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What's New?s Paper

September's Meeting

Sarah Simmons, who was supposed to be at our April Meeting, will talk to us about "The Emancipation Network" and bring handcrafts made by the survivors to sell.

What the network does:

When survivors escape or are rescued from slavery, they need a lot of support in order to reintegrate into society. Many families will not accept them back, and in some cases it is not safe for girls to live at home (if their families sold them in the first place).

So for many girls, a shelter is the safest place for them to stay immediately after returning from their place of bondage. Also, they can get services at a shelter, such as health care, HIV/AIDS treatment if needed, education, job training, and legal aid. These services would probably not be available if they lived at home.

But no one wants to spend their whole life in a shelter. After a few years, most young women are ready to live independently, and want to find work. Finding work is difficult for anyone in depressed economies; it is more difficult for a trafficking survivor because of prejudice and limited education/literacy.

Handicraft programs offer these survivors a job, either long-term or short-term, that

Upcoming Meetings and Events

June 4th Social at Isaac's in Plymouth

June 8-9th Relay for Life at Taunton High School

Aug. 27th Board Meeting at Denise's

Sept. 10th Meeting at Girl's Inc., 7:00 p.m.

Reminders for September's Meeting

(Collecting at Isaac's would be difficult)

Samaritan House: toothbrushes, other toiletries, or paper products

Taunton State: pocket calendars, journals (no metal), slipper socks

Education: a children's book or paperback dictionary

Pride, Inc.: Puzzles

Secret Pal Gifts:

June Social

Our social will be at Isaac's, 114 Water Street in Plymouth. Our reservation is for 6:30, so try to be on time. If you would like to carpool with someone, call Joyce at 508-823-4482, Kim at 508-824-8080, or Denise at 508-823-6004. Directions: Take Rt. 44 East all the way to the water (Water St.) and take a right. Isaac's is about a block down on the right.

can give them the means to support themselves and live a meaningful, independent life. For those still living at the shelter, handicrafts programs provide therapeutic benefits, job training, literacy, social interaction, and a stipend for part-time work.

Hospitality

September 10th

Paula Richards (C) and Nancy Martin



Literacy Council Fundraiser

Seven of our members attended this year's Literacy Council fundraiser on Thursday, May 10th at the Taunton Elks. Mayor Crowley spoke about the history of Taunton and Dr. Hannah spoke about 13 women in Taunton's history.



May Meeting

Dr. Heidi Douglass spoke to us about *The Organic Mom* magazine, of which she is the editor-in-chief. We were all fascinated to hear about the many unique articles and art found in the magazine. She is seeking submissions from local artists for the next issue of her magazine and the deadline is June 15th (guidelines are on her web site, www.theorganicmom.org)



Yard Sale and Potluck Supper

We made \$160 for this year's yard sale. Thanks to everyone that brought items and helped out in setting up, taking down, and selling items. We all enjoyed the wonderful food at our Pot Luck Supper as well! We made \$533 on the supper!



Membership:

- ◆ Attendance at our April meeting was 63%.
- ◆ [MEMBERSHIP SHOW and TELL](#) from Nancy Brown, chairman

Show your Junior pride. Show it off!

Tell people that you belong to the GFWC. Tell them what you do. Tell them how you make a difference. Tell them what fun you have. Tell them of your friendships made through belonging to the largest woman's organization in the world.

ASK them to a Jr. Woman's Club of Taunton and Raynham meeting today!

Rent Relief:

Thanks to Kim for last month's rent relief. Audrey is bringing September's rent relief.

Newsletter:

Send any info to Nancy C. at tauntonraynhamjrwomen@yahoo.com

Publicity:

Clip any articles from local papers. Make sure to include paper name and date

International Affairs:

The final phase for infant hats was completed and hats were sent to Malawi and Bangladesh.

Public Affairs:

Operation Iraqi Children:

I have sorted the supplies that have been donated for this project. However, we are in need of much more in order to assemble school packets to ship to Iraq. Right now we have 23 packets of pencils, 4 colored pencils, 4 packs of erasers, 1 spiral notebook. These are the items we can use. Other items are 10 packs of crayons (they melt in the Iraqi heat), sidewalk chalk, mini notepad, and one bottle of glue.

