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What's New?s Paper

Upcoming Meetings and Events

Mar. 1: Monthly meeting at The Arbors, 7:00 p.m.

Mar. 2: Dr. Seuss Birthday – “Read Across America Day”

Mar. 4: Club Institute at the Medway VFW, 123 Holliston St., Medway, MA

Mar. 17: Happy St. Patrick's Day

Mar. 21: Artist's Tea at GFWC of Massachusetts headquarters in Sudbury, MA

Mar. 29: Day at the State House

Mar. 29: Board Meeting at The Arbors, 7:00 p.m.

Hospitality

Mar. 1

Kim McMann (c) and Joanna Alden

Apr. 5

Susan Carlson (c) and Darlene

May 3

Joan Curran (c) and Denise Wheeler

Don't forget our:

Gift Exchange

March Meeting

Cindy's daughter, Mary Ellen, will be leaving shortly for a post in Afghanistan and Cindy will be explaining to us how we can help support our troupes in Afghanistan by sending items to her daughter to be distributed there.



Kelly and Mary Ellen at Mary Ellen's "Going Away" luncheon on February 19th.

Afterwards, Kelly, our membership chairman will introduce a game of “Membership Information Bingo” that we will be playing while enjoying our refreshments. The object of the game is to get to know each other better. This should be especially helpful to our new membes!

Also, in celebration of Dr. Seuss's March 2nd birthday the Cat in the Hat will be making a visit to tell us about his life.

Reminders for This Month's Meeting

Samaritan House: sample size toiletries

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: two or more canned goods

Drawing Prize for March:

Cheryl Carlos

Submit Articles to Editor: Nancy Clark
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February Meeting

Our meeting was packed with activity and business to conduct this past month. We voted to adopt our new Standing Rules and Bylaws; we nominated members for the Marilyn Perry and Martha Michalewicz awards; we voted to elect Jane Pittsley as our new Vice President; we voted for the picture to be sent to the GFWC International "Year in Pictures" photography contest; and we filled Hershey Kiss bags for local nursing homes on Valentine's Day.



Valentine Kiss Bags

After our business meeting members filled Valentine Hershey Kiss Bags to be distributed in local nursing homes on Valentine's Day.

This year we were able to fill 777 bags to be distributed to 7 nursing homes and assisted living facilities including The Arbors where we hold our meetings. We also gave out bags at the Veteran's Hospital in Brockton.



Valentine Tea

This year's tea was a great success thanks to all those who sold tickets, donated to the raffle baskets, and baked all the goodies. Thanks also to those who volunteered to help set up, keep those tea pots filled, and clean up afterwards.


We made \$485 on our raffle and \$445 on ticket sales for a total of \$930 and everyone who attended had a wonderful time.

Homelife:

- 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.
- *ACH Foods*, which includes the Spice Islands, Karo, Argo, Mazola, and Fleischmann's brands, will donate 25¢ to "Susan G. Komen for the Cure" (breast cancer) for each proof of purchase submitted online. The submission address is: <http://www.bakefortheure.com/Register.aspx>. Be sure to keep track of the products you register for next year's reports.



Conservation:

- See our website at <http://gfwctauntonraynhamjuniors.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, hooded sweatshirts, scarves, thick socks, mittens (preferably large), and small duffle bags, and soap for needy families. Socks, soap, and duffle bags are especially needed. Darlene asked that I include this in the newsletter: "Thanks to all who have donated soap and socks, hats, scarves and mittens. I bought 75 bars of soap and thirty pairs of socks with the \$50 from the brownie money. The items were distributed to those in need on Wed the 17th at the Soup kitchen in Taunton. Thank you again for all of your donations and your support. You make a difference and it is greatly appreciated. "

Membership:

- **Happy birthday** to the following members: Vel, 2nd; Thelma, 13th; Debbie R., 16th; Joan, 19th; Kelly, 20th; Paula, 20th; and Sharon J., 25th. We wish you all a very Happy Day!!!
- 67% were in attendance at the February meeting – much better ladies!
- Earn your Disney Theme Park ticket. GFWC is approved as a participating volunteer organization for the "Give A Day. Get A Disney Day" program. Go to the www.gfwc.org Member Center link and click the Disney® link for more information.
- 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 www.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.

