



Juniors in Action



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Our Board Members

Edith Edlund – President, Robin Gendron - Vice President, Cindy Brogan - Recording Secretary, Joanna Alden - Corresponding Secretary, Nancy Clark – Treasurer, Nancy Martin - Auditor, Cindy Leonard – Director
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December Meeting: Our club welcomed two new members with their installations: Robin Broberg and Sarah Brink. In the new year take some time to introduce yourself to our new members. The annual meeting was conducted and the board members read their annual reports of



accomplishments for the year. Our president Edith Edlund made an aspiring speech of all our clubs'

accomplishments especially those she was involved with for the year.

What was our club involved in for the month of December? December has been a very busy time for our club. As a group or individually, members have been involved in many community donations and activities.

During the end of November our club was called upon to assist once more at the Matthew Mission to help put bags for the homeless



together for the holidays. A few of our members volunteered their time to help. Six pairs of white socks were donated at the party

and brought to the mission by Nancy Martin as well as individual members who donated gift cards and other needed gifts.

Our donation of a Christmas tree on the Taunton Green is number 50 if you would like to go by and see it.

For the 105th Annual Lighting of the Green in



Taunton themed "It's a Wonderful Life," the GFWC Taunton and Raynham Jr. Woman's Club were part of the festivities. That evening members portraying Mrs. Claus

and Santa's Elves read to children and handed out cookies and hot cocoa. Members Edith Edlund, Robin Gendron, Cindy Brogan, Nancy Clark, Brenda Saben, Cheryl Carlos, and Nancy Martin, acted as Santa's elves. They helped Mrs. Claus, Nancy Brown to entertain the hundreds of visitors coming into Hometown Furnishings on Main Street with



readings of "The Christmas Story" and "The Night Before Christmas." The club supplied sugar cookies and DeAvilas Catering provided hot cocoa. This was the GFWC

Taunton and Raynham Jr woman's Club's first Light's On event and it was so well received that they hope it will become an annual club event.

Joyce and Nancy Brown went to the prison Book Program on Tuesday the 18th and delivered 196 books. The Program sent our



club thank-you for being part of the 1256 people who spent 8133 hours over picking books, packing them up to mail, quality controlling packages, sorting donations and much more so that 11,725 people all over the country could get the books they need; the vast majority of those who asked for a Legal Primer, GED Study Guide or dictionary got one.

Joyce Clark brought pajama sets to New Hope. A total of 62 hats, gloves mittens and scarfs collected throughout the year at Martin Middle School and at our monthly meetings were donated by Denise Wheeler to families in need. During the Dighton Arts Festival paper stars were decorated by



children and their parents to be placed on trees to be delivered to veterans in Brockton Veteran Hospital. During this month of December

Denise Wheelers' students made some additional stars that were also placed on the trees. Our Club Christmas Party was on December 10th at Lorenzo's. It was organized by Cindy Brogan, Edith Edlund and Robin Gendron. Members had a chance individually to shake up the raffle stubs and the winner

of the raffle were: first prize of \$500 went to Ray Rose, who paid it forward to a friend whose husband left her with three small children towards Christmas gifts for the kids and the paying of some of their bills. The \$250 went to Donna Benoit a friend of member Cindy Leonard, and the third place of \$100 went to fellow GFWC member Tee Jablanski. The fundraiser raised \$1,480, thanks to all Cindy Brogans efforts; most of this money will go to our scholarships. Perfect

Attendance awards were presented to Vel Bleau, Judy Ackerman, Edie Edlund, Joyce Clark, Robin Gendron and Denise Wheeler. Milestone pins



were awarded to members Nancy Brown for forty years, Cheryl Carlos twenty years, Jane Pittsley ten years and Cindy Leonard for five years. The new

officers for the year were sworn in by Denise Wheeler who gave a different angel to each of the members

with an account of their duties.

