

JUNIORS *in Action*



Joyce Clark, Co-President
Susan Carlson, Co-President



Let me Introduce You . . .

SUSAN CARLSON
Editor

Our new 2013 Board members were installed at our January 7 business meeting by our Membership chair, Dolores Costa. Great job Dolores.

Co-President Joyce Clark.

Joyce has been a member since 1981. But not just a member, but a dedicated, loyal and 'I love being a Junior' member. She is always looking for ways to make our club better and giving of her time in just about every activity we do. She has been a District state rep for 3 years and is passionate about participating in the Prison Book club, the blue bears campaign, a basket raffle creator and is a non stop knitter of baby hats to give to neonatal units. Joyce has been nominated for both the Marilyn Perry (MP) and Martha Michalewicz (MM) Awards.



Co-President Susan Carlson. Susan has been a member since 1995 and has held the position of Corresponding secretary and chairman of the Arts committee. She became the Newsletter Editor two years ago and she is a past nominee for the MM award.



Vice President Cheryl Carlos. Cheryl has been a member since 2003. Cheryl has been an active member helping at numerous fundraisers. She manages the Alex's



Lemonade stand and has been a volunteers at other school activities for the last 14 years.

Recording Secretary Vel Bleu.

Vel, a member since 2009, previously held the position of Membership chairman and is now ready to take on her new role. Vel is never still, she is an active member of the Taunton Women's club, helps out with her 13 grandchildren and has time to dedicate at our fundraisers.



Corresponding Secretary Denise Wheeler.

Denise is back for a 4th year in this role and a member since 1997. She is an active member in so many ways; one of our designers of our famous baskets used at our raffles, doing arts and crafts for kids at events and always helping with our great fundraisers. Denise is a past President, Vice President, Director and nominee of the MP and MM awards.



Treasurer Nancy Martin.

Nancy, a member since 2006 is back for a 2nd year as our Treasurer. This role requires accuracy and is a time-consuming job, but with Nancy's mathematics experience, she is the perfect fit for this role.



Director Nancy Clark. After 2 years as our President, Nancy steps into the Director role while continuing to be the Education chairman. Nancy is also the Corresponding secretary and the Webmaster for GFWC of MA Junior Membership and manages our website and yearbook on line. She won the 2013 calendar contest and the 2012 Vision of Peace contest. Nancy has been a member since 2006.



Auditor Nancy Brown.

The multi faceted Nancy takes on the Auditor role again. She has won both the MP and MM awards and the 2012 calendar contest. Nancy has held nearly every position in our club since becoming a member in 1978; President, Treasurer, Arts and Leadership chairman, Auditor, Vice President, and Corresponding secretary.



Upcoming Events

At our February 4 Business meeting we will be filling our annual **Valentine Kiss Bags** to distribute to local nursing homes and the VA Hospital in Brockton. Bring 2 bags of Hershey Kisses to the meeting to fill or fill at home and bring in the filled bags.

We will be **voting** on a proposed new **start time of**

6:30 pm for our monthly Business meeting.

Our traditional February fundraiser is **'Tea with the Stars'** and is scheduled for Sunday, February 10 from 1:00 to 3:00 at the VFW Hall on Ingell Street in Taunton. Please be ready to volunteer your culinary arts of your finest finger foods. Sign up

sheet will be at our February meeting.

Be part of the **GFWC Legislative Day at the State House** on March 11, 2013. Speakers include Speaker of the House, Robert DeLeo and President of the Senate, Therese Murray. Enjoy lunch (\$17) and sign up for a free tour of the State House.

Our newest fundraiser will be our **Soup Sampler** on Saturday, March 23. What is your favorite soup? We'll be looking for volunteers to cook up a pot of homemade soup.

Get ready for our next **Casino Fundraiser** trip on Tuesday, April 16 to Foxwoods.

DATES TO REMEMBER		FEB 4 BUSINESS MEETING	FEB 25 BOARD MEETING	MARCH 4 BUSINESS MEETING	MARCH 25 BOARD MEETING
February 2013					
Sun 27	Mon 28	Tue 29	Wed 30	Thu 31	Fri 1 Sat 2
				 National Wear Red Day	Groundhog Day
3	4 JR. BUSINESS MEETING AT THE SILVER PLATTER AT 7:00 PM	5	6	7	8 9
10 TEA WITH THE STARS ☆☆☆☆☆☆	11	12 Lincoln's Birthday	13	14 Valentine's Day	15 16
17	18 President's Day	19	20	21	22 Washington's B... 23
24	25 JR. BOARD MEETING AT SUSAN CARLSON'S AT 7:00	26	27	28	1 2

February Hospitality	March Hospitality	April Hospitality
Nancy Clark (C)	Joanna Alden (C)	Judy Ackerman (C)
Francesca Perry	Jane Pittsley	Dolores Costa



Who's Who?

