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What's New? Paper



Upcoming Meetings and Events

Dec 6: Monthly meeting and Annual Meeting at The Arbors, 7 p.m.

Dec. 13: Holiday Party at The Ugly Duckling, 47 Weir Street, Taunton, at 6:00 p.m.

Dec. 21: Happy Chanukah

Dec. 25: Merry Christmas

Dec. 28: Report writing meeting at Cindy's, 10 a.m.

Jan. 3: Monthly meeting at The Arbors, 7:00 p.m.

December's Meeting

Look for a sneak peek of our club's new *YouTube* video and, after the regular meeting, each officer will give their yearly report before we elect our 2011 officers during the annual meeting that follows.

President: Nancy Clark

Vice President: Jane Pittsley

Treasurer: Nancy Brown

Recording Secretary: Joyce Clark

Corresponding Secretary: Denise Wheeler

Auditor: Nancy Martin

Director: Cindy Brogan

Holiday Social

Our holiday social will be Monday, December 13, 2010 at *The Ugly Duckling*, 47 Weir Street, in Taunton starting at 6:00 p.m. *The Ugly Duckling* is opening just for us and we will be ordering from the menu. Along with the other festivities we will be installing our new officers.



Hospitality

Dec. 6
Nancy B. (C) and Cheryl



Don't forget:

Gift Exchange

Drawing Prize for December:
Joan Curran

Reminders for December's Meeting

Samaritan House: men's or women's socks

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

Raynham Food Basket: two or more canned goods

Submit articles to our NEW Editor: Susan Carlson
TauntonRaynhamJrWomen@yahoo.com



November Meeting

Launie Buck told us all about the work of Mercy Ships while showing us many images of the ship's patients. Several of us would like to volunteer!

Then, Susan led winners of this month's art trivia in the Stroll, one of the answers to the question.

Finally, Kelly installed our new members, Melissa Fayette, Dolores Costa, Edith Edlund, and Deb Ramos.

Pie & Coffee

Our Pie and Coffee Fundraiser netted a record \$1,140! There were so many delicious pies to go with our coffee and tea and we all enjoyed the camaraderie.

We made \$445 from ticket sales and our basket raffle and lottery ticket board raffle netted \$695, not including the \$146 for Heifer.



Prison Book Program

Nancy B. and Joyce delivered dictionaries and helped to package books for mailing to prisoners all over the country as a part of the Prison Book Program.

The Prison Book Program gives books to individual prisoners in the United States. Prisoners have limited access to educational materials, and we provide them with free books for personal development during incarceration. We do so because education is a powerful tool that reduces the likelihood that a prisoner will return to the prison system.




Arts – Susan Carlson

- Congratulations to those “Smart About Art” in November: Nancy C., Judy deAbreu, Nancy B., Jane, and Kelly.
 - **Answer:** The Stroll was the dance famous in the 1960’s and performed in *Grease* and *American Bandstand* was the T.V. show where Rydell High was invited to perform this dance.
- **Question for December:**
 1. The following Dances; The Twist and Mash Potato were in what 1988 Movie set in Baltimore during the 60s TV Dance Craze? (Hint - Movie became a successful Broadway musical and the movie was remade in 2007)
 2. Name the artist that sang the hit song for each of the above dances.
 - Good Luck! **Call Susan Carlson at 508-880-8844 or email her at TauntonRaynhamJrWomen@yahoo.com.**



Conservation – Denise Wheeler

- See our website at <http://gfuctauntonraynhamjuniors.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.  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.

Education – Cindy Brogan

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



Homelife – Darlene Brown

- 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 this year’s reports.



Public Issues – Denise Wheeler

- Bring teddy bears for the Taunton Emergency Management System being collected by the Taunton Federal Credit Union.
- We have been collecting items for our troops “In Harms Way” at the Taunton Public Library which we give to the Lance Cpl John Van Gyzen IV Marine Corps League for mailing. So far we have filled 9 large bags with the items.

International Outreach – Nancy Clark

- 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!
- If you haven’t already brought them, continue to fill your Heifer International boxes so we can fill our pig. The club voted at the last meeting on the name of our pig. You’ll have to come to a meeting to find out what it is and how we decorated it. We made \$146 dollars from our scratch ticket drawing at the Pie & Coffee fundraiser that will go toward our Heifer donation.

Membership – Kelly Campbell

- We wish a very “**Happy Birthday**” to Darlene, 3rd; Deb B, 19th; Joyce, 21st; Nancy C, 24th; and Susan C, 30th.
- We had 71% attendance at our November 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 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 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.
- We will again be sponsoring a tree on the Taunton Green this year, so check it out and take a picture if you can.



Fundraising – Denise Wheeler

Denise is looking for donations for raffle baskets with a fall, Halloween, Thanksgiving, or Christmas theme for next year.

Legislation and Public Policy



Women and the Economy: The White House recently published a report entitled *Jobs and Economic Security for America’s Women*, which discusses the impact of the current recession on women. The report outlines how women face a host of workplace issues, such as a gender pay gap, a lack of family-friendly workplace flexibility, and underrepresentation in higher levels of management.

Please read the report (www.WhiteHouse.gov/SitesDefault/Files/Jobs-and-Economic-Security-for-Americas-Women.pdf) and take action by supporting legislation that improves the economic landscape and job outlook for women. (Excerpted from GFWC’s *News & Notes*)

Order Your 2010 GFWC Holiday Ornament Today

The GFWC Holiday Ornament is a Federation tradition. Each year, GFWC showcases a new holiday ornament featuring artwork related to our Federation history. All ornaments are framed in gold, and each comes with a detailed description of the ornament artwork. The 2010 GFWC Holiday Ornament depicts GFWC Headquarters—a must-have for every GFWC member! Ornaments are available for purchase through the **GFWC Marketplace**.



If you have yet to start your collection, you now have the opportunity to purchase the series of GFWC ornaments (2007-2010) at a special discounted rate—four ornaments for the price of three! Display these collector's items on your mantle, tree, or anywhere else in your home. Go to www.GFWC.org/Marketplace or call 800-443-GFWC to order your ornaments today. (Excerpted from GFWC's *News & Notes*)

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There's something for everyone on your holiday list at *Amazon.com*. And, for every purchase you make at *Amazon.com*, you can give two gifts! Amazon will automatically donate up to 15 percent of your total purchase to GFWC. The referral funds we receive will help build stronger volunteer programs. For more information, visit www.GFWC.org/GFWCMembers and click "Affinity Programs & Benefits." (Excerpted from GFWC's *News & Notes*)

Publicity – Nancy Brown

Submit any information to Nancy B. and any articles from the newspaper to Nancy C. for our Publicity Book.

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YOUR NEWS

THOUGHT OF THE DAY — "Freedom is always Polish-German socialist leader (1870-1919).

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SUBMITTED PHOTO

GFWC, Raynham Junior Women's Club hard at work

GFWC Taunton and Raynham Junior Women's Club has been busy with fall fundraising and volunteer activities. A recently held coffee and pie event took place at the Arbors in Taunton, where more than 50 ticket holders attended to help raise funds for scholarships and local charities. An assortment of home-baked pies were served, along with coffee, tea and hot chocolate. Participants purchased raffle tickets for the club's ever-popular basket raffle in hopes of taking home one of more than 40 themed gift baskets. The event raised over \$1,000.

LEFT: Deb Ramos and Susan Carlson serving pie at the coffee and pie charity event. RIGHT: Deb Brennan presents winner Judy Ackerman with one of the event's raffle baskets.