Your new board members are: Edith Edlund President, Robin Gendron Vice President, Cindy Brogan Recording Secretary, Joanna Alden Corresponding Secretary, Nancy Clark

Treasurer, Nancy Martin Auditor, and Cindy Leonard Director. Nancy Brown ran a game; punch the cup with a \$5 scratch ticket in one and candy and sayings in the others that

raised money for Turning Point

totaling \$42. The winner of the ticket was JoAnn Matthews which unfortunately was not a winner. Each member at the party painted a Christmas decoration and they were put on a small Christmas tree that was brought to brighten

up the nurse's station at the Taunton Nursing Home 2nd floor by Joyce Clark and Nancy Martin.

Books were collected at the parties for Citizens for Citizens Community Outreach Christmas Program at both the June Social and Christmas Party along with the books Denise Wheeler collected at her school for a total contribution of 84 books. They were

delivered by Nancy Martin and Joyce Clark. Everyone enjoyed their meal



and the company of their fellow members at the party. Several members did karaoke that was brought about by the help of Lauren and Maryellen Founds.



Several of our members participated in a fundraising bingo night for the GFWC of Massachusetts in Sudbury. While

attending the event they also contributed an additional 54 books to "More Than Words".



Committees:

ARTS – Nancy Clark – Start picking your pictures for GFWC Photo Contests. Create something in teal and purple for the GFWC March 15th contest.



COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC RELATIONS - Nancy Brown – Looking for someone to take over this committee, please talk to Nancy Brown if you are interested. Please continue to save any articles that you may see anywhere. When clipping any article makes sure you include the header that has the paper's name, page number, and date of said article. Be aware that our events and announcements are also run on Cable TV, on-line and Facebook.



CONSERVATION – Denise Wheeler – 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 and soda tabs.



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: - Nancy Martin/ Joyce Clark – The center in Brockton for women Penelope's Place is looking for new/slightly used sweatpants and sweatshirts or sweat suit sets. Joan Curran is donating two dehumidifiers that is greatly needed at the center.



EDUCATION – Nancy Martin/Kathy Voller–



Bring books to the monthly meetings for the "More Than Words" book collection. Join the virtual book club on Facebook [GFWCMAjuniorsbookclub](https://www.facebook.com/GFWCMAjuniorsbookclub), by reading the book "The next person you meet in Heaven" by Mitch Albom. Discussion begins Jan 18.

FUNDRAISING – Cindy Brogan – There is going to be chicken dinner fundraiser on March 30th. January 14th an Adhoc Committee meeting will take place at Nancy Clark's house at 5:00 pm.



HOME LIFE – Nancy Brown- Looking to adopt a senior. If you know of anyone who needs our help or some company, please let me know. We can discuss a plan of action to help. Prime Time is always looking for small items for Bingo; tissues, lip balm, hand sanitizer, cookies or crackers, stamps, and candy.



HOSPITALITY – Robin Gendron - January is Cindy Brogan and Joyce Clark. February is Joan Curran and Jane Pacheco



INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH –Cindy Brogan- Souls 4 Souls is looking for new or gently worn shoes. One pair was donated at the Christmas Party. The Heifer Pig is back, bring your change.



LEADERSHIP: - Paula Gasparoni and Joan Curran – Think about applying for LEADS. This month we will be nominating members for two awards: first **the MARILYN PERRY LEADERSHIP AWARD**. This award is given to a Junior clubwoman who demonstrates outstanding leadership qualities and abilities, and uses them to benefit both her GFWC club and her community. She is an active leader in community organizations and/or projects (e.g. church, charities, schools, government) while maintaining positions of leadership within GFWC or within her GFWC club. Please note: the Marilyn Perry Leadership Award focuses on clubwomen who take their leadership skills beyond their club and use those skills in the community-at-large. It is an award recognizing leadership in general – not just within a club or



GFWC. Second is the **MARTHA MICHALEWICH CLUBWOMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD**. This award goes to the clubwoman who has gone above the call of duty for her club. She is the clubwoman who almost always says yes, takes on the roles both as a follower and leader, represents her club in the most positive light and always promotes the club and its activities. (Unlike the Marilyn Perry Leadership Development Award, this award recognizes work done with and for the club.)



