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Our Board Members

Lynne Jorge, President – Mary Barrett, Vice President – Joyce Clark, Recording Secretary
JoAnn Matthews, Corresponding Secretary – Vel Bleau, Treasurer – Nancy Martin, Auditor
Cindy Leonard, Director

What Did We Do During November?

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November 7th Business Meeting: The program this month was the discussion of the Standing Rules and By-Laws revisions by the committee and amended by the executive board. It was voted to read only the changes and then address any questions. The reading was done by Nancy Brown a committee member. With little discussion the Standing Rules and By-Laws were accepted as amended. The changes will appear in the new yearbook for 2017. Due to this adoption, a two year span for members of the executive board has been put into effect and now a new board will be sworn in at the Christmas party on December 12th. Hope to see you there.

GFWC Signature Project Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention: Joyce Clark passed out t-shirts for members to put sayings on to display at our future functions for the year to fight against Domestic Violence.



Communications and Public Relations: Eddie Edlund passed out several cards for vets to be signed at each table and collected them at the end of the night. They will be given to vets through Mark Cook, distributed by the Red Cross. Joyce Clark purchased two turkeys and she delivered them to Saint Vincent De Paul.



Education: Every member was given a fundraising calendar to help raise money to purchase supplies for area classrooms. The goal was to perform an

educational task each day of the month of October, and those not completed resulted in a payment penalty of \$.10. The maximum amount of money to be collected from each member was \$3.00. A total of \$50.30 was collected. For those who participated one drawing for a \$5.00 Dunkin Donuts card was given and the winner was Denise Wheeler.

Leadership Ribbon: Was presented to Vel Bleau for all the hard work she does as treasurer and her preparation for the annual budget.

Matthew Mission 25:40: The president's project headed by Cheryl Carlos continues to thrive. There was a Thanksgiving Dinner for all the volunteers, and some needed families and homeless on November 17th; many members who volunteer at the mission attended.

Friday September 30th was the beginning of the 107th GFWC New England Region Conference; reports of the conference were made at the November meeting by Nancy Clark and Nancy Martin.

Saturday October 22nd was the GFWC of MA Junior Fall Conference reports of the conference were made at the November meeting by Mary Barrett.

WHRC: The committee working on our history book has worked very hard on its' completion for two years. It is now going through its' last revision. Nancy Brown speaking for the committee explained that 5 copies were purchased at \$93 a

book, a coupon was found to bring the cost down to \$72 for the next 5 ordered. It was decided that an ad will be placed in several papers and sites to advertise their sale. Four members Nancy Clark, Lynne Jorge, Denise Wheeler and an anonymous donor have committed to purchase a copy and donate their copies to be put in DC, Sudbury, Old Colony Historical Society and a copy for our club. The club needs to still purchase two additional copies for the Taunton and Raynham libraries.

December Christmas Party Monday December

12th: The committee presented two options to the membership for a vote the Boston Tavern in Middleboro and Segregansett in Taunton. The vote was close and Boston Tavern won with the vote 13 to 10. The committee is working very hard to make it an enjoyable night and I hope all will attend. It is always nice to do something as members outside of meetings, which seem few and far between each other. The cost is \$25; \$23 for the meal, \$2 for the cost of extras to put on the party. Checks should be made out to the club and brought to the December 5th meeting or sent to Nancy Brown.

Communication and Public Relations: Nancy Brown works effortlessly on this endeavor and has once again got us recognition in the gazette and on cable tv. She has also got us advertisements on our Coffee and Pie and Foxwoods trips.

Sunday November 6th: was the Dighton Arts Festival. It was attended by Nancy Clark, Joyce Clark, Mary Barrett, Cindy Brogan and Denise



Wheeler. They assisted children who wanted to make key chains and necklaces with colorful beads.

Both adults and children colored Veteran Day and Christmas cards for veterans Eddie will deliver to the vets. Joyce Clark gave out membership information we hope will bring in new members for this coming year. Denise Wheeler took in donations for vets and collected \$8.



