

JUNIORS *in Action*



Joyce Clark, Co-President
Susan Carlson, Co-President



What Did We Do?

SUSAN CARLSON
Editor



We filled lots of Valentine Bags with Hershey Kisses at our February meeting and then delivered them to local nursing homes, assisted living facilities and the Brockton VA Hospital.

Our Membership table at a local craft fair at St. Myra's church in Dighton attracted several potential new members. Joyce Clark invited 4 women to our March meeting to see what we are all about. Good job Joyce!



Our Tea with the Stars was pulled off even though it had to be rescheduled twice in February. Mother Nature proved to be a powerful force. First it was Winter Storm Nemo which

dumped nearly 3 feet of snow in communities between Boston and Providence.

Then the following weekend it was freezing, windy and blustery with a snowfall of about 3 inches.

The VFW in Taunton has been most accommodating to be available for our rescheduling.



Finally it happened! On Sunday, February 24, despite the drizzle, we had a good turnout and a successful fundraiser. We raised over \$800!



A big thank you to all the Juniors (65% of members) who came out to help set up, pack up, baked at least twice, managed the raffles and served our guests.



Fantastic job by Nancy Brown and Fran Perry for creating our 'Tea with the Stars' theme and pulling it all together.

We shared our day with stars such as Brad Pitt and those of the past like Marilyn Monroe, Frank Sinatra, Clark Gable and Elvis.



The food as usual was good and plentiful.

GFWC Taunton and Raynham Jr's
Tea with the Stars
VFW #82 Ingalls St. Taunton MA
02780

Date Changed due to Snow Storm
Sunday, Feb 17, from 1-3 PM
Benefits student scholarships
Tickets: \$10 Children under 12 \$5
Call 508 823-6004 Or 508 823-8193

Upcoming Events

Be part of the **GFWC Legislative Day at the State House** on March 11, 2013. Speakers include Speaker of the House, Robert DeLeo and President of the Senate, Therese Murray. Enjoy lunch (\$17) and sign up

for a free tour of the State House.

Our newest fundraiser will be our **Soup Sampler** on Saturday, March 23. What is your favorite soup? We'll be looking for volunteers to cook up a pot of homemade soup.

Get ready for our next **Casino Fundraiser** trip on Tuesday, April 16 to Foxwoods. Bus will leave from the Silver City Galleria at 7:45 am and will return around 5:00 pm. Tickets are \$25.00 per person which include a bonus package for a

buffet or \$10.00 at any restaurant, plus \$10.00 for Keno.

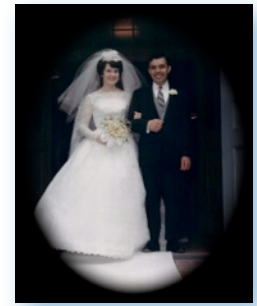
Our annual GFWC Conference will be held on April 27 at the Dedham Holiday Inn. More details to come.

| DATES TO REMEMBER | MARCH 4 BUSINESS MEETING | MARCH 25 BOARD MEETING | APRIL 1 BUSINESS MEETING | APRIL 29 BOARD MEETING |
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March 2013

| Sun 24 | Mon 25 | Tue 26 | Wed 27 | Thu 28 | Fri 1 | Sat 2 |
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| 3 | 4 JR. BUSINESS MEETING AT THE SILVER PLATTER AT 7:00 PM | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 10 Daylight Savi... | 11 GFWC DAY AT THE STATE HOUSE | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 17 St Patrick's Day | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 SOUP SAMPLER Saturday, March 23 rd , 2013 6:00 - 8:00 pm at Silver City Galleria, Taunton Adults \$25.00 Children \$10.00 A benefit for Senior Independence Sponsored by the GFWC Taunton and Raynham Juniors Call Jane, 508-253-3655 for details www.GFWCTauntonandRaynham.org |
| 24 | 25 JR. BOARD MEETING AT SUSAN CARLSON'S AT 7:00 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 Good Friday | 30 |
| 31 Easter | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |

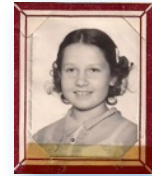
| March Hospitality | April Hospitality | May Hospitality |
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| Joanna Alden (C) | Judy Ackerman (C) | Cheryl Carlos (C) |
| Jane Pittsley | Dolores Costa | Judy Riley |



Who's Who?

Judy deAbreu

- ✿ Born In - Medford, MA ✿ Member Since - 1976
- ✿ Lived In - Medford, Norton, Taunton
- ✿ Hobbