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What's New's Paper

Upcoming Meetings and Events

Jan. 4: Monthly meeting at The Arbors, 7:00 p.m.

Jan. 16: GFWC of Massachusetts, Junior Membership Mid-winter Conference at the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, MA, 10:00 a.m.

Jan. 24: GFWC of Massachusetts Mid-winter Meeting at the Double Tree Hotel in Westborough, MA, 10:00 a.m.

Jan. 25: Board Meeting at The Arbors, 7:00 p.m.

January Meeting

At this month's meeting Christopher Angers, will present "Strong Women, Powerful Financial Strategies." Chris is a manager/advanced financial advisor for Ameriprise Financial Services, Inc. Although he comes to us from Dedham, his family lives in Taunton. With the state of the economy right now, we can all use some financial advice and I'm sure there will be lots of questions for Chris.



. Holiday Tree

Be sure to check out our tree on the Taunton Green before the season is over. This is the second year that our club has sponsored a tree on the green.



Hospitality

Jan. 4
Nancy Clark (c) and
Jane Pittsley

Feb. 1
Susan Carlson (c) and
Darlene

(See page 5 for this year's
hospitality list.)

Don't forget:

Secret Pal Gifts!

Rent Relief for January:
Nancy M.

Reminders for This Month's Meeting

Samaritan House: paper plates, aluminum foil, napkins, paper towels, plastic wrap and bags, plastic cutlery

Education: a paperback dictionary, thesaurus, or Spanish/English dictionary

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

Main Spring House: bar soap

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

St. Vincent dePaul: 2 or more canned goods

Submit Articles to Editor: Nancy Clark
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GFWC of Massachusetts Tea and Vespers

Joyce, Thelma, Nancy B., and Nancy C. attended this year's Tea and Vespers Service. We had cider and cookies at Clough House along with a tour and the Vespers service at the Old North Church was spectacular with the *Choir of Garden of Prayer*.

Check out our YouTube video of the event at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mFbnG91CPk8>



December Meeting

The Wright family returned with "Sergey," the Russian orphan who we collected for last December. The Wright's have since adopted Caleb (Sergey's new name). We all watched a video of Caleb and family members in Russia. Then, our club gave him a U.S. Savings Bond and Todd Castro from Mayor Crowley's office presented him with a certificate welcoming him to Taunton.

Afterwards, Audrey installed Rhonda Gardner as a new member of our club. Welcome Rhonda!



Holiday Party

This year's holiday party was held at the Bella Roma restaurant in Taunton where we had a very festive and delicious meal. Members contributed to a drawing for a scratch ticket platter where we made \$80 to be donated to the Heifer Foundation. Thelma, of course, won!

Denise presented roses to Cindy to thank her for her work this year as the club president.



Mid-winter Conference: this year's conference will be held in the Hogan Campus Center at the College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, MA and will convene at 10:00 a.m. We will be asking members who wish to attend to sign up at this month's meeting. Here is the schedule of activities:


- **Meeting Information**
 - Join Juniors from across the state ~ in federation friendship ~ as we ring in 2010
 - **Star Boutique** – shopping encouraged
 - **Basket Auction** - Club Theme Raffle baskets will be judged and citations awarded
- **Hand On Workshops** ~ what to bring list
 - **Valentines for Veterans**
 - Please bring names and addresses of service men/women who are overseas
 - Supplies needed ~ paper, doilies, stickers, scissors, glue sticks, markers
 - **Operation Smile** ~ arm cozies
 - Supplies needed ~ ¾" X 6" tongue depressors – we need 300
 - **Cheerios Mittens** ~ food for our feathered friends
 - Supplies needed ~ Cheerios, raisins, Craisins, floral wire
- **Collections**
 - **Boatsies Boxes** ~ unfilled Christmas stockings
 - Collection of 14" – 16" unfilled Christmas stockings for this non profit, 501(c) 3, charitable organization dedicated to supporting our troops when they are far from home.
- **Hogan Lunch Buffet:** Chicken Picatta, Cheese Lasagna, Chef's choice of soup and sides, Salad, Rolls and Butter, Dessert Bar Bites, Coffee and Tea. The cost for the luncheon is \$17.00.

Homelife:

- Join in Welch's **Feeding America** campaign by visiting welchs.com/harvest and clicking the "Donate Now" button. Every time you do, they will donate eight – 8 oz. servings of 100% juice, up to 1 million servings. Each of those servings equals one cup of fruit.
- Darlene is collecting yarn of any type except fun fur or eyelash for a lady she knows who can make baby sets for *Birthright*.
- Denise is collecting men's and women's sweaters for a local homeless shelter.
- Kim McMann is collecting coupons (any coupons). They cannot be expired. Please bring any you have to this month's meeting.