WHRC: All GFWC clubwomen are invited to take advantage of a ready-made Women's History Month program on Tuesday, March 16, 2010, 2:00 p.m. (EDT). GFWC Women's History and Resource Center Director Gail McCormick will present "Education, no longer *of self*, but *for service*": GFWC's Legacy of Family and Community Advocacy" in webinar format from GFWC Headquarters.

International Affairs:

- Denise is 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!
- If you haven't already brought them, bring your filled *Heifer International* boxes to this month's meeting.
- At February's meeting we voted to send \$ 50 to GFWC of Massachusetts, Junior Membership's Haitian Relief fund to be sent on the GFWC International.



Arts:

- **Congratulations** to those "Smart About Art" in February. "Smarties" were: Judy D., Cindy, and Nancy C.
 - Answer: Andy Brown's portrait of Queen Elizabeth II was composed of 1,000 used tea bags.
- **Question for March:** Who was born on March 23, 1924 and invented "Liquid Paper"?
 - Use *GoodSearch*, designating GFWC International 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.**
- **Art and Photography Contests:** If you have a photograph or work of art you would like to submit to any of *GFWC of Massachusetts* art or photography contests, bring them to this month's meeting and give them to Nancy C. or Nancy B. to take to Club Institute on March 4th.



Education:

- Bring a paperback dictionary, thesaurus, or Spanish-English dictionary for the *Prison Book Program*, www.prisonbookprogram.org.
- March 2nd is Dr. Seuss' birthday and "Read Across America Day." On March 2, the National Education Association calls for every child to be reading in the company of a caring adult. So make it plan to read to or with a child on this day!
- Support our libraries: The *Friends of the Taunton Public Library's* monthly book sale is March 13th 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.



Leadership:

- Congratulations to Denise and Nancy B. who were nominated by club members for the Martha Michalewich and Marilyn Perry Awards.
- Congratulations to our new Vice President, Jane Pittsley! Thanks for volunteering.
- Since Jane has taken the office of vice president, we now need a new arts chairman. Any volunteers?
- Congratulations to Nancy C. who was selected as the GFWC of Massachusetts nominee to the 2010 LEADS Seminar in Omaha, Nebraska on Friday, June 11, 2010.

Publicity: Send all information to Nancy B.

YOUR NEWS

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MOST-VIEWED STORIES AT TAUNTONGAZETTE.COM

NEWS Scammers rip off elderly Taunton couple with latest phone scheme.

NEWS Norton family returning to Honduras to finish building a school.

NEWS Locals line up to see a glimpse of the Silver City on screen.

COMING SUNDAY Party Lines with Gerry Tuoti

QUOTE OF THE DAY — "I was never looking for that label. But I'm not going to lie. The way you guys say it sounds really good." Anton Onho on winning the most medals of any U.S. winter Olympian.

READERS' PHOTOS To submit, send quality photos with detailed information to newsroom@tauntongazette.com.



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Tea time for Valentine's Day

The GFWC Taunton and Raynham Juniors held a "Valentine Tea" at The Arbors in Taunton earlier this month. Even though this annual fundraiser had some competition with the Super Bowl, it still managed to attract a full house of tea lovers, and raise almost \$1,000 for scholarships for local high school students. The club members also continue to reach out to their community by not forgetting those who once were active participants in the community. They are remembered with Sweetheart Kiss bags which are delivered to the residents in our local nursing homes on Valentine's Day. Members assembled almost 800 bags filled with chocolate kisses. They also delivered bags to hospitalized veterans at the Brockton Veteran's Administration Hospital.