MEMBERSHIP —Jane Pacheco/Joyce Clark - Encourage friends and new people you meet to come to a meeting.



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. Reminder members can place up to three ads a month in the Newsletter for free. Deadline for submissions is one week before each meeting.



PRESIDENTS SPECIAL PROJECT: Edie Edlund- Raise money for Turning Point. Our club wants to purchase our own brick supporting Women Suffrage and also make a contribution to the GFWC of Massachusetts Junior Club brick. We hope to assist those members who wish to attend the ceremonial weekend of the 100th celebration.



PROGRAMS- Joanna Alden – February speaker will be from Taunton Pathways on Community



Safety.

PUBLIC ISSUES –Cindy Brogan – Our new GFWC Junior Director Project will be helping and bringing forth recognition to veterans. One of them being “Wreaths Across America” taking place on December 15th of December 2019. Our club would like to purchase a dozen wreaths next year totaling \$180.

PUBLIC POLICY & LEGISLATION– Nancy Clark –Each member needs to sign up again in the Legislation Action Center. If legislature responds to your email about that specific topic, forward their response to Programs@gfwc.org and to Nancy Clark

webmaster@nclark.net. Here is the promised email address to forward replies from GFWC's Legislation Action Center: GFWCMALegislation@gmail.com.

WEBMASTER – Nancy Clark – If you haven't gone on the site yet, visit the site and register for “Call to Action”.

WHRC – Nancy Brown-Three copies of our club's history book are available at each meeting to look at. Club members are encouraged to sign out the book for a month with Nancy Brown and read it and return it. The committee is looking for ideas to help raise money to purchase a brick for the 2020 memorial brick.

YEARBOOK– Nancy Brown & Nancy Clark – If you have any changes in your home address, telephone number or email address; please send changes to your information for the new yearbook before it goes to print!

What should you bring to the January meeting?

Books of any kind

Sweatpants, Sweatshirts & Sweatsuits: Penelope House

New or gently worn shoes: Sole 4 Souls

Change for Heifer



Happy Birthday to members:

Judy DeAbreu

Up Coming Events

Business Meeting, January 7th, Silver Platter 7:00pm
January 14th an Adhoc Committee meeting will take place at Nancy Clark's house at 5:00pm.
Next Board Meeting January 28th
Business Meeting, February 4th, Silver Platter 7:00pm
Chicken Dinner at American Legion a Saturday Night March 30th, Cost \$15 a ticket
The Tea May 19th
Fashion Show July 11th
Craft Show September 8th

Publicity Recent Articles

December 2, 2018 ~ Building Community One Positive Story at a Time



The GFWC Taunton and Raynham Jr. Woman's Club welcomes renowned female magician Lyn Dillies who performed and shared her book 'Your Vote is Magic'!



Club members participated in a team building project facilitated by Leadership chairwoman Joan Rainville Curran. Paula Gasparoni and Nancy Brown gave a presentation on the history of suffrage in preparation of the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment, giving women the right to vote. The club is collecting donations for The Turning Point Suffrage Memorial to be dedicated in 2020 in Lawton, Virginia.



As the year comes to an end the club will give of themselves this holiday season by presenting Mrs. Claus and Santa's elves at the 105th Taunton Lighting of the Green. Mrs. Claus will read while the elves will distribute cookies and cocoa, and letters to Santa to the children attending. The clubs year end meeting will be on Monday, December 3rd at Bristol Plymouth in the Silver Patter restaurant at 7:00 p.m. Women 18 and older are invited to attend. For more information go to gfwctauntonraynhamjuniors.org or call Joyce at 508 823-4482. Also find us on Facebook.



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