

JUNIORS *in Action*

Cindy Leonard - President

What Did We Do?

SUSAN CARLSON
Editor



Thank you to Linda Jablecki for sharing with us her story and of how she got involved with Pets As Therapy. Hoover enjoyed us as much as we enjoyed him. Amazing how a trained dog can impact humans in need.



And another successful fundraiser this month - our Soup Sampler. Thanks to all the Juniors who showed up early to set up and everyone who cooked, served and cleaned up. We could not have done it without everyone's help.

Thanks!



Special thanks to Fran Perry for sharing why she created her Angelic Expressions and how she raises money to give back to help Wounded Warriors and Relay for Life.

The Taunton Junior Woman's Club has entered a video into the Communications and Public Relations state contest. A video of our February Tea fundraiser is now on YouTube and was created by Susan Carlson. The contest rules were to create a video that helps with membership recruitment, has a positive exposure for the organization, and publicizes an upcoming fundraiser, and to generate some fun.

Did you read the book *Love Anthony* by Lisa Geneva? Well some of our club members did and enjoyed discussing it at the Book Club meeting in Sudbury last month. Be sure to be part of the next Book Club meeting.

Nine of our club members experienced the Macy's Fashion Show in Westboro. Thanks to Joyce Clark, Nancy Clark, Cindy Brogan, Vel Bleau, Cindy Leonard, Joan Curran, Jane Pittsley, Nancy Martin and Darlene Brown who went to help support Sheila Shea, our president-elect hopeful for the 2016/17 GFWC term.



We are competing with other GFWC MA Junior Clubs in a contest for best video. The winner will be announced at Annual Conference in April. To view and 'Like' go to the GFWC of MA Juniors YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-23b9UIZSfSig4bygjnw/videos>

Submit Newsletter articles to Susan Carlson at susansvin@yahoo.com or call 508 828 8066.

Upcoming Events

- Club Institute is on Thursday, April 3. Here's where we will learn if any of our members have won any art awards. Stay tuned.
- Our April 7 guest speakers at our business meeting will be our own Nancy Clark and Cindy Brogan. They will be presenting the Heifer International project.
- The Juniors' Annual Conference starts with a Junior Fun Night on Friday, April 25, followed by the conference on Saturday, April 26. Join us at the Marriott Courtyard Boston Marlborough, 75 Felton Street, Marlborough MA 01752. You must sign up and pay for your meals at our business meeting. Lunch is \$26 and dinner is \$36.
- Our next Foxwoods Casino fundraiser will be on Friday, April 25 and the cost per person is \$30.
- May 10 will be our next Indoor Yard Sale at the VFW hall on Ingels Street in Taunton.
- June 20 is Relay for Life. Please join our team and walk for this great cause.

DATES TO REMEMBER	APRIL 7 BUSINESS MEETING	APRIL 28 BOARD MEETING	MAY 5 BUSINESS MEETING	MAY 19 BOARD MEETING
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April 2014						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31	April 1	2	3 CLUB INSTITUTE	4	5
6	7 JR. BUSINESS MEETING AT 7:00 PM	8	9	10	11	12
13 Palm Sunday	14	15 Passover Tax Day	16	17	18 Good Friday	19
20 Easter	21	22 Earth Day	23	24	25 JUNIORS' ANNUAL CONFERENCE	26
27	28 JR. BOARD MEETING	29	30	May 1	2	3



April Hospitality	May Hospitality	June Social
Nancy Clark (C)	Darlene Brown (C)	Location TBD
Nancy Brown	Dolores Costa	

Committees

ARTS

Nancy Clark

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One of our members each month will be featured in the "Artist Corner". A different club member will give a short talk about her work and why she chose that medium (i.e. paint, photography, flower arranging, writing) to express herself. Her work will be on display to help enlighten, encourage self-expression, and inspire others. This month's featured artist will be Nancy Brown.

CONSERVATION

Denise Wheeler

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We **recycle!** See our website for a list of all items, including dead batteries. Let's add lightbulbs, metal coffee cans w/lids, egg cartons, soda tabs, shoe boxes and empty toilet rolls.

Darlene continues to collect for the Central Square Congregational Church in Bridgewater clean used blankets hats, gloves, mittens, socks, towels, hooded sweatshirts, scarves, mittens (preferably large), small duffle bags, back packs and soap for needy families.

We are collecting men's clothing for Crossroads in Providence and Veterans at St. Thomas Church.

EDUCATION

Nancy Martin

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Donate a paperback dictionary, Spanish/English dictionary or thesaurus for the Prison Book Program. For more information on this program, go to www.prisonbookprogram.org.

Bring books to swap or that can be donated to Friends of the Library. We will start collecting children's book for Citizen for Citizens as well as Dr. Seuss books for our 'Cat in the Hat' events.

Have you signed up for our Relay for Life team being held on June 20? Go to www.relayforlife.org.

