



Junior Woman's Club of Taunton and Raynham

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What's New?s Paper

Clam Boil

Our club is helping the Dighton Dandelions to host a clam boil on March 1st, 6:30 p.m. at the Seekonk Rod and Gun Club, 61 Reed St., Rehoboth, MA. Those who are helping waitress should be at there by 2:30 p.m. to help set up.

Tickets are \$22.00—our club will receive half of the profits, so Let's help sell those tickets! See Kim for tickets.

We are also asking club members to contribute a basket or raffle items for the raffle. Bring baskets or items to Denise.

Directions from Taunton Center:

1	Bear	R	onto US-44 (Winthrop St)	10.6 miles
2	Turn	L	onto Wilmarth Bridge Rd	0.4 miles
3	Turn	R	onto Pond St	0.1 miles
4	Turn	L	onto Summer St	0.2 miles
5	Turn	R	onto Wheeler St	1.5 miles
6	Bear	L	onto Water St	0.3 miles
7	Turn	R	onto Reed St	0.3 miles

You are at 61 Reed St, Rehoboth, MA

March Meeting

Beth Frates from Conway House, a homeless shelter in Middleborough will speak to us about the shelter. We plan to work with "Birthday Wishes, Inc." to help with parties at her shelter.

Upcoming Meetings and Events.

Mar. 3rd Meeting at The Arbors, 7 p.m.

Mar. 1st Clam Boil, 2-4 p.m.

Mar. 31st Board Meeting at The Arbors, 7 p.m.

Reminders for March's Meeting

Samaritan House paper plates, napkins, paper towels, toilet paper

Education: a children's book or paperback dictionary

Pride Inc.: Board games

St. Vincent de Paul: 2 or more canned goods

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

Secret Pal Gifts!

Hospitality

March 3rd

Cheryl C. (C) and Sharon W.

April 7th

Debbie B. (C), Debbie R., and Sue L.

May 5th

Darlene B. (C) and Joan C.

September 8th

Kim M. (C) and Laurretta D.

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February Meeting

We stuffed Hershey's Kiss bags for nursing homes during our meeting.

Denise is displaying some of the teddy bears we have collected for the Taunton Emergency Management System.



Installation

Lauretta Davis was installed at our February meeting. Nancy B. performed the installation and gave Lauretta our club bag with club essentials.

Welcome Lauretta!

Valentine's Tea

Our February 10th tea had fabulous tea, food, and raffle baskets. Fun was had by all!

We made over \$700 on our tea!



Membership:

- ♣ We had 46% attendance at January's Meeting.
- ♣ **\$5 Discount Certificates:** to be redeemed for 2009 dues will be given to new members installed in 2008, and their sponsors. Get your chocolate fix, Membership Matters (M&M) Invite a friend to a meeting and introduce her to something new. Volunteers wanted, volunteers needed! We do make a difference.
- ♣ **Show Your Pride, wear your shirt!** We will be ordering denim club shirts once again. If you were not at the February meeting to sign up, and would like to purchase one, please call Nancy Brown 774 218-1456. You may choose either long sleeve or short sleeve. The club logo is embroidered on the breast pocket. Cost is \$20 each. Sizes S,M,L,XL (These are great to wear at conferences or fundraisers to identify us as Juniors of T&R. If you have a long sleeve already, you may want to pick up a short sleeve for the warmer months. Wear your shirts to monthly meetings and events. When you do you will earn a point sticker. Special recognition will be made in December.
- ♣ **Birthdays are important dates.** They belong to us and whether we choose to acknowledge getting another year older or not, that day is still ours alone. It's nice to be remembered. Each month I will be recognizing members whose birthdays fall during that month with Birthday Card Rollups. Have a very happy birthday!
 - January: we recognized Judy deAbreu 25th
 - February: we have no birthdays!
 - March: Look for your Birthday Card Rollup at the March meeting-Thelma McCaffrey 13th, Debbie Ramos 16th, Joan Curran 19th, Paula Richards 20th, and Sharon Joseph 25th.

Rent Relief:

Thanks to Audrey S. for February's rent relief. Joyce C. will be providing March's rent relief.

International Affairs:

- ♣ We are collecting books for the "Camel Bookmobile." A camel-borne library has been established deeper into the bush, in the town of Wajir in Kenya, and books are badly needed there, according to Mr. Farah, the librarian in Garissa, Kenya. For ideas of the types of books to collect check them out on our website at: <http://www.nclark.net/ClubReminders>.
- ♣ 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.

Homelife:

Keep knitting or crocheting those rectangles for "Warm Up America." They would like 7" x 9" rectangles, either knitted or crocheted, made with acrylic yarn. See <http://www.warmupamerica.com/patterns.html> for directions.

Education:

- ♣ **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. Items needed are new clothes, school and art supplies, activities and toys, books, back packs, personal hygiene items, and any other items that a child might need while waiting to be placed in a home.
- ♣ Or bring a paperback dictionary for the *Prison Book Program*, www.prisonbookprogram.org.
- ♣ Nancy B. will be reading to third graders at Leddy School on March 6th for Read Across America, and to Barnum Pre-schoolers on the 7th.

Conservation:

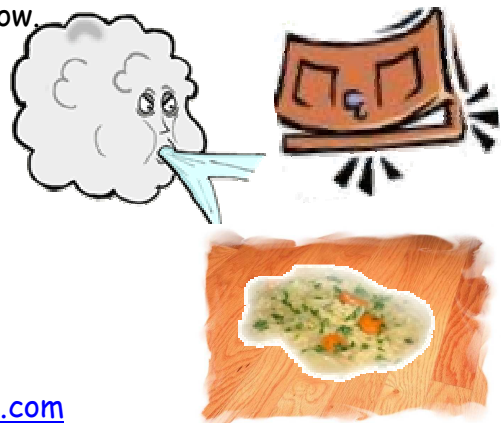
- ♣ See our website at <http://www.nclark.net/ClubReminders> to see the list of items we are collecting to recycle. The destinations for the items are now listed on our website.
- ♣ Free electronics recycling:
CRT Recycling Inc.
175 East Ashland Street Brockton, Massachusetts 02302
PH# 1 (800) 944-7019 FAX (508) 427-9311 or go to <http://www.recyclingelectronics.com/> for collection locations and dates.
- ♣ Darlene's church is collecting clean used blankets, hats, gloves, mittens, socks, sweatshirts, and scarves for needy families.

Arts: March is Youth Art Month!

- ♣ **Art Trivia Contest:**
 - Answer to February's question: A R T, T H R E E, Red, Yellow, Blue. Congratulations! Smart Cookies are, Nancy C., Audrey S. and Cheryl C.
 - **It's shamrock time.** A multiple answer is required for this month's question. One, two, three! Ok Smart cookies, don't crumble now.
 - 1) Who wrote and illustrated this poem?
 - 2) What is the name of the poem?
 - 3) Who sang the song?

In March the wind blows down the door,
and spills hot soup upon the floor
It laps it up and roars for more,
Blowin' once, blowin' twice,
Blowin' chicken soup with rice.

Call 774 218-1456 or e-mail ndbrown261@gmail.com



- ♣ **Dr. Seuss Art Contest**Artist in Residence, Robyn Franczyk will be judging. Students in the 5th and 6th grades at Mulcahy, ?, and ? will be participating.
- ♣ **Art Exhibit at Robyn's Nest** February 28th, from 5 to 7 p.m.....Members will be displaying their art work. Come and see.
- ♣ **GFWC Photo Contest:** Whoever is going to enter can just give me the 8x10 matted photos and I will fill out the forms. I'll only need to get your signatures. There are four contests: High School Photography, Volunteers in Action, Year in Pictures, and World in Pictures. To see the rules for each contest, go to: <http://www.gfwcma.org/id27.html>.

Fundraising:

Keep making those brownies for Denise to sell at school as a fundraiser. Put 5 in a bag and make sure they don't have nuts. We could use this money to buy some of the items we donate to organizations so that members would not be asked to donate so much on their own.

Public Affairs:

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

Newsletter:

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

Publicity: Bring any articles to Nancy C.



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Reaching out

The Taunton & Raynham Junior Chapter of the GFWC hosted a successful mid-winter meeting recently at the Stoneforge Tavern in Raynham. At left Audrey Serrecchia, left, and Cheryl Carlos headed one of the donation tables, the contents of which were given to Birthday Wishes Inc. Above, shown standing, left to right, are Loretta Davis, Nancy Brown, Judy deAbreu, Kim McMann, Sharon Joseph, Joan Rainville Curran, Joyce Clark, Cheryl Carlos, Darlene Brown, Cindy Brogan and Nancy Clark. Seated, left to right, are Audrey Serrecchia and Denise Wheeler.

Women's Club holds successful mid-winter meeting

in September, January and April. The purpose is for club members to unite to share ideas, solidify friendships, report on activities and fundraisers within their communities, and to show women how they can become empowered through guest speaker topics, etc.

During this winter meeting, Taunton & Raynham Juniors provided all the table centerpieces, favors and name tags. The group's president, Denise Wheeler, gave the welcome.

All clubs attending donated hundreds of party favors

and supplies to a company called Birthday Wishes, Inc. All centerpieces — party packs consisting of plates, cups, napkins, table covers, banner and centerpiece decoration — were also given to Rachael Freeman of Birthday Wishes, which celebrated its fifth birthday on Feb. 2.

Birthday Wishes' mission is to provide birthday parties to homeless children, recognizing the importance of a birthday in a child's life, and believing that the gift of a birthday party adds normalcy, and joy to their otherwise unstable lives.

Their grassroots philosophy fosters the spirit of volunteerism and community service in the adults, children and families who donate their time and resources to this mission. The company has its headquarters in Newton Center.

The Taunton & Raynham Jr. Chapter of GFWC has two upcoming fund-raisers coming up. On Sunday, Feb. 10, they will hold a Valentine's Tea at the Arbors on County Street, Taunton, and a clam boil, on Saturday, March 1, in conjunction with the Lions Club.

Both are scholarship fundraisers.