Sunday November 13th: was the Pie and Coffee at the VFW Hall on Ingell Street from 12 to 2. Most members were present and contributed in some way to the fundraiser organized by Denise Wheeler, by baking pies, donating paper goods, donating pumpkins or making or donating items for raffles. The tables were decorated with a fall motif and the food was delicious. We raised \$544.29.

Tuesday November 15th: Nancy



Brown, Joyce Clark, and Vel Bleau provided a



Tea at Marion Manor at 6:00pm. All that attended were happy and had an enjoyable evening.

Monday November 21st: Nancy Brown organized 10 bags with fleece blankets and books and delivered them to the firefighters at the Dighton Fire Station.

Saturday November 26th and Sunday November 27th: was Vest-A-Dog Day at Pet Supplies Plus in Raynham on route 44. It was organized by Mary Barrett. The fundraiser went extremely well. Diane Whittaker, VP of Vest-A-Dog in Walpole, and Officer Frank Pacheco of the Raynham Police Department were in attendance with their dogs for a K-9 Meet and Greet. Officer Pacheco was in for part of the day on Saturday with his muzzled 4 year old black german shepherd, *Kyro*. Diane had her black lab, *Quinn*, a trained cadaver sniffing dog who modeled 2 varieties of canine



vests. Both handlers and dogs have gone through extensive training. Although the vests alone are expensive - approximately \$2500 each, the entire training process, first aid packs, air conditioned/heated vehicle crates, etc., can cost anywhere from \$6,000-\$10,000. Many thanks to Mary Barrett, Nancy Martin, Lynne Jorge, Nancy Clark, Joyce Clark, Denise Wheeler, JoAnn Matthews and Ann Marie Barry who gave up part of their weekend volunteering to help at our table both days. Thanks to Joyce Clark, Joan Curran and her fudge, and Vel Bleau, Nancy Clark and others who contributed goodies; and Nancy Brown for her sign. Any goodies left at the end of the event were

taken to the Samaritan House. Thank you Joyce for doing that for us! Many people signed up for our free raffle which was Buddy, a huge stuffed dog (courtesy of Cindy Brogan--thank you!!), a large V.A.D. coffee mug and a V.A.D. cold beverage container. The drawing took place at 5:00pm Sunday and the lucky winner was Joanna Alden's granddaughter, Madison. Congratulations, Madison! Our donation total proceeds for both days was \$411.04, plus what Diane sold was \$534.00 giving a grand total of monies raised of \$945.04! As Diane said, "You ladies rock!" We are looking forward to having both Diane and Officer Pacheco with their K-9's as guest speakers for our March program.

Committees:

ARTS – Nancy Clark – next challenge is for taste. Bake your best holiday food and submit the recipe along with its' picture. This challenge is from November 1st to December 31st. Each club member can make a submission by emailing it to club member Nancy Clark.

CONSERVATION – Denise Wheeler – Collect and bring to meetings; mason jars, shoe boxes, newspapers, box tops, plastic bottle tops, soda tabs and old batteries.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: - Joyce Clark – t-shirts were decorated and displayed at our events to promote awareness of domestic violence.

EDUCATION – Nancy Martin – Once again we hope to donate children books to Citizen for Citizens for Christmas. Please bring books to the December meeting or Christmas Party.

Donate a paperback dictionary or thesaurus for the prison book program. During the meeting Joyce Clark will organize a date to help out at the Prison Book Program.

FUNDRAISING – Jane Pittsley-A **Foxwood's Casino**

Trip is being offered by The GFWC Taunton Junior Woman's Club as a fundraiser for scholarships and charities, on Friday, December 2nd. Tickets are \$30.00 and include complimentary muffins and donuts, and gift to all bus riders with snack on return trip. Bonus package includes \$10.00 slot play and food voucher or full

buffet. Transportation is provided by Fisher Bus Inc. Departure will be from Silver City Galleria at 7:30 a.m. sharp, returning around 5:15 p.m. Please reserve your seat early and CALL JANE at 508 822-5437 or e-mail her at flower57@comcast.net Jane is looking for donations of small gifts to be given out during the bus trip.