FUNDRAISING

Denise Wheeler

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Our next fundraiser is will be our Foxwoods Casino Trip on Friday, April 25, \$30 pp. Leaving from Silver City Galleria Mall @7:30 a.m. sharp. Arriving back around 5:00 p.m. First call basis for reservations- as long as seats are available. Money accepted up to time of boarding. Call Jane at 508-822-5437 or e-mail her at flower57@comcast.net

Please donate mugs, specialty tea bags, tea pots and large baskets for our raffles, and summer, fall, winter, spring and kids items.

HOME LIFE

Nancy Brown

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This department encompasses our community volunteer efforts to help others. Examples are our collecting for homeless shelters, remembering the elderly, handicapped and others in need.

Save Toiletries for Samaritan House and Main Spring House.

Save board games and craft supplies, like popsicle sticks, googly eyes, felt, foam, ribbons, etc. for Pride Inc.

Save cereal for Raynham Food Basket.

Save canned goods for St. Vincent dePaul.

Knitted Lap Robes (36 x 36) are needed for Compassionate Care Hospice.

INTERNATIONAL

OUTREACH

Cindy Brogan

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Bring pens and pencils for a catholic mission in India. Save stamps and Christmas cards for India Missions.

We will be collecting for Heifer International as our project for GFWC of MA Juniors this year.

LEADERSHIP

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Congratulations to Robin Gendron who was awarded a certificate for taking on our Public Affairs Department.

MEMBERSHIP

Dolores Costa

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Happy Birthday to:

Denise Wheeler, Nancy Brown, Fran Perry, and Gina Rego.

FYI, at our Spring Social 5 - 10 - 25 year pins will be awarded to our members.

How many years have you been a member? Check with Dolores if you are due a pin this year.

PUBLICITY

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Check out the Raynham Buzz, Taunton Gazette and cable for coverage of our upcoming Foxwoods Casino fundraiser.

PUBLIC ISSUES

Robin Gendron

We are still collecting teddy bears or other small stuffed animals for TEMS and items for our troops in two bins at the Taunton Public Library.

PROGRAMS

Joanna Alden

Don't miss our speakers, Nancy Clark and Cindy Brogan at our April meeting. They will be presenting the Heifer International project.



NEWS & Notes



GRAND - The Magazine for GRANDparents & Their Families

All GFWC members are entitled to a complimentary subscription of this unique online magazine, *GRAND* - The Magazine for GRANDparents & Their Families (\$19.95 value). Just [click here](#) to get instant access to the current issue and archives. Each new bi-monthly issue will be delivered right to your inbox.

GRAND is more than a magazine, it's a multi-media resource for today's active grandparents, grandchildren, and parents. *GRAND*'s mission is to provide relevant information and inspiration to help successfully navigate and enjoy this vital family role and life stage. *GRAND* Magazine provides a voice for all grandparents including those special "encore" parents who are raising their grandchildren, and for those grandparents seeking help just to be in the lives of their grandchildren.

Blessing Bags

Nancy Clark and Cindy Brogan have been volunteering for the local "Mathew 25:40 Mission". This is a homeless outreach mission in the City of Taunton and a ministry of the First Parish Church of Taunton. Mark Cook is the program director and has established this shelter for the homeless.

He collects the following items for each person in need and provides them in a "Blessing Bag". He gives items to help in everyday life needs, never money.

On Saturday, April 12 Mark needs volunteers to fill "Blessing Bags" and write cards for them and on the April 26 he needs volunteers to make bag lunches for the homeless so they will have something to eat over the weekend. Please speak with Nancy or Cindy if you are interested in volunteering.

This project could be our club's new 2-year Community Service Project. Here are the specific items in need:

hygiene items	aspirin	granola bars	gallon zip lock bags
tooth brushes	cough & cold medicine	non perishable food such	backpacks and drawstring
tooth paste	combs	as bagged tuna, cheese and	bags
snacks	brushes	cracker packs	
bottled water	shampoo samples	Dunkin Donuts coupon	
Tylenol	soaps	books	

A Walk Down Memory Lane

Isn't it funny that how no matter how much things change they still stay the same? Our own Thelma McCaffrey uncovered a stash of Junior yearbooks that she had saved over the years. It was interesting to read through some of them to see the different programs and projects done over the course of our sixty-three years. In perusing the 1960 yearbook celebrating the clubs 10th anniversary, Nancy Brown came across the following poem.

Boost Your Club

*"If you want to belong to the kind of a club
That's the kind of a club you like,
You'll find it right here in home town, my dear,
The club that is just about right.
Elsewhere you'll find the usual kind,
But in our club there is much that is new;
It's a knock at yourself when you knock your club'
For if there's a fault, it's in you.
Great clubs are not made by women afraid*

*Lest someone else gets ahead;
When everyone works and nobody shirks,
A club can be raised from the dead.
So, if while your president labors right hard,
Each member will labor hard too,
Your home club will be what you want it to be,
For it isn't your club - it is you!"*

Submitted by Mrs. Waldemar Jacobson (53 years ago!)