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What Did We Do in March?

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Monday March 11th Business Meeting: There was an installation of a new member, Kathleen



Sampson by membership chairman Joyce Clark. Club members celebrated March as Women's History Month by introducing a short biography on Gerda Lerner, known as the 'Mother' of Women's

History Month presented by Nancy Brown, Women's History and Resource chairman. Gerda Lerner was a remarkable public intellectual and life-long activist. A member of JWA's Academic Advisory Council, she was enthusiastic about chronicling and transmitting the history of Jewish women. No historian was more identified with the field of women's history. Receiving her Ph.D. at the age of 46, she wrote a series of groundbreaking books in which she almost singlehandedly created a conceptual framework for the field. Her leadership extended beyond theory to practice: she institutionalized women's history when she created the nation's first graduate program in the field at Sarah Lawrence College and played a major role in making women's history a subject of interest to the general public. The idea for Women's History Week (now the popular Women's History Month) grew out of an institute she organized in 1979.

"Women's history is women's right," she said, "an essential, indispensable heritage from which we can draw pride, comfort, courage, and long range vision."

The program this month was given



by guest Mary Njeri who spoke about her life in Kenya before coming to the United States.



What we did this month: In honor of Dr. Seuss's 115th birthday, member Nancy Brown, AKA *The Cat in the Hat*, along with Education Chairwoman Nancy Martin, visited Triumph Head Start in Taunton on Friday, March 1st. *The Cat in the Hat* story was read to a crowd of over 100 preschoolers in three groups for twenty minutes each. During each reading of *The Cat in the Hat* book one child was asked to flip pages and one to assist in the capturing of Thing 1 and Thing 2.



When Thing 1 and Thing 2 made an appearance they were

brought around the room to shake hands with the children. The





children were very responsive to the reading and each child was given a coloring page and either a Cat in the Hat or Thing 1 & 2 hat. As they exited the room, each child was given the option of shaking hands with The Cat in the

Hat. The Taunton and Raynham Juniors also donated five Dr. Seuss books along with a stuffed Cat in the Hat to the school. On the same day Mrs. Brown as the Cat also visited E.F. Leddy Pre-School in Taunton. She sang Happy Birthday with each group, and Leddy Librarian Audrey Serrecchia, a former club member, joined in on the sing along.



She finished her visit by reading *The Cat in the Hat* to Mrs. Cocoran's class.



This month letters were sent to the five community high schools with scholarship money of \$500 each. The high schools were Bristol Plymouth, Bristol

Agricultural, Taunton, Bridgewater and Dighton Rehoboth High Schools.

A social event to help strengthen the bond of friendship and sisterhood occurred when several members recently attended an 80th Anniversary viewing of the iconic film *Gone With the Wind*.

Committees:

ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN: Please help us with Project New Hope— A baby pantry— Looking for diapers, pull ups and wipes, Please bring donations to conference. **Brett Ploude Memorial Fund** is hosting its 4th Annual Talent Showcase on Saturday April 13th, All proceeds will go to support efforts to combat teen/youth suicide and depression and to promote the study of technology. I hope to attend and hope members will join me. Keep the date in mind.

ARTS – Nancy Clark –. All items were submitted for the teal & purple competition and proceeds



from the auction at Annual Meeting will be donated for the Domestic Violence Grants at Fall Meeting. Joan Curran contributed one of her creative fabric prints, Joyce Clark i knitted a baby's outfit and Nancy Clark painted a picture.

COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC RELATIONS - Nancy Brown – Please continue to save any articles that you may see anywhere. When clipping any article makes sure you include the header that has the paper's name, page number, and date of said article. Be aware that our events and announcements are also run on Cable TV, on-line and Facebook.



CONSERVATION – Denise Wheeler – Collecting newspapers, puzzles, board games, empty ink cartridges, fabric, yarn, old cell phones, eye and reading glasses, small jewelry boxes, coffee cans, old batteries, embroidery floss, used eye glasses with cases, metal and plastic coat hangers, holiday cards and soda tabs. Arbor Day is coming clubs are encouraged to plant trees.



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: - Nancy Martin/ Joyce Clark – The center in Brockton for women Penelope's Place is looking for new/slightly used sweatpants and sweatshirts or sweat suit sets. Triangle House is looking for women's clothes.



EDUCATION – Nancy Martin/Joyce Clark –The next Virtual Book Club selection: "The Nest" by Cynthia D'Aprix Sweeney. Updates will be posted on Facebook. Discussion begins March 29 2019 with Beth McKeon at elizabethmccurley@gmail.com Bring books to the monthly meetings for the "More Than Words" book collection and Prison Book. **It's scholarship time!** If you have a daughter or granddaughter who is a graduating senior and attending college next year, apply for the Ricky Gomes Scholarship and all the other scholarships available through GFWC. Go on the GFWC of Massachusetts Junior site for the listing. If you have any questions contact me, my



daughter applied for and received a \$500 scholarship and I know from being the Education Chairman making the selections for few years that very few students apply so your chance of receiving a scholarship is very high. Also if you are a member and you yourself are going back to school you may apply for the Ricky Gomes Scholarship too!