Conservation:

- See our website at <http://qfwctauntonraynhamjuniors.org/Conservation.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/ to donate or swap items you no longer want.  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 still collecting clean used blankets, hats, gloves, mittens, socks, sweatshirts, scarves, thick socks, mittens (preferably large), and small duffle bags for needy families.
- Tropicana's "Rescue the Rainforest" promotion ends on December 31st. So check your accounts at www.tropicanaforest.com and let Denise know how many square feet of rainforest you have saved. We will use this information for our Conservation Department report this year.

Membership:

- 58% were in attendance at the December meeting.
- **Happy Birthday** to the following members: Judy D., 25th, and Rhonda G., 27th! We wish you all a very Happy Day!!!
- Want to keep in touch with members? Check out our partnership with T-Mobile, designed exclusively for GFWC members to provide discounted wireless mobile service and equipment. To find out more, call 866/464-8662 or visit gfwc.org and go to Member Center link for Affinity Programs & Benefits.
- Don't forget to wear your club shirt or vest to meetings and events if you have one.
- When ordering from Amazon.com, GFWC gets a percentage of your purchases every time you click on the affiliate link.



Public Affairs: Bring teddy bears for the Taunton Emergency Management System being collected by the Taunton Federal Credit Union.

International Affairs:

- We are continuing to collect children's books for nomadic schools in Kenya. For ideas of the types of books to collect check them out on our website at: http://gfwctauntonraynhamjuniors.org/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.
- Improve your vocabulary and donate rice to the *United Nations World Food Program*. Every time you get an answer right at <http://www.freerice.com/>, 10 grains of rice are donated. Keep track of the number of grains of rice that you have donated!



Arts:

- **Congratulations** to those "Smart About Art" in December. "Smarties" were: Nancy C., Judy D., Jane, Joanna and Judy A.
 - Answer: *Pennsylvania Dutch Countryside in Winter* is the name for the painting on the 2009 GFWC Christmas Ornament.
- **Question for January:** What material did artist Andy Brown use to create a portrait of Queen Elizabeth II?
 - Use *GoodSearch*, <http://www.goodsearch.com/>, to find the answer and designate GFWC as your charity. If you do not have a computer, you can visit your local library for internet access.
 - If you've never used a computer, this is a good opportunity to challenge yourself and learn how ~ invite a friend to help!
 - Good Luck! **Call Jane at 508/822-5437 or email her at flower57@comcast.net.**
- **There's Art in You:** Thanks to everyone who participated in 2009's creative art projects. More will be coming in 2010!

Education:

- Bring a paperback dictionary, thesaurus, or Spanish-English dictionary for the *Prison Book Program*, www.prisonbookprogram.org.
- Support our libraries: The *Friends of the Taunton Public Library's* monthly book sale is January 9th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- **Book Swap:** Finished reading a good book? Bring it to our meeting and swap with another member.

Publicity: Send all info to Nancy B.

GFWC of Massachusetts Mid-Winter Meeting: this year's mid-winter meeting will be held at the Double Tree Hotel in Westborough on January 24, 2010, starting at 10:00 a.m. The registration and luncheon package is \$36.00 and the luncheon menu is: Boston Clam Chowder, Boston Scrod with Herb butter cracker crust, butternut squash, twice baked potatoes, Apple Pie, coffee and tea. The speaker will be Joan Crowley, New England Organ Bank Volunteer. If you are interested in going, see Nancy C.

Report Writing: Audrey, Denise, Joyce, Nancy B., and Nancy C. along with Cindy started our report writing for the year at Kelly's house. Reports are due at mid-winter conference which is a week early this year. We made a good start on reports and Cindy provided a delicious lunch.



Hospitality 2010

January 4: Nancy Clark (c) and Jane Pittsley

June : Social, TBA

February 1: Susan Carlson (c) and Darlene Brown

September 6: Judy Riley (c) and Rhonda Gardner

March 1: Kim McMann (c) and Joanna Alden

October 4: Mary Reilly (c) and Joyce Clark

April 5: Sharon Joseph (c) and Judy deAbreu

November 1: Nancy Brown (c) and Cheryl Carlos

May 3: Joan Curran (c) and Denise Wheeler

December 6: Deb Brennan (c) and Sharon Weatherford