

GFWC Taunton and Raynham Juniors

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What's New?s Paper



Upcoming Meetings and Events

Dec 6: Tea at Clough House in Boston, 2:00 p.m.

Dec. 6: Vespers Service at the Old North Church in Boston, 4:00 p.m.

Dec. 7: Monthly meeting and Annual Meeting

Dec. 14: Holiday Party at Bella Roma, 239 Broadway, Taunton, at 6:00 p.m.

Dec. 21: Happy Chanukah

Dec. 25: Merry Christmas

Jan. 4: Monthly meeting at The Arbors, 7:00 p.m.

December's Meeting

This will be our annual meeting with the election of officers. We will have reports from each officer and department and we will be electing officers for 2010. Nominations are:

President: Cindy Brogan

Vice President: Sharon Weatherford

Treasurer: Nancy Brown

Recording Secretary: Nancy Clark

Corresponding Secretary: Sharon Joseph

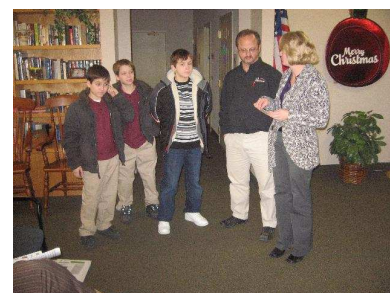
Auditor: Nancy Martin

Director: Denise Wheeler

We will also be having a visit from the Wright family who recently adopted Sergey, the Russian orphan whom we collected for last December.

Sergey and his now new family visited us at our January meeting to thank us for our donations. Sergey has changed his name. Come to the meeting to find out what it is. Also,

Mayor Crowley will be on hand to welcome Sergey to Taunton!



Hospitality

Dec. 7

Nancy M. (C) and Mary R.



Don't forget:

Secret Pal Gifts!

Rent Relief for December:

Joanna Alden

Reminders for December's Meeting

Samaritan House: paper products, aluminum foil, plastic wrap

Education: 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.

St. Vincent dePaul: two or more canned goods

Submit Articles to Editor: Nancy Clark
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Dighton Arts Festival

Our table at the festival was a great success. Children loved making the puzzle frames and coloring the Thanksgiving and Christmas pictures. We displayed our club history tri-fold, gave out brochures and had several mothers sign up for our newsletter.

Thanks go to Cindy, Thelma, and Nancy C. for manning the table! We received a nice thank you note from the Dighton Lions Club and a plaque.

November Meeting

Anthony Raymondo from Atomic City Martial Arts on County Street in Taunton demonstrated safety for women using martial arts defense techniques.

Cheryl and Anthony's wife, Lindsey, helped him demonstrate several techniques for getting away from an attacker.



Notice anything unusual about these pictures?



Pie & Coffee

Our Pie and Coffee Fundraiser netted \$420 and all had fun. There were so many delicious pies to go with our coffee and tea.

On our basket raffle and lottery ticket board raffle we made \$410. Cindy was the big winner in the basket raffle and Cindy also won the lottery tickets.

Holiday Social: Our holiday social will be Monday, December 14, 2009 at *Bella Roma*, 239 Broadway, in Taunton starting at 6:00 p.m. We will select from the four items listed on last month's newsletter but we don't need to tell them which we want ahead of time. The most expensive of those items is the Shrimp and Scallop Scampi for \$16.95.


Homelife:

- Join in Welch's **Feeding America** campaign by visiting welchs.com/harvest and clicking the "Donate Now" button. Every time you do, they will donate eight – 8 oz. servings of 100% juice, up to 1 million servings. Each of those servings equals one cup of fruit.
- 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 sweater.
- Kim McMann is collecting coupons (any coupons). They cannot be expired. Please bring any you have to this month's meeting.
- The *Raynham Food Basket* is in desperate need of canned soup and canned green vegetables.



Community Improvement: Our work at Boyden is on hold until spring. However, our good news is that we have been awarded a \$500 grant from Reebok to continue our work at Boyden. A big thank you goes to Susan Carlson for applying for the grant.

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/ to donate or swap items you no longer want.  **freecycle**™ 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, sweatshirts, scarves, thick socks, mittens (preferably large), and small duffle bags for needy families.
- Tropicana's "Rescue the Rainforest" promotion ends on December 31st. So check your accounts at www.tropicanaforest.com and let Denise know how many square feet of rainforest you have saved. We will use this information for our Conservation Department report this year.

