juniper Library, Friends of Spirit Lake; Pregnancy Resource; Jan Wharton Family Network; Rocky Mountain Repertory Theater, Arts Council, Search and Rescue - purchased a new rescue sled, Grand Lake Fire Department, Shadow Cliff; Habitat for Humanity, Snowmobile Trails and Forest Service Trails; Horses for the Handicapped – donated money to purchase a new horse; Grand County Characters, Quilt Museum, Grand Choral Quartet; Rocky Mountain Nature Association, a tree planted for Evelyn Schnittker at the Chamber Visitor Center; Animal Shelter, Grand Lake Area Historical Society, Trinity Food Bank, Chamber of Commerce, and Juniper Bell Choir.

## **CONCLUSION**

2012 has been a fun year as we celebrated the 100 years of the Grand Lake Woman's Club existence. We joined in celebration with ladies of the Estes Park Woman's Club who also are celebrating their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. They attended our August luncheon at Grand Lake Lodge and we went to a luncheon in Estes Park in September. Our anniversary dinner at Daven Haven on September 20, 2012 will be a special event in celebration of these 100 years.

We look back at the women of the community who helped bring us together, to speak out, and to involve other groups in Grand Lake to work together for the benefit of the entire community. These pioneers have influenced us and challenge the women of today to continue to make a difference.

It was the Woman's Club's collective efforts that helped establish the history of Grand Lake, Colorado. Women's clubs should not become a thing of the past but will continue to be a vital part of shaping the future.

## **GRAND LAKE WOMAN'S CLUB PRESIDENTS**

1928 – 29	May Hatton
1929 – 31	Carrie D. Schnoor
1931 – 33	Ada Harsh
1933 – 34	Lela Davis - Ada Harsh
1934 – 35	Iva McLaren – Caroline Holzwarth
1935 – 36	Caroline Holzwarth
1936 – 37	Carolyn Rhone
1937 – 38	Catherine Seymour
1938 – 39	Caroline Rhone
1939 – 40	Helen Dixon
1940 – 41	Azalia Carr
1941 – 42	May Hatton
1942 – 43	Carrie D. Schnoor
1943 – 45	Barbara Fisher
1945 – 47	Lesta Pettingill
1947 – 48	Isabel Bachman
1948 – 49	Caroline Rhone
1950 – 51	Doris Mackley
1951 - 52	Virginia Farrell
1952 - 54	Doris Fraser
1954 – 57	Faye Gimlin
1957 – 58	Grace Nair
1958 – 60	Kathryn Tuff
1960 – 61	Nell Pauly
1961 – 62	Jennie Lemmon
1962 – 63	Shirley Acord
1963 – 65	Helen Weber
1965 – 66	Faye Gimlin
1966 – 67	Pat Turner
1967 – 68	Joan Brunet
1968 – 70	Marty Schneller
1970 – 71	Mrs. Gordon Hoffman
1971 – 73	Mary Jane McMillan
1973 – 74	Helen Weber
1974 – 75	Rose Kordula

1975 – 76	Dorothy Howard
1976 – 77	Barbara Tazer
1977 – 78	Linda Applehans
1978 – 79	Hope Lawson
1979 – 80	Joyce Boerffel
1980 – 81	Annette Funk
1982 – 83	Wilma Kneis
1983 – 85	Marty Schneller
1985 – 87	Hope Lawson
1987 – 89	Martha Zook
1989 – 90	Diann Admire
1990 – 91	Patience Kemp
1991 – 93	Jean Fisher
1993 – 95	Ada Haus
1995 – 96	Cleta Leinbach
1996 – 98	Charlene Semsack
1999 – 00	Barbara Illsley
2001 – 02	Mary Vander Kooy
2003 – 04	Evelyn Schnittker
2005 – 06	Beverly White Faust
2007 – 08	Kathleen Means
2009 – 10	Ann Feucht-Muriel Johnson
2011 – 12	Muriel Johnson



**GRAND LAKE WOMAN'S CLUB  
CHARTER MEMBERS 1928**

Mrs. Harvey Hatton – President  
Mrs. Goldie Hawkins – Secretary  
Mrs. Theo. Lehmkuhl – 2<sup>nd</sup> Secretary  
Mrs. Leslie Ish - Treasurer  
Mrs. J. L. Ish  
Mrs. Henry Schnoor  
Mrs. Ed Thomas  
Mrs. Merle Hall  
Mrs. R. A. Harbison  
Mrs. Harold Hawkins  
Miss Ruth Myers  
Mrs. Wm. Lehman  
Mrs. Jake Young  
Mrs. Alfred Eslick  
Mrs. Fred McLaren  
Mrs. Lucian Husted  
Mrs. E. L. Harsh  
Mrs. C. M. DeWitt  
Mrs. George Nair  
Mrs. H. D. Nair  
Mrs. Frank Redburn  
Mrs. G. A. Spitzmiller  
Mrs. Anne Herman  
Mrs. R. E. Johnston

## **GRAND LAKE WOMAN'S CLUB MEMBERS 2012**

Sonia Albin	Kathleen Means
Norma Albright	Judith Middleton
Ann Bagg	Carol Miller
Marsha Bartholomew	Malene Mortenson
Carol Bell	Judy Mydans
Marilyn Binkley	Fay Nedella
Lee Blom	Margaret Nill
Martha Boehner	Ann O'Donnell
Deb Bondi	Judy Olivo
Mary Jo Burton	Joan O'Neill
Elaine Busse	Joan Ophaug
Yvonne Clark	Kathy Pace
Julie Cunningham	Pat Person
Pat Evans	Laurie Ray
Ann Feucht	Christine Remley
Mimi Fowler	Karen Richards
Bonnie Heimbrock	Sue Rogers
Sylvia Hites	Deb Ruth
Cheryl Hoese	Lois Sauer
Mary Hoese	Edith Seaton
Susan Howey	Nancy Smith
Mary Huba	Ann Stark
Muriel Johnson	Sue James Stuart
Pat Jones	Deann Tibbetts
Charla Knox	Donna J. Tinkler
Dottie Kuster	Gina Tobey
Pam Lacy	Mary Vander Kooy
Gayle Langley	Barbara Walker
Susan Larson	Ann Waterman
Nancy Lavington	Beverly Westlake
Gwen Lewis	Beverly White Faust
Corinne Lively	Romaine Wilcinski
Ariel Lowerison	Barbara Wilcox
Anne Massey	Barbara Zinanti
Melinda McKinney	Martha Zook
Susan McNulty	
Karenann Manley	