



Juniors in Action

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President – Robin Gendron, Vice President – Cindy Brogan, Recording Secretary – Joyce Clark,
Corresponding Secretary – Judy Ackerman, Treasurer – Nancy Clark, Auditor – Nancy Martin,
Director – Edith Edlund

What has our club been up to?

November 6th meeting was a fun meeting for all who attended, members enjoyed decorating 6 artificial two foot trees that were delivered to local nursing homes. It was a fun activity for members helping to put us in a Christmas spirit. During the **December meeting** our membership chairman Joyce Clark inducted a new member to our club: **Ana Kearnan** who learned about our club through our Facebook page! Welcome Ana, take time to introduce yourself to our new



member. **Our club** made, signed and delivered cards for Veterans for Veterans Day and Christmas.

Continual donations and help by club

members have been made to Matthew Mission. Many members have reached out to Mark Cook who has had a difficult year physically. He has done so much for our clubs so don't forget him, send him good wishes. During the holiday season donations from our club have been made to women veterans. **A one hundred dollar** donation has been given to the March of Dimes. Our club has collected and donated **15 new/used can openers** to the Matthew Mission Food



Pantry which are club continue to support.

Turkey baskets were donated at Thanksgiving and Christmas to Taunton High School and Joyce Clarks' Church. Our club collected and donated **23 pairs of glasses** to the Lions club. **Several members** Edie Edlund, Joyce Clark, Denise Wheeler and others have continued to volunteer

their time emptying out the house of Georgia Hamlin Skilling who was a friend to some of our members who always supported our fundraising efforts. Many collected items are still being sold, with additional money being contributed to our club. Our club members collected and donated **20 used phones** to the Marine Corp.

Once again we had our **annual Christmas Party** at the Home Plate restaurant on December 13th.

This time husbands and family were invited. The buffet was delicious and everyone that attended seemed to have a nice time.



The **new slate of officers** was sworn in: by Denise Wheeler they are President-Robin Gendron, Vice President -Emily Weiland, Recording Secretary Joyce



Clark, Corresponding Secretary- Judy Ackerman,
Treasurer-Sarah Brink, Auditor- Cindy



Brogan, and
Director-Edie
Edlund.
Several
members were
presented with
pins for years of

membership: Judy Ackerman 20 years, Nancy
Martin 15 years. New children clothes was
collected and donated **to JRI Foster Care**



and Adoption Agency;
they are located on South
Main Street in Berkley. Our
club also donated 2
baskets of food to the
agency and plan to continue our

support throughout the new year.

The new items were accepted by
Robert Costa Program Director.

Thank-you to all the members
who contributed for the
membership was very generous
with their donations. **Cindy**

Brogan has worked very hard
again this year running the fund raiser raffle for
scholarships; she was able to raise \$2,340. Great
job Cindy! The winner Judy Soares, a
nonmember but club supporter chose to take the
\$500 check and not the scratch tickets. The **rent**
relief was drawn and run by Nancy Brown, the
winner was Robin Gendron who won a nice
plant. Once again the membership has been



supportive with donating to rent
relief to help pay for our storage
facility with a total of \$175 for
the last 2 months.

Our club once again
gave back to
our
community
by dressing
**as Mrs.
Clause and
Santa Elves**



on Saturday December 4th during the City Lights
on event at the Hometown Furniture location.

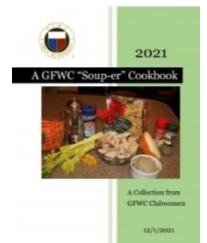
Mrs. Clause Nancy Brown read Christmas Stories
in small groups and with assistance from
the members dressed as elves Fran Perry,
Robin Gendron, Cindy Leonard, Cheryl
Carlos, Cindy Brogan and Brenda Saban
who sang Christmas songs, gave out
candy canes and collected letters from

Santa from the children.

We have continued with our **Book-A-Baby**
Program. Nancy Martin had a grandson in May
and the Nancy Brown's book
"Freckles the Cow" was
donated to the Memorial
Library in Shreveport,
Louisiana on November 5th.



GFWC International had a soup contest. Our
member Nancy Brown represented our club by
submitting her Venus Demilo turkey soup recipe
to the GFWC International Soup
contest. She didn't win but was
recognized for her submission
with the recipe being placed in the
book they published of recipes. It
can be found and downloaded on
line at GFWC International. Great job Nancy!



COMMITTEES:

ADVOCATES OF CHILDREN—Robin Broberg –
Clothes for children to donate to the JRI Foster
Care and Adoption Agency.

ARTS AND CULTURE— Kathy Sampson –
Looking for suggestions.

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH –Emily
Weiland – Nothing at this time.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC RELATIONS-

Judy Floor – Judy has recently taken over this chairmanship and is doing a really good job. Keep up the good work. Let her know if you see any club articles.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT – AWARENESS AND PREVENTION: - Amanda Fata Nothing at this time.

EDUCATION AND LIBRARIES – Nancy Martin- Looking for club members to help with the scholarship committee revamping the application and criteria. Will meet on Monday and/or Thursday nights.

ENVIROMENT – Denise Wheeler – New items sweatshirts, sweatpants, shoe boxes. Martin Middle School teachers are looking for books and CD's for teachers to swap. Our club is collecting Sweatshirts, sweatpants, coats, hats gloves and empty shoe boxes. Still 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, soda tabs, and old bras.

FUNDRAISING AND DEVELOPMENT – Cindy Brogan – Nothing at this time.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS - Nancy Brown

☺You can continue to save tissues, crackers and cookies, small hand sanitizers. Also looking for 300-500 piece puzzles, crossword puzzle books or any kind of puzzle books. No peanut butter crackers.

LEADERSHIP – Paula Gasparoni and Joan Curran –Think about becoming a club chairman.

LEGISLATION/ PUBLIC POLICY – Nancy Clark – New members if you need help becoming a member of GFWC Call for Action please let Nancy know.

MEMBERSHIP – Joyce Clark – Nothing at this time.

WOMENS HISTORY AND RESOURCE CENTER- Nancy Brown- Nothing at this time.

Happy December and January Birthdays!

Darlene Brown, Brenda Saben, Robin Broberg, Cindy Leonard, Joyce Clark, Nancy Clark, Susan Carlson, and Judy DeAbreu



What's Happening?

Monday January 3rd – Business Meeting at Bristol Plymouth High School at 7:00pm
Silver Platter Restaurant

Hospitality provided by Brenda Saben, Darlene

Brown & Sarah Brink

**The heart of a volunteer is not measured in size,
commitment to make a difference in the lives of**



**but by the depth of the
others**