



## GFWC Taunton and Raynham Juniors

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# What's New?s Paper

## Upcoming Meetings and Events

Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> Regular meeting at  
The Arbors, 7 p.m.

Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> Chairman's report  
writing meeting in Sudbury,  
11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

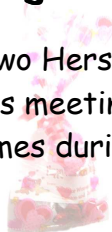
Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> "Hearts o' Fire" Tea at  
The Arbors, 2-4 p.m.

Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> Happy Valentine's Day

Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup> Board Meeting at The  
Arbors, 7 p.m.

## February's Meeting

Members should bring two Hershey's Kiss bags in red  
and silver to this month's meeting. We will be filling  
bags for the nursing homes during the meeting.



## "Hearts o' Fire" Tea

Keep selling those tickets for our tea! Adult tickets  
are \$10 and children under 12 are \$5. We'll have a  
sign-up sheet at this month's meeting for  
those who would like to help set up or clean  
up. Anyone volunteering to set up should  
be at The Arbors by noon on the 8<sup>th</sup>. And  
don't forget to bring those delectable  
pastries and hors d'oeuvres.



## Hospitality

### February 2<sup>nd</sup>

Joyce C. (C) and Audrey

### March 2<sup>nd</sup>

Judy A. (C) and Cheryl C.

### April 6<sup>th</sup>

Sharon W. (C) and Susan S.

### May 4<sup>th</sup>

Lauretta (C) and Paula

Don't forget:

**Secret Pal Gifts!**

Submit Articles to Editor: Nancy Clark  
[tauntonraynhamjrwomen@yahoo.com](mailto:tauntonraynhamjrwomen@yahoo.com)

## Reminders for February's Meeting

**Samaritan House:** Hot cocoa mix, coffee, tea, powdered  
coffee creamer, and sugar

**Education:** a paperback dictionary or thesaurus

**Pride Inc.:** Craft Supplies (see website), board games

**St. Vincent de Paul:** 2 or more canned goods

**Taunton Emergency Management System:** Teddy Bears or  
brownies for Denise to sell.

**Main Spring House:** bar soap

**Shaw's Cash Register Receipts:** Our club gets 1% of your  
receipt totals

## Installations

Because Jane and Cindy were unable to attend our holiday party, we installed Jane as a new member and Cindy as president at January's meeting.



## January Meeting

Ryan Carney of the Boston Better Business Bureau spoke to us about scams and fraud and we asked many questions.

Then, the Wright family brought Sergey, the Russian orphan we bought gifts for in December, to meet us. He showed us pictures of his stay in this country.

## Mid-Winter Conference

Seven club members attended the GFWC of MA Mid-Winter Combined Conference in Sturbridge Village and it was a full day with the business meeting, a letter writing workshop for "Incredible Kids Day," awards for 25-year members, a fabulous lunch, two great speakers, a highly entertaining story teller, and, of course, the basket raffles! Joan, Nancy B., and Joyce received their 25-year awards, our club's Disney basket won the best "International Theme" award, and our club members won 5 baskets in all.



## International Affairs:

- We are continuing to collect children's books, but instead of sending them to the "Camel Bookmobile," the books are now for nomadic schools in Kenya. Thanks to all the donations, the camel library is full! For ideas of the types of books to collect check them out on our website at:  
[http://gfwctauntonraynhamjuniors.com/Club\\_Reminders.aspx](http://gfwctauntonraynhamjuniors.com/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.



## Homelife:


- The "Main Spring House" homeless shelter in Brockton is asking for bar soap.
- 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.bakeforthecure.com/Register.aspx>.
- Joyce has been knitting baby caps to donate to Morton Hospital and other hospitals in the area. Anyone interested in knitting or crocheting caps can find patterns at  
[http://www.warmupamerica.com/Jul06\\_kit.html](http://www.warmupamerica.com/Jul06_kit.html) or  
[http://www.bbc.co.uk/stoke/my\\_pages/babywear/hkp/012.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/stoke/my_pages/babywear/hkp/012.shtml). If you slightly enlarge the pattern, the hats can be donated to *Helping Hands* and homeless shelters.

**Rent Relief:** Nancy B. is bringing this month's rent relief.

## Education:

- Bring a paperback dictionary or thesaurus for the *Prison Book Program*,  
[www.prisonbookprogram.org](http://www.prisonbookprogram.org).

## Conservation:

- See our website at [http://gfwctauntonraynhamjuniors.com/Club\\_Reminders.aspx](http://gfwctauntonraynhamjuniors.com/Club_Reminders.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/](http://www.freecycle.org/) to donate or swap items you no longer want. To sign up for the Taunton group, go to  
[www.freecycle.org/group/United%20States/Massachusetts/Taunton](http://www.freecycle.org/group/United%20States/Massachusetts/Taunton).  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 collecting clean used blankets, hats, gloves, mittens, socks, sweatshirts, scarves, thick socks, mittens (preferably large), and small duffle bags for needy families. Socks and small and large duffle bags are especially needed.



