



Committee Descriptions

Member Relations Committee-Chair Becky Wachs

The Member Relations Committee focuses on ensuring members find their membership fulfilling and keeping members connected to the organization.

- Stations several “Door Greeters” to welcome new members and guests at membership meetings.
- Helps new members and guests feel welcome at membership meetings. This could include informing them about drinks and snacks, introducing them to other members to sit with if they are alone.
- Conducts drawing at membership meetings.
- Sends a birthday card to members on their birthday.
- Sends a congratulatory note upon a member’s recent accomplishment or milestone.

Community Mission Committee-Chair Darla Froelich

The Community Mission Committee focuses on “service oriented” projects, with several sub-committees under the Community Missions Committee.

- Develops community service projects that support the WWL mission, benefit the community, create opportunities for members to volunteer their time, and are appealing to a diverse membership.
- Examples include Hays Med Appreciation Day, ARC Park clean-up, and Kansas Mission of Mercy.
- Provides photos and brief explanation of project to appropriate person for publicity purposes.

“Welcome Home” (sub-committee) Connie Smith

- *The Welcome Home committee organizes and oversees the Chamber Basket project for newcomers in the community. WWL brochures, ink pen and note pad are put into each gift.*

Encore Series (sub-committee) Kaley Klaus

- *Encore Series is a volunteer opportunity for members. Organized by Kaley Klaus, volunteers serve as ushers at each event and are able to enjoy the wonderful performance. Sign up is in the fall of each year.*

Elder Care Committee-Chairs Jan Klaus/Deb Hoffman

The Elder Care Committee develops projects designed to benefit the elderly population.

- Creates projects that provide activities that engage and allow participation of the elderly.
- Take the lead in organizing activities and social events for seniors in the community.
- Promotes WWL through positive relationships with residents and administrative personnel at assisted living facilities and care homes.
- Organizes an annual WWL membership Christmas caroling activity with members singing carols to residents (generally immediately following a membership meeting).
- Past projects include Valentine’s Parties, Prom Night, “What Happens in Vegas” Patriotic Wreath making, installing raised garden beds at care homes and planting & maintenance of beds in addition to providing bird houses with bird seed for residents at senior living facilities.
- Provides photos and brief description of each event to appropriate person.

Women Who Feed Committee-Chairs Mary Ann Shorman/Joslyn Brungardt

The Women Who Feed Committee develops projects designed to address food insecurity in the community. There may be sub-committees formed under Women Who Feed for specific needs.

- Identifies projects to reduce food insecurity in Ellis County
- Participates in the Ellis County “Feeding Hays” initiative, determining level of involvement.
- Makes recommendations regarding participation in weekly Feeding Hays dinners at St. Michaels Episcopal Church, including continuation of quarterly sponsorship with members preparing and serving meal.
- Coordinates, assists, and oversees donations to local food pantries with WWL members donating items at periodically at monthly meetings
- Works closely with First Call for Help in securing volunteers for WWL Meals on Wheels routes in the community.
- Helps with the D3 (Dynamic Donation Dames) Committee with transfer of food items from Dillons to designated schools and other locations as needed.
- Provides photos and information about projects to appropriate person for publicity purposes.

Veterans Committee-Chairs Michelle Springer/Dottie Staab

The Veterans Committee develops projects designed to benefit local veterans in our community.

- Explores ways to help meet the need of veterans in the community with projects and activities that fit the mission of WWL.
- Forms positive relationships with local organizations currently involved with serving veterans and explores ways to be of assistance.
- Plans and organizes events to show appreciation for current and former service members.

Sponsorship Committee-Chair Joslyn Brungardt

The Sponsorship Committee focuses on sponsor retention and obtaining new sponsors for WWL

- Explores new and innovative methods of securing new sponsors, creating sponsor loyalty, and ways to show appreciation for their sponsorship.
- Contacts current and potential new sponsors in September or October with a personal visit, sharing information about current projects and past accomplishments.
- Follows up with a personal note after the meeting, thanking them for their time.
- If necessary, follow up for a decision or to answer questions.
- Invites sponsors to WWL project ribbon cuttings, Chamber Chats, and promotional events.
- Maintains contact throughout the year with occasional letters sharing project updates.
- Takes the lead in securing sponsors for larger projects.
- Mails a hand-written thank you note to event sponsors and yearly sponsors upon receipt of payment.

Supporting Our Students (SOS)-Chair-Megan Ball

- *The School Youth Committee will receive information on needs in the school districts. This is a new committee*

Mental Health Wellness-Chair Michelle Fairbank Mental Health Committee (Community)

The Mental Health Committee develops projects that benefit members of the community who are experiencing mental health challenges. There may be sub-committees formed with each having a specific focus.

- Develops relationships with mental health professionals in the community for the purpose of helping to fulfill needs in which WWL could be of help.
- Creates and manages projects that meet the mission of WWL and have a positive impact on those served.
- Assures projects meet the mission of WWL

- Past projects include Self-Soothing Kits, Splash into Awareness Project with LINK, Star Summer Project with DSNWK, Dream Camp fees for 10 children.
- Assists with new Bullying Project and future expansion of project.

Camber Kids Committee (sub-committee under Mental Health Committee) Chair Jana Fross

The Camber Kids Committee addresses mental health for children.

- The Camber Committee plans and organizes events for children at Camber Mental Health Hospital.
- Past projects have included a Christmas party with gifts, Valentine's party for children and staff, end of summer barbeque, and Halloween Party

Innovative Influence Committee-Chair Hali Biesler

The Innovative Influence Committee is comprised of WWL Members under the age of 45

- Identifies projects that are relatable to young women under the age of 30 up to 45 years of age.

Social Committee

The Social Committee plans and organizes events designed to bring members together through fun activities

- Organizes WWL participation in yearly fall homecoming parades to include items handed out at parades
- Plans and organizes social events designed to help members gain new friends and develop relationships

Outreach Committees

Community Outreach Committees are comprised of members who reside in a neighboring community or are designated an Outreach Committee because a need has been identified due to the target size of the population it will serve. It is anticipated that an Outreach Committees will give WWL greater visibility in the area and allow for the development of new partnerships and sponsors.

- **University Outreach Committee**
 - Delta Zeta Sorority
 - Comprised of leadership and members of Delta Zeta.
 - A team of WWL members will serve as liaisons and advocates for the group. and several WWL members to explore options and projects to benefit students at FHSU.
 - Creates projects to be of benefit women students at FHSU
 - Explores relationship building initiatives with campus organizations (Criminal Justice, Leadership Studies, etc.)
 - Research options to expand WWL presence and visibility at FHSU to include a "presence" on campus and leads the initiative
- **Ellis and Victoria Outreach Committees-Chair Pauleen Edmonds and Scarlett Deutscher**
 - Explores needs of their community
 - Creates projects to benefit the community and expand visibility of WWL
 - Actively recruits WWL members in their area
 - Develops positive relationships with key stakeholders in the community

Pop-Up Committees (One-Time Project Committees)

Temporary Project Committees may be formed for "one and done" projects and will disband once the project is completed. Many of our most successful projects were completed by Pop-Up committees.

Pink Rose Committee – Chairs Sandee Werth and Mary Karst

The Pink Rose Committee sends a single pink rose to members suffering from a recent illness, hospitalization, surgery, or loss of an immediate family member.

- Please contact the Pink Rose Committee if you know of a member in need of a pink rose.
- To request a Pink Rose be sent to a member, please contact Sandee or Mary (text or phone call):

Signature Project Committees

A project may become a "Signature Project" because an on-going need to continue multiple years has been determined. Currently, WWL has four Signature Projects:

- **Matthew's Gift: Chair-Ruth Ruder** *Comfort bags for families with medical emergencies transported to another hospital*
 - Ordering, restocking, and assembling the bags and taking them to Hays Med for distribution.
 - Communicates regularly with Hays Med to determine needs and ensure all staff are informed.
 - Evaluates project on a yearly basis to determine viability and improvement of project.
 - Provides *Publicity Committee* photos and information for publicity purposes.
- **Project Suitcase: Chair-Sara Hicks** *Duffle bags for children removed from their home and transported to foster care*
 - Ordering, restocking, and assembling bags and distributing them to various community (DCF, St. Francis, Hays PD, Sheriff, etc.)
 - Communicates regularly with participating partners for feedback, ideas for improvement and assures project is progressing well.
 - Provides *Publicity Committee* photos and information for publicity purposes.
- **Scholarship Committee: Chair-Cristina Janney** *Scholarships for women seeking post-secondary education are funded through 31 Days of Cash annual raffle, and donations from individuals and businesses.*
 - Define parameters of scholarships, develop scholarship application, determine number and amounts to be awarded, and makes decisions regarding renewal of scholarship.
 - Selects scholarship recipients and follows up with each for notification and securing necessary information, photo, etc. for publication.
 - Selects members to represent WWL by making the award presentation at the individual school awards ceremony (with photo).
 - Explores possibility of engaging awardees through an occasional invitation to a monthly meeting, selecting a member to serve as a liaison between the student and WWL.
 - Provides the *Publicity Committee* with photos and necessary information.
- **Power of the Purse: Chair-Renee Moritz** *WWL Signature Yearly Event to raise funds for the organization.*
 - Multiple sub-committees will be formed, each with a focus on a particular duty, to assure success of the event.
 - Responsible for event planning, venue, marketing, obtaining purses, creating evaluation for attendees, and thank you notes following event.
 - Provides monthly updates to board and obtains feedback and approval for printing materials.
 - Works closely with *Publicity Committee* for marketing materials, event materials and promotion.

Committee Preference

There is no obligation to serve on any committee, however volunteering for a committee allows you to be more engaged in projects you are interested in and enjoy camaraderie with other members.

Please indicate your preference for the committee on which you would like to serve. You will just choose your top 5 choices.

Please rank 1 your favorite to 5 being your least favorite

- _____ Member Relations Committee
- _____ Community Mission Committee
- _____ Elder Care Committee
- _____ Women Who Feed Committee
- _____ Veterans Committee
- _____ Mental Health Committee (Community)
- _____ Sponsorship Committee
- _____ Innovative Influence Committee (under 45 years of age)
- _____ Social Committee
- _____ Supporting Our Students (SOS)
- _____ Outreach Initiatives Committees
 - University Outreach
 - Community Outreach – Ellis
 - Community Outreach - Victoria
- _____ Signature Projects Committees:
 - Matthew’s Gift Committee
 - Project Suitcase Committee
 - Scholarship Committee
 - Power of the Purse Committee

Name _____

Email Address _____ Cell _____