Francesca Perry

- ✿ Born In - Staten Island, NY ✿ Member Since - 2012
- ✿ Lived In - New York City, Jackson, NJ, Portsmouth, RI, Tiverton, RI, Grand Island, NY, Bakersfield, CA
- ✿ Favorite Pet - Sammy a 4 year old beagle and Marley and Bella the cats
- ✿ Hobbies - Photography, Traveling, Boating, Volleyball coach and player
- ✿ Favorite Things - Creating small businesses including Papparazzi Perry Photography, Miche Bags, Lia Sophia Jewelry and Amazing Emu Oil

FRAN'S FAMILY

Francesca was born on Staten Island, NY, and spoke Italian before she learned English. Thanks to her immigrant parents who came straight from Catania, Sicily Italy to the US. She

spent 5 summers, from age 5 to 30, in the mother country with her Italian relatives. Locally, she has only a two family members, her brother, Vincenzo, in Staten Island and a nephew in Las Vegas. Fran's father, Rosario, her mother, Santina and her 2 brothers, Santo and Roy have all passed away.



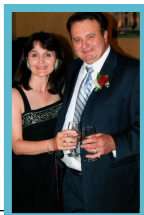
Fran has been married to Glen for 21 years and their daughter Alanna Cara is 20 years old. Fran's son Derek from a previous marriage is 37 years old.



FRAN'S CAREER

Fran graduated from Curtis High School in 1970 and from Hunter College in 1974 with a BA in Education, English and Physical Ed.

In 1976, Fran was the president and owner of Education Book Fairs. Twelve years later, in 1988, her company

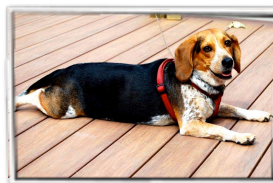


merged with Troll Book Fairs and she became their Northeastern regional manager till 2002.

In 2008, Fran earned her elementary teacher certification from Bridgewater State College after earning her Post Baccalaureate. She has been a substitute teacher for 10 years at local Taunton schools.

FRAN'S PETS

Sammy is her 4 year old beagle and she has 2 outdoor



cats; Marley and Bella.

FRAN'S SPARE TIME

Fran keeps herself busy with her many small businesses as well as doing video missions for Taunton Cable, Clam Bakes, as a member of the West Church and of course helping out at Juniors fundraisers.

FRAN'S LITTLE KNOWN FACT

The 1st concert she attended was in 1972 to see Elvis Presley at the Madison Square Garden. How cool!



Committees

ARTS

Susan Carlson

Art Trivia: Name the Women As Art at our February meeting.

Are you interested in joining the Arts committee? If so, talk to Susan.

CONSERVATION

Denise Wheeler

We **recycle!** See our website for a list of all items, including dead batteries.

Darlene continues to collect for the Central Square Congregational Church in Bridgewater clean used blankets hats, gloves, mittens, socks, hooded sweatshirts, scarves, mittens (preferably large), small duffle bags and soap for needy families.

With the help of Macy's and Deb Brennan, we donated 39 coats to Dermondy Cleaners for kids and to the Taunton Credit Union for adults.

We are collecting men's clothing for Taunton charitable associations.

EDUCATION

Nancy Clark

Donate a paperback dictionary, Spanish/English dictionary or thesaurus for the Prison Book Program. For more information on this program, go to www.prisonbookprogram.org.

Bring books to swap or that can be donated to Friends of the Library.

FUNDRAISING

Jane Pittsley

The next casino fundraiser trip will be on April 16 to Foxwoods.



Please donate mugs, specialty tea bags, tea pots and large baskets for our raffles, and fall, spring and kids items.

HOME LIFE

Denise Wheeler

Save Toiletries for Samaritan House and Main Spring House.

Save board games and craft supplies (see website) for Pride Inc. dayhab center.

Save cereal for Raynham Food Basket.