## Membership:

- There are no birthdays to report for February.
- Wear club shirts if you have one.
- GFWC "Unity in Diversity" pins are available for \$5.
- **Special discounts for club members:** from the e-GFWC January 17<sup>th</sup> newsletter  
Announcing an exclusive offer for [GFWC from T-Mobile](#)! You can select one of these great promotions with a new T-Mobile activation. This is a limited-time-only offer that expires March 31, 2009, so you'll want to act soon. Select one of these great promotions with a new T-Mobile activation:
  - FREE BlackBerry Pearl 8120, after \$100 mail-in rebate, with voice and data activation, regularly priced at \$349.99
  - FREE Nokia 6301, regularly priced at \$179.99, after \$50 mail in rebate, plus FREE Bluetooth headset
  - FREE Motorola RAZR, after \$30 mail-in rebate, regularly priced at \$199.99, plus FREE Bluetooth headset
  - Pay NO activation feeYou also qualify for this exclusive benefit available to new and existing T-Mobile customers:
  - New customer? You may be eligible to receive up to a 12 percent discount on qualifying monthly recurring charges
  - Existing Customer? Go to [www.t-mobile.com/corpdiscout](http://www.t-mobile.com/corpdiscout) and log in to My T-Mobile to learn more about qualifications for a corporate discountThis exclusive GFWC offer is only available by calling 866/464-8662. A T-Mobile expert will help you sign up! Be sure to reference promotional code: 11187TMOFAV.  
**Call T-Mobile at 1-866-464-8662 before March 31, 2009, to take advantage of these great promotions and discounts!**
- **Amazon.com Associates:**  
GFWC is pleased to participate in Amazon.com's Associates program, which enables members to purchase items through one of the world's largest online retailers and direct up to 15 percent of their total purchase to the Federation. Just click on the Amazon image at [http://www.gfwc.org/gfwc/Amazon\\_Associates.asp?SnID=1923107454](http://www.gfwc.org/gfwc/Amazon_Associates.asp?SnID=1923107454) to access Amazon.com via GFWC's affiliate link.



## Arts:

- Congratulations to our January Smart Cookies: Nancy B., Nancy C., Jane, Sharon, Cheryl, and Denise.
- Answer: William A. Bentley was famous for taking pictures of snowflakes. Here's a link to a nice YouTube video about him and his snowflakes:  
<http://www.squidoo.com/snowflakeman#module7044172>. You can read more in his book Snow Crystals which is still in print and available at your local library.
- **Question for February: Celebrate Black History Month!**  
What is the name of the famous person who is a major advocate for literacy, was nominated for an Academy Award for a role in a major motion picture, and has won many Emmy Awards. This person was also named the first female and African-American billionaire in the world and gives back in positive ways.
  - Good Luck! Call 508-345-5320 or email [audree11@verizon.net](mailto:audree11@verizon.net)

- Don't forget to bring your "High Heel Shoe" art picture for the display board. February's theme will be "Hats Off to You!"
- Congratulations to Nancy Clark for her winning club entry in the calendar photo contest- Good Luck Nancy!



## Get Ready to Step for the Roses with GFWC!

GFWC is excited to announce the launch of a new physical activity program called **Step for the Roses**. It's a fun, motivating walking campaign developed by AARP for GFWC's Focus on Health program. Using the rose — GFWC's official flower — as our inspiration, the 24-week program is designed to get clubwomen walking and working together!

Club members will track their daily steps by wearing a step counter every day. Each time you record 6,000 or more steps in a day, a rose appears on your online log form. Your personal step totals are added to your team's step totals to create a team average. You can compare your club's progress to other GFWC clubs everywhere.

To learn more, visit [www.StepForTheRoses.com](http://www.StepForTheRoses.com) and click the What, How, Who, and Step Counters buttons. What do you think club members? Would you like to try this fitness challenge?

## Fundraising:

- Save your *Shaw's Supermarket* receipts. **shaw's** will donate 1% of your expenditures back to the club.
- Continue to make brownies for Denise to sell at school.

**Publicity:** Send all info to Nancy B.



**Online article:**

**FRIDAY JANUARY 16, 2009** Last modified: Friday, January 16, 2009 2:42 AM EST  
**Club welcomes Russian visitor**

TAUNTON - The GFWC Taunton and Raynham Juniors welcomed Ryan Carney from the Boston Better Business Bureau to the January business meeting to discuss scams and fraud and how to guard against both.

In addition to the evening's guests, the Wright family attended, accompanied by Sergey Kolesnyk, a Russian orphan from St. Petersburg who was spending the holidays with the family. The Juniors had purchased clothing and other items which they donated to Sergey.

Jill Wright, her husband Michael and two sons, Garrett and Galen, spoke of Sergey's situation as an orphan and their involvement in being a host family. Sergey thanked the members for their contributions and shared photos of his visit here. He will be returning to Russia sometime in January.

<http://www.thesunchronicle.com/articles/2009/01/16/taunton/4232861.prt>