FUNDRAISING – Cindy Brogan – Next Ad-Hoc Committee meeting is April 15th at 5:00pm at Nancy Clarks' House.

HOME LIFE – Nancy Brown- Prime Time wish list: Individually wrapped snack size; raisins, cookies, chips and crackers. Please note that they now have someone with sensitivity to peanuts. They also need puzzles; 100-300 pieces, **LARGE** pieces. They are also looking for a volunteer to lead a monthly sing-along. So if you play guitar or piano, and enjoy making others happy, and have a few hours a month to give please call Sheila at 508 669-6272

HOSPITALITY – Robin Gendron – April is Brenda Saben and Fran Perry



INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH –Cindy Brogan- We are seeking GFWC Junior club women who will devote time to helping us find some answers to this question "What Does an international women's club look like on the local community level?" To Join the focus/chat group email Eryn Clavelli at erclavelli@gmail.com. Souls 4 Souls is looking for new or gently worn shoes. The Heifer Pig is back, bring your change. March 8th is International Women's day.



LEADERSHIP: - Paula Gasparoni and Joan Curran – Think about applying for LEADS.

MEMBERSHIP —Jane Pacheco/Joyce Clark - Encourage friends and new people you meet to come to a meeting.

NEWSLETTER – Nancy Martin – If you do something representing our club during any given month, please forward information about it along with pictures to MRMartin947@aol.com. Reminder members can place up to three ads a month in the Newsletter for free. Deadline for submissions is one week before each meeting.

PRESIDENTS SPECIAL PROJECT: Edie Edlund- Raise money for Turning Point. Our club wants to purchase our own brick supporting Women Suffrage and also make a contribution to the GFWC of Massachusetts Junior Club brick. We hope to assist those members who wish to attend the ceremonial weekend of the 100th celebration.

PROGRAMS- Joanna Alden – None

PUBLIC ISSUES –Cindy Brogan – Join us at Conference, the speaker is from Wild Horses for Hero's—an equestrian therapy organization offering free services for vets. The service project is "pick me up Kits" for our public service men and women.

PUBLIC POLICY & LEGISLATION– Nancy Clark - There is a new request– Violence Against Women's Act. Your voice counts.

WEBMASTER – Nancy Clark – If you haven't gone on the site yet, visit the site and register for "Call to Action".

WHRC – Nancy Brown- Remember that we have our club's history book, Fashion Show book, and 125th GFWC Anniversary book available for loan. See Nancy Brown to check them out.

YEARBOOK– Nancy Brown & Nancy Clark –new yearbook has gone to print.

What should you bring to the April meeting?

- Checks for conferences
- Clothes for Women, Men and Children
- Books of any kind hardcover and paperback
- New or gently worn shoes: Sole 4 Souls
- Change for Heifer & for Turning Point



Happy Birthday to members:

Denise Wheeler Nancy Brown Fran Perry Susan Johnson Kathy Voller

Up Coming Events

Business Meeting, April 1st B.P. 7 p.m. Silver Platter

April 26, 2019 Junior Fun Night

April 27, 2019 GFWC Massachusetts Junior Membership Annual Conference, Stoneforge

Board Meeting April 29th at B.P., 6:30 PM , Silver Platter

The Tea May 19th

\$ For Sale by Members\$

Calf length real fur (mink?)coat. Hardly worn, well taken care of, and beautifully lined. Will throw in 3 faux fur hats. Asking \$300 obo. Contact Mary Barrett if interested at 508-824-8265 or email me at chippy.5@hotmail.com.

Publicity Recent Articles



March 17, 2019 ~ Building Community One Positive Story at a Time



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strengthening the bond of friendship and sisterhood. Several members recently attended an 80th Anniversary viewing of the iconic film *Gone With the Wind*. Women 18 or older interested in the club may contact Joyce at 508 824-3382 or go to www.tauntonraynhamjrs.org for more information.



The GFWC Taunton and Raynham Junior Woman's Club has welcomed two new members. Suzanne Kaye from Taunton (center left) joined the club in February, and in March's our membership chairwoman Joyce Clark installed Kathleen Sampson. On Right: Joyce Clark, new member Kathleen Sampson, and vice president Robin Gendron
Respectfully Submitted, Nancy Brown



Happy Easter

From your editor:

Nancy L. Martin

