



# Juniors in Action



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Meeting Monday January 4, 2016 7:00pm Silver Platter at Bristol Plymouth

## 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 in December?

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**Friday December 4<sup>th</sup>:** Our club sponsored a trip to Foxwoods. The trip was organized by Jane Pitsley. We raised a total of \$328.35. Jane once again organized coffee and donuts, snacks and gifts for those who enjoyed this fund raiser. There was a terrible accident on the bus and Cindy Brogan was brought to hospital escorted by Edie Edlund. It has been a tough month for Cindy, our prayers are with her.

**Saturday December 5<sup>th</sup>:** Was the lighting of the green. Our club once again donated the money to sponsor a tree to help defray the cost of the green lighting.



**Saturday December 12<sup>th</sup>:** Denise Wheeler and Nancy Martin organized, printed and put Book plates with our club name and website on 151 books for Citizens for Citizens for the 2015 Operation Christmas which sent of families with the that their



Program thousands home assurance children

will have Christmas presents to open on Christmas Day. When the toy distribution was over more than 4,000 children would have a Merry Christmas due to the hard work of volunteers and the generous donations from a very giving community. Nancy Martin and Nancy Clark delivered the books on Tuesday December 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Wednesday December 16<sup>th</sup>:** Cindy Brogan purchased two \$25 Target gift cards paid for by our club and donated them for needy teenagers through the Matthew Mission 25:40.

**Monday December 14<sup>th</sup>:** This was our Holiday Party at the Chateau. It was co-chaired by Lynne



Jorge and Mary Barret. The committee consisted of Paula Gasparoni, Edie



Edlund, Joanna Alden, Robin Gendron, Cindy Leonard, Cindy Brogan, Ann Marie Barrwt and Joan Curran. Paula and Joan made cute apple Santa Clauses for each member attending. Cocktail time was followed by a delicious meal of



fish, beef, chicken, pasta, salad and cake. Gifts were given to outgoing president Cindy Leonard and a speech was given by our new president Lynne George. She has encompassed a starfish theme and after the swearing in of all the new officers each was presented a gift of a glass starfish from Lynne.



Nancy Clark printed and sent out 18 cards with our Christmas club party picture on them.

**Monday December 21<sup>st</sup>:** Members of the club who volunteer at the Matthew Mission 25:40 made food for the homeless and helped to serve and present presents to those who attended the mission that day. Even Santa made a surprise visit (Cheryl Carlos).



Lynne's son and husband were present to see her sworn in as our new president. Joan Alden then led us with her piano

accompaniment with the singing of Christmas songs. All who attended stated they had a delightful night.

### **Wednesday December 16<sup>th</sup> and Friday December 18<sup>th</sup>:**

There were Executive Board Meetings conducted by our president Lynne Jorge where topics discussed included the agenda of the meetings and calendar for the upcoming year, how we could improve our meetings and keep everyone engaged and complete an agenda. Also discussed was how we could improve communication among the members and what social events we could offer our members this year.

**Thursday December 17<sup>th</sup>:** Was the yearly budget meeting for our club. Vel Bleau chairperson housed the event at her house and twelve members were present. She prepared and served a great breakfast buffet. The meeting ran from 10:00am to 4:00pm. It was a very productive meeting and the budget was finalized and will present and vote on it at the January meeting.

**Sunday December 20<sup>th</sup>:** Nancy Clark and Nancy Martin made a list of those who have benefited our club or projects in some way and



**Monday December 28<sup>th</sup>:** Was report writing meeting for the clubs' 2015 year. Denise Wheeler chaired the meeting and had bagels and coffee for those who attended. The information needed was provided and shared by chairpersons from 10:00am to 1:00pm. The reports will now be written up and organized by Nancy Clark for mid-January.

**December 29<sup>th</sup>:** Nancy Brown delivered 25 Book Blanket and Buddy bags to Dighton, Taunton and Raynham Stations. Members of our club have been collecting and donating books, blankets and stuffed animals to fill the "Book, Blanket and Buddy Bags" which will be available in the ambulances for EMTs as needed in emergency situations as a bridge to connecting and comforting young children during traumatic events.

### **Committees:**

**ARTS – Nancy Clark** –Bring photos for the GFWC calendar of any size to the January meeting to be judged.

**CONSERVATION – Denise Wheeler** – things needed this month: tablecloths, pot holders, newspapers, shower curtains, towels, sheets and blankets. See our site for a full list of items needed and where items can be donated.

**EDUCATION – Nancy Martin** – 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 – unknown-** Foxwoods trip is Friday February 19<sup>th</sup> organized by Jane Pittsley. Jane is looking for small gifts to give as prizes on the trip.

**HOME LIFE – Nancy Brown** –Please continue to bring in fleece blankets so we will be able to fill requests as needed of the 3 B's bags. We are still collecting 300 and 500 piece puzzles for PRIDE; individual packages of crackers and cookies, and Kleenex for Prime Time. Craft supplies are also needed. Canned foods and paper towels are needed for Samaritan house. Red and silver wrapped Hershey Kisses are needed for February.

**HOSPITALITY** –January meeting is: Paula Malo, Paula Gasparoni, and Jane Pacheco. Jane Pittsley the coffee. Next month Cheryl Carlos, JoAnn Matthews and Gina Rego.

**INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH – Cindy Brogan** – Remember to get your flu shot at Walgreen's they donate a shot for each one purchased. Bring your change for the pig for Heifer.

**LEADERSHIP and Charity** - "Perhaps the greatest charity comes when we are kind to each other, when we don't judge or categorize someone else, when we simply give each other the benefit of the doubt or remain quiet. Charity is accepting someone's differences, weaknesses, and shortcomings; having patience with someone who

has let us down; or resisting the impulse to become offended when someone doesn't handle something the way we might have hoped. Charity is refusing to take advantage of another's weakness and being willing to forgive someone who has hurt us. Charity is expecting the best of each other." By Elder Marvin J. Ashton

**MEMBERSHIP – Joyce Clark** – Hooray to those members for getting new people to our meetings! Let's continue this effort.

**NEWSLETTER – Nancy Martin** - Forward any articles and pictures to me ASAP at [MRMartin947@aol.com](mailto:MRMartin947@aol.com)

**PUBLICITY – Nancy Brown** - Bring newspaper articles and pictures. Nancy is looking for someone new to take over this committee with her assistance.

**PUBLIC ISSUES– Robin Gendron** – Bring women's robes and slippers with rubber bottoms for the VA Hospital in Brockton. The Matthew Mission is also in need of white socks and winter boots.

**PROGRAMS – Joanna Alden** – Contact Joanna with ideas for future meetings. This month a speaker about the history of Shung Yun.

**Yearbook - Nancy Clark** – The Yearbooks will be sent out to print after Jan. 15th. The 2016 yearbook is online now - check it for corrections for your information.

## What should you bring to the meeting?

**Woman slippers with rubber soles and bathrobes for the VA Hospital**

**Cans and Bottles for Cans for Canines - Last month \$4.15 worth was collected Total so far \$8.40**

**Pull Tabs for Shriners Hospital for Children**

**White Socks and Boots for the Matthew Mission 25:40**

**Pennies for Old Colony History Museum**

**Change for Heifer Pig**

**Newspapers and Advertisement flyers for Denise, Martin School and Parker Middle**

**Plastic Bags bought at a store for the Runway Art Challenge for Nancy Brown**

**A t-shirt, blouse, and sweatshirt anything you want our club name printed on it with \$1 for each printing**

**Next Board Meeting January 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at the Silver Platter at BP**

**Next Business meeting February 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00pm Silver Platter at BP**

## Upcoming Events

### February 19<sup>th</sup> Foxwoods Trip

A fun filled day trip to FOXWOODS and the new outlets is scheduled for Friday, February 19th with the GFWC Taunton Junior Woman's Club .The cost is \$30 and includes complimentary donuts and muffins, gifts for all, and snacks on return trip. A bonus pack with food voucher or full buffet is also included.

The Fisher Bus Co. bus will be departing from Silver City Galleria at 7:30 AM sharp, returning at 5:00 pm.

Please call Jane at 508-822-5437 to reserve your seat early. This trip is a local charities, and student scholarship fundraiser.

### March 12<sup>th</sup> Soup Sampler



**Happy Birthday from your fellow club members!**

January 25<sup>th</sup> Judy DeAbreu



## *President's Corner*

As we begin the New Year, I reflect back on the moments I've experienced during the last 12 months. One of my resolutions for the New Year is to slow down and reminisce about my favorite moments. For instance, vacationing with my family, spending time with friends or volunteering at a Junior event. I invite you to allow yourself to do the same, make time to appreciate the little and big things that were a part of your life. Life is a journey, make it special!

# Happy New Year!