



## GFWC Taunton and Raynham Juniors

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# What's New? Paper



### Upcoming Meetings and Events

**April 1:** Club Institute at the Medway VFW, 123 Holliston St., Medway, MA

**April 4:** Happy Easter

**April 5:** Monthly meeting at The Arbors, 7:00 p.m.

**April 12:** "Drop Everything and Read Day"

**April 24:** GFWC of Massachusetts, Junior Membership Annual Conference at the Doubletree Hotel in Westborough, MA

**Apr. 26:** Board Meeting at The Arbors, 7:00 p.m.

### April Meeting

At this month's meeting Jocelyn Tavares, the director of the Dighton Public Library, and Brenda Carr, the Adult Services & Technical Services Assistant Librarian at the library, will be speaking to us about the many features of the public library system including the SAILS network. Brenda will give us an overview of the library's collections and activities and she will bring us a sampling of items to highlight the collections that are new and showcase



some of the hidden gems of the libraries collections. For the members that have internet access in their homes, she will bring a hand out on "Placing Holds from Home". Jocelyn will tell us about the history of the library and their centennial events, including their community reads project.

Jocelyn holds a Bachelor of Science degree in advertising from Syracuse University and a Master of Library Science from Simmons College. Brenda holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Human Resource Management and is currently attending the University of Rhode Island to complete a masters degree in Library and Information Science. For more information about these talented ladies, see our website.

### Hospitality

**Apr. 5**  
Susan Carlson (c) and Darlene

**May 3**  
Joan Curran (c) and Denise Wheeler

**Don't forget our:**

**Gift Exchange**

**Drawing Prize for April:**

Judy deAbreu

### Reminders for This Month's Meeting

**Samaritan House:** paper plates, napkins, aluminum foil, plastic wrap and utensils

**Prison Book Program:** a paperback dictionary, thesaurus, or Spanish/English dictionary

**Pride Inc.:** Craft Supplies (see website), board games

**Main Spring House:** bar soap

**Taunton Emergency Management System:** Teddy Bears or brownies for Denise to sell.

**Raynham Food Basket:** two or more canned goods

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## March Meeting

We, again, had a busy meeting this past month. Jane was installed as our new Vice President, dressed as *The Cat in the Hat* Nancy Brown told us all about Dr. Seuss and had us answer trivia questions about him, Kelly had us play "Membership Bingo," and Cindy told us about the items we can collect to send to Afghanistan where her daughter will be serving. (See Public Affairs on page 4.)

The "Membership Bingo" winners were Darlene, Sharon J., and Nancy B.



## Club Institute

Nancy Brown and Nancy Clark presented the program at Club Institute at the Medway V.F.W. on March 4<sup>th</sup>. While dressed as *The Cat in the Hat* to celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday Nancy C. introduced Nancy B., AKA Sacagawea.

As Sacagawea, Nancy told and demonstrated with her *PowerPoint* presentation how dramatic performances for school children can enhance their learning experiences. She suggested that clubs could fund these for their local schools.



## Day at the State House

Cindy and Nancy C. attended the GFWC of Massachusetts "Day at the Statehouse" they enjoyed a delicious lunch and listened to several of our state senators and representatives.

Pictured are Secretary of State, the Honorable William Galvin, and David Flynn, the dean of the House of Representatives. Representative Flynn sat at our table.




## Homelife:

- Darlene is collecting yarn of any type except fun fur or eyelash for a lady she knows who can make baby sets for *Birthright*.
- Denise is collecting men's and women's sweaters for a local homeless shelter.
- Kim McMann is collecting coupons (any coupons). They cannot be expired. Please bring any you have to this month's meeting.
- *ACH Foods*, which includes the Spice Islands, Karo, Argo, Mazola, and Fleischmann's brands, will donate 25¢ to "Susan G. Komen for the Cure" (breast cancer) for each proof of purchase submitted online. The submission address is: <http://www.bakefortheure.com/Register.aspx>. Be sure to keep track of the products you register for next year's reports.

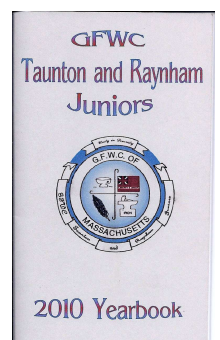


## Conservation:

- See our website at <http://gfwctauntonraynhamjuniors.org/Conservation.aspx> to see the list of items we are collecting to recycle. The destinations for the items are now listed on our website.
- Go to [www.freecycle.org](http://www.freecycle.org) to donate or swap items you no longer want.  is a grassroots and entirely nonprofit movement of people who are giving (& getting) stuff for free in their own town. It's all about reuse and keeping good stuff out of landfills.
- Darlene's church is still collecting clean used blankets, hats, gloves, mittens, socks, hooded sweatshirts, scarves, thick socks, mittens (preferably large), and small duffle bags, and soap for needy families. Socks, soap, and duffle bags are especially needed. Darlene asked that I include this in the newsletter: "Thanks to all who have donated soap and socks, hats, scarves and mittens. I bought 75 bars of soap and thirty pairs of socks with the \$50 from the brownie money. The items were distributed to those in need on Wed the 17th at the Soup kitchen in Taunton. Thank you again for all of your donations and your support. You make a difference and it is greatly appreciated. "

## Membership:

- **Happy birthday** to the following members: Denise, 3<sup>rd</sup>; Nancy B., 5<sup>th</sup>; Sue L., 12<sup>th</sup>; Laoretta, 25<sup>th</sup>. We wish you all a very Happy Day!!!
- 63% were in attendance at the March's meeting.
- Our 2010 yearbooks have come back from the printers (Bristol-Plymouth). If you haven't already received yours, come to this month's meeting!
- Earn your Disney Theme Park ticket. GFWC is approved as a participating volunteer organization for the "Give A Day. Get A Disney Day" program. Go to the [www.gfwc.org](http://www.gfwc.org) Member Center link and click the Disney® link for more information.
- Want to keep in touch with members? Check out our partnership with T-Mobile, designed exclusively for GFWC members to provide discounted wireless mobile service and equipment. To find out more, call 866/464-8662 or visit [www.gfwc.org](http://www.gfwc.org) and go to Member Center link for Affinity Programs & Benefits.
- Don't forget to wear your club shirt or vest to meetings and events if you have one.
- When ordering from [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com), GFWC gets a percentage of your purchases every time you click on the affiliate link.
- We will be taking a tally of those attending this year's Annual Conference on April 24, 2010 at the Doubletree Hotel in Westborough, MA. Please consider attending!



## Leadership:

- Since Jane has taken the office of vice president, we now need a new arts chairman. Any volunteers?

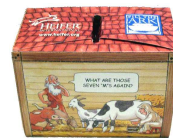
## Public Affairs:

- Bring teddy bears for the Taunton Emergency Management System being collected by the Taunton Federal Credit Union.
- The list of items we will be collecting to send to Afghanistan include:
  - Gum
  - Wet wipes
  - Baby powder
  - Non-scented hand lotion
  - DVD's
  - Sunscreen
  - Hand sanitizer
- Just a reminder: fill out those U.S. Census forms and mail them back as soon as possible! . The 2010 Census documents the changes in our nation over the last 10 years. Census data affect how more than \$400 billion in federal funding is distributed to tribal, state, and local governments, framing our communities for the next 10 years. GFWC uses Census data to determine what parts of our communities have the greatest need and assists with crafting resolutions. (from GFWC *News and Notes* email)
  - **It's easy.** The 2010 Census form asks 10 questions and takes about 10 minutes to complete. One form is required per household. The primary homeowner or renter should complete the form on behalf of every person residing in the household, both relatives and nonrelatives.
  - **It's important.** Census data are used to reapportion seats in Congress and ensure proper district representation in state and local governments. Information from the census helps determine locations for child-care and senior centers, new roads, hospitals, and schools.
  - **It's safe.** By law, the U.S. Census Bureau cannot share respondents' answers with anyone, including other federal agencies and law enforcement entities.



## International Affairs:

- Denise is requesting that you clean out your junk drawers for any used pens and pencils to be donated to a Catholic Mission in India.
- Improve your vocabulary and donate rice to the *United Nations World Food Program*. Every time you get an answer right at <http://www.freerice.com/>, 10 grains of rice are donated. Keep track of the number of grains of rice that you have donated!
- If you haven't already brought them, continue to fill your *Heifer International* boxes.

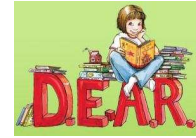


## Arts:

- **Congratulations** to those "Smart About Art" in March. "Smarties" were: Judy D., Denise, Joyce, and Nancy C.
  - **Answer:** Bette Nesmith Graham invented liquid paper.
- **Question for April:** This month's question is a two part question. Who is the "First Lady of Song" and what was the name of her "million-seller"?
  - Use *GoodSearch*, designating GFWC International as your charity. If you do not have a computer, you can visit your local library for internet access
  - If you've never used a computer, this is a good opportunity to challenge yourself and learn how ~ invite a friend to help!
  - Good Luck! Call Jane at 508/822-5437 or email her at [flower57@comcast.net](mailto:flower57@comcast.net).

## Education:

- Bring a paperback dictionary, thesaurus, or Spanish-English dictionary for the *Prison Book Program*, [www.prisonbookprogram.org](http://www.prisonbookprogram.org). On March 11<sup>th</sup>, Denise, Darlene, Joyce, and Joyce's sister-in-law helped with the program in Quincy.
- April 12<sup>th</sup> is National "Drop Everything and Read Day." Tell everyone in your family to Drop Everything and Read on April 12<sup>th</sup>. You can do it right at home or to make the day more special, maybe go to the library or a bookstore.
- Support our libraries: The *Friends of the Taunton Public Library's* monthly book sale is April 10<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- **Book Swap:** Finished reading a good book? Bring it to our meeting and swap with another member.
- Several members helped support the Dighton Public Library on March 25<sup>th</sup> by eating at Alice's Last Stop in Dighton where Nancy B. greeted children dressed as "The Cat in the Hat" and even had a meal of green eggs and ham. The restaurant donated 10% of the price of meals to the library.



Cindy, Joyce, Leah, "The Cat" and David

Green Eggs and Ham



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### Explore the 119th Annual International Convention

Make plans to explore the [GFWC Annual International Convention](#) in Omaha, June 12-15, 2010. The GFWC Exhibit Center features unique vendors, GFWC's program partners and endorsed fundraisers, the GFWC Marketplace, the Great States Photo Display, and even a dedicated information area for GFWC members. Attendees will have the opportunity to participate in a scavenger hunt through the Exhibit Center, with chances to win great prizes from participating exhibitors.

(from GFWC's *News and Notes* email)

### Join the Convention Chat on Facebook

Interested in seeing who is coming to the 119th GFWC Annual International Convention? Join [GFWC on Facebook](#). The 2010 Convention is now listed as an Event on GFWC's Facebook group page. When you become a fan of GFWC, you can indicate if you are planning to attend convention, and can see who else may be coming! There is also a wall where you can post and read messages, ask questions, or share photos from past conventions. Access the GFWC Fan Page at [www.Facebook.com/GFWCMembers](http://www.Facebook.com/GFWCMembers).