Save canned goods for St. Vincent dePaul.

Save your spare change for A Women's Concern.

Save flashlights, D batteries and other items listed on Winslow Farm website.

INTERNATIONAL

OUTREACH

Cindy Brogan

Bring pens and pencils for a catholic mission in India. Save stamps and Christmas cards for India Missions. Our pig, Cha-Ching is filled, but we will continue to collect this year.

We will be collecting for Shot @ Life, our focus project for GFWC of MA Jrs this year. And we will start decorating our Bandaid Bear at February's meeting.

Monthly Prize Contributor

The winner of our monthly prize drawing, will be the contributor of the next month's prize.

LEADERSHIP

Nancy Brown

At our January business meeting our members nominated *Joyce Clark for the Marilyn Perry Leadership award* and *Denise Wheeler for Martha Michalewicz Clubwoman of the Year award*. The winners will be chosen at GFWC Junior Annual Conference in April. Good Luck!

MEMBERSHIP

Dolores Costa

Welcome our newest member, Robin Gendron.



We will have a Membership table at the St. Myra Craft Fair on February 9 sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

PUBLICITY

Nancy Brown

We are on cable for our upcoming Valentine Day Tea with the Stars and in the BUZZ Around Raynham highlighting our recently installed Board!

Congratulations to a job well done by Nancy Clark and Joyce Clark who represented our club on the local FYI cable show.



PUBLIC ISSUES

Open

We are still collecting teddy bears for TEMS and items for our troops in two bins at the Taunton Public Library.

PROGRAMS

Joanna Alden

Our January guest speakers, John McCaul and Mary Ellen Yeo were full of energy and very enthusiastic of their cable TV show and radio program, FYI. They host and participate in a wide array of topics such as sailing, ballroom dancing, Civil War re-enactment, Haskin Farms visit, Jr. Special Olympics, OLLI and they promote local organizations such as ours.



GFWC

NEWS & Notes



National Wear Red Day



Studies show that heart disease is the number one killer of women in the United States. Unfortunately, most women do not make the connection between risk factors, such as high blood pressure and high cholesterol, and their personal risk of getting heart disease. To help raise awareness of this life-threatening disease, promote and participate in National Wear Red Day® on **February 1, 2013**. Urge your club, fellow members, families, and communities to support The Heart Truth's life-saving awareness campaign. For information, including promotional resources, visit www.NHLBI.NIH.gov/Educational/HeartTruth.

Juniors' Committees - What Do They Do?

There are 7 Standing Club Committees: Membership, Ways & Means, Hospitality, Programs, Newsletter, Yearbook and Publicity.

In addition, we have 8 Community Service Committees created to carry on the work of the GFWC of MA and the GFWC Department Committees. These Committees are: Arts, Conservation, Education, Fundraising, HomeLife, International Outreach, Leadership, and Public Issues.

Our monthly Newsletter will focus on one of these Committees each month and I encourage each of you to join one or volunteer to Chair a Committee.

Let's understand what the Conservation Committee is about . . . The GFWC Conservation Community Service Program is designed for members to gain an appreciation for our environment. Through preservation, maintenance, and restoration of our natural resources, it strives to educate members about the importance of beautifying our communities. Our natural resources include, but are not limited to, water, trees, plants, air, land and wildlife.



Conservation is important because our natural resources cannot be easily reproduced, and that's why we ask our members to be involved with recycling projects that are local and with other communities. There are many simple steps that we can take in our daily lives to help conserve such as recycling aluminum and newspapers, taking a shower instead of a bath to save water, and using lightbulbs that are labeled energy efficient. We may not be able to save the world, but we can help somehow, somehow.



If there is any group that is in need of anything that is reusable, let us know. Keep recycling and reusing egg cartons, dead batteries, hats, gloves, scarfs, used stamps and fronts of holiday cards. Our purpose is to find a place for things so that they won't go into our landfills.



Submit Newsletter articles to Susan Carlson at susansvin@yahoo.com or call 508 828 8066.

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An international women's organization dedicated to community improvement by enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service.

MEETING NOTES

The secret to happiness

Find something more important than you are and dedicate your life to it.

Daniel Dennett - is an American philosopher, writer and cognitive scientist whose research centers on the philosophy of mind, philosophy of science and philosophy of biology, particularly as those fields relate to evolutionary biology and cognitive science.