Membership:

- 69% were in attendance at the October meeting!
- **Happy Birthday** to the following members: Darlene Brown 3rd, Deb Brennan 19th, Joyce Clark 21st, Nancy Clark 24th, & Susan Carlson 30th! We wish you All a very Happy Day!!!
- Please remind anyone wishing to join that the \$5.00 Membership Matters discount ends this month so make sure all applications are in by the December meeting for approval. Anyone who referred a new member will also get a \$5.00 discount on 2010 membership dues!
- 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 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, GFWC gets a percentage of your purchases every time you click on the affiliate link.



Public Affairs: Bring teddy bears for the Taunton Emergency Management System being collected by the Taunton Federal Credit Union.

International Affairs:

- We are continuing to collect children's books for nomadic schools in Kenya. For ideas of the types of books to collect check them out on our website at: http://gfwctauntonraynhamjuniors.org/Club_Reminders.aspx.
- Denise is also 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!



Arts:

- **Congratulations** to those "Smart About Art" in October. Smarties were: Nancy C., Diane Murphy, G.F.W.C. Recording Sec., Sharon W., Judy D., Judy A., Jane, Deb B. Denise & Joyce.
 - Answer: "Intertwining Scrolls" is the name for the sculpture that was chosen for display in the White House.
- **Question for December:** G.F.W.C. presents a commemorative keepsake ornament each year. What is the scene painted on this year's 2009 edition?
 - P.S. this ornament is available for purchase through G.F.W.C. for just \$20!
 - To help research this answer, you can log onto G.F.W.C. website: www.gfwc.org or
 - Go to the latest issue of Club Women Magazine
 - 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 508/345-5320 or email audree11@verizon.net**
- **There's Art in You** I hope everyone had a chance to see the "Coffee or Tea" brought in by Deb B., Judy A., and Nancy C.-Bravo Ladies!!
 - This month's template is entitled "Holiday Dessert." Remember to include a recipe for this holiday dessert to share with members if you'd like. You may bring your work to the Dec. meeting for display or collect them. But remember to bring them to the Dec. social on the 14th!!!



Education:

- Bring a paperback dictionary, thesaurus, or Spanish-English dictionary for the *Prison Book Program*, www.prisonbookprogram.org.
- Support our libraries: The *Friends of the Taunton Public Library's* monthly book sale is December 12th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nancy C. will be working the sale from 11:30 a.m. till 2:00 p.m.
- **Book Swap:** Finished reading a good book? Bring it to our meeting and swap with another member.

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YOUR NEWS

THOUGHT OF THE DAY — "I think charm is the (1923-2004).

READERS' PHOTOS



SUBMITTED PHOTOS BY NANCY BRO

Getting defensive

Anthony Raymondo, of Atomic City Martial Arts, taught the **GFWC Taunton and Raynham Juniors** valuable lessons in self defense at the club's recent business meeting. The Navy veteran, along with his wife Lindsey, demonstrated how to thwart an assailant with the use of simple techniques and how to guard against personal and terrorist attacks.

Raymondo brought in some equipment used in his training classes, such as a body dummy, to help illustrate such techniques. Members of the woman's club even volunteered to try out some of the moves that the couple demonstrated to the group. Above, Raymondo illustrates self defense moves on "Bob" the dummy. Right, club member Cheryl Carlos using the breakaway technique on Raymondo.

Tea and Vespers Service:

We are planning a trip to Boston for the GFWC of Massachusetts tea at Clough House and the Vespers Service at the Old North Church on December 6. Enjoy the tea and cookies at Clough house and Christmas music by a gospel choir at the Old North Church. We will be leaving at 1 p.m. on the 6th. Contact Nancy C. at 508/823-8193 if you are interested in going.

"Washington at Cherry Blossom

Time": GFWC of Massachusetts is planning a 4 day/3 night trip to Washington D.C. for April 5-8. The cost will be between \$629 and \$699 and will include transportation, hotel, breakfasts and dinners. See Nancy C. if you are interested.

A graphic advertisement for a fundraiser. It features a green background with a white circle containing the text. The text reads: "GFWC FUNDRAISER COFFEE & PIE Sunday, Nov 22nd @ The Arbors, County St., Taunton All you can eat. Basket Raffle. Limited Tickets. call 508.823.6004".

Notice on Dighton Cable TV about our Pie & Coffee Fundraiser