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SILVER CITY BULLETIN

MAY 7 — Dr. Heidi Douglas, editor-in-chief of The Organic Mom magazine, a new publication based in Berkley, will be the speaker at the meeting of The Junior Woman's Club of Taunton and Raynham, 7 p.m., at Girl's Inc., 131 Arlington St., Taunton. Guests are welcome.

This is the list that is needed for each bag:

- ◆ One pair blunt end scissors
- ◆ One 12 inch ruler with metric markings
- ◆ 12 new pencils
- ◆ Small pencil sharpener
- ◆ One large eraser
- ◆ One box of colored pencils
- ◆ One package of notebook paper
- ◆ One composition book
- ◆ Three folders with inside pockets
- ◆ One zippered pencil bag
- ◆ one 2 gallon Ziploc seal plastic bag



I'm asking that everyone bring some of these items to the June social.

Keep in mind that we can fill at least 23 bags as we have that number of pencil packs. Audrey S. is providing the composition books. Call me (Nancy B.) to tell me what you would like to contribute, and I will give you the count needed.

We can certainly send more than 23, but I would like to start there.

The dollar Tree is the ideal place to pick up rulers, erasers and colored pencils as well as the scissors, and zippered pencil bags. Thanks for helping out. The crayons etc. will be used for another project.

Education:

- ◆ Members are asked to bring a children's book to September's meeting. The children's books will be donated to DSS for "Backpacks for Children Who Wait." Throughout the year many children are removed from their parents or other caregivers on a daily basis by DSS. Most of these children have nowhere to go. They are removed by social workers and police, are brought to a DSS office and sit and wait until a foster home can be found for them. Some sit for an entire day, with nothing to do, just waiting to have a place to sleep that night. This program supplies them with backpacks with books and other supplies they may need while waiting.
- ◆ Or bring a paperback dictionary for the *Prison Book Program*, www.prisonbookprogram.org.
- ◆ Mulcahy School is collection Hood® "Sox" bottle caps in the "Hood® Sox Tops for Kids" program. See

<http://www.hphood.com/info/defaultnt.aspx?id=1144> for more information and give your bottle caps to Denise.



Homelife:

- ◆ The relay will be from 3 p.m. Friday, June 8th to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, June 9th. All moneys collected for the relay should be given to Carrie before bank night, June 5th. The relay will be held at Taunton High School.
- ◆ Remember this summer to collect gently used shoes, pocketbooks, and suits for the "Dress for Success" program.
- ◆ We are considering a new project called "Warm Up America." This organization is made up of volunteers who create homemade afghan blankets to help those in need. They go to people who have lost homes, fled abusive relationships, to shelters, hospitals, and nursing homes. They would like 7" x 9" rectangles, either knitted or crocheted, made with acrylic yarn. Please see Joyce at the social for printed directions.

Conservation:

See our website at <http://www.nclark.net/ClubReminders> to see the list of items we are collecting to recycle.

Arts: (call or email Nancy B.)

- ◆ Ladies, our art trivia is of local origin. If you're familiar with Charlie Crowley's History of Taunton program you may already know the answer. If not, you'll have to do a little research. Who's going to be this month's SMART COOKIE?
- ◆ Trivia question for June: Who was the well known artist who created a painting of old time Weir Village, as a fundraiser for Leddy School, in 1989?
- ◆ Congratulations to Susan Shanko and Audrey Serrecchia who answered last month's trivia question. Gilbert Stuart was the artist who painted the famous unfinished portrait of George Washington. (He painted the likeness from real life to use in a full length portrait commissioned for the Earl of Shelburne. He kept the unfinished painting until his death, using the likeness for subsequent portraits, which were painted to meet the steady demand for Washington's image.)
- ◆ Last chance!!! Bring a baby picture (age infant to 5 or 6 years) to the June Social. I have only eleven photos so far, and we have 23 members!