HOME LIFE – Darlene Brown – Is looking for adult hats, gloves and scarfs for the homeless being gathered by the Central Square church.



Our Presidents Special Project: Lynne is requesting club members to bring \$5 gift cards from places like Dunkin Donuts, Cumberland's or Mac Donald's for small bags to be given out during the Christmas season for the homeless at Matthew Mission 24:10, the fifteen bags are being sewn by Nancy Brown.

HOSPITALITY – Mary Barrett –December is Nancy Martin, Robin Gendron, and Brenda Saban. January hospitality members have not been chosen yet.

INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH –Bring your change for the pig for Heifer. Get any type of shot at Walgreens, and a child gets one free.

Leadership: - Nancy Brown – A leadership ribbon will be awarded during the meeting.

MEMBERSHIP – Joyce Clark – see website

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

PUBLICITY – Nancy Brown – see website

PUBLIC ISSUES – Robin Gendron see web page

PROGRAMS – Joanna Alden – No guest speakers for December or January.

PUBLIC POLICY & LEGISLATION– Nancy Clark – Go onto our website and register for GFWC's Legislative Action Center. Notify Nancy when you register and forward responses from representatives and senators to her too. Email senators and representatives to fund research for combatting the Zika Virus.



YEARBOOK– If you did not receive one see Joyce Clark. Members can print all or parts of the yearbook from the website.

WHRC – Nancy Brown – The last revisions of our history book is under completion. Once they are

printed books will be available for purchase for just \$72. Copies paid for by the club will be submitted to our state office in Sudbury, the international office in Washington DC and our own history museum in Taunton.



Happy Birthday from your fellow club members!

Darlene Brown
Joyce Clark

Brenda Saban
Paula Malo

Cindy Leonard
Nancy Clark

What should you bring to the meeting?

A check for \$25 made out to the club for the Christmas Party

Children Books for Citizens for Citizens

Pennies for Old Colony History Museum

Change for Heifer Pig

Slightly new or used bras including sports, nursing and camisoles for human trafficking

15 collected so far!

Old cellphones for Soldiers

Adult hats, gloves and scarfs for the homeless being gathered by Darlene Brown's church

Children Books, fleece blankets, for firefighters

2017 Membership Dues

2017 Membership dues for \$30 are due on or before December 31, 2016.

Payable by Cash or Check.

Checks can be made out to GFWC Taunton and Raynham Juniors.

These dues can be paid at our December meeting or send to:

Vel Bleau

757 Tremont Street

N. Dighton, MA 02764

Upcoming Events

December 12th Holiday Party

Casino Trip to Foxwoods, December 2nd



Budget Meeting Friday December 9th, **committee chairmen should submit their budgets**

Saturday December 10th is the Report Writing Meeting with the club chairmen and executive board at Nancy Clarks' House at 10:00am

Relay for Life Friday June 16th-17th

Next business meeting is December 5, 2016; 7:00pm at B.P. Silver Platter
Holiday Party December 12, 2016 at Boston Tavern in Middleboro at 6:00pm
Next board meeting will be Monday, January 30th at BP Silver Platter Restaurant at 6:30pm

Merry Christmas to everyone from your Newsletter Editor Nancy L. Martin



President's Corner

As another year has passed and Christmas is upon us, I will think about what the holiday season means to me. For many of us, Christmas is a time to celebrate the birth of Christ. To remember that he died on the cross to save all of humanity for our sins. He made the ultimate sacrifice because he loves us that much. How can I ever thank him for that? How can I let him know how much I think of him for that? I hope that you will find that much love in your hearts this Christmas season and that you'll be open enough to share that kind of adoration with your families, loved ones and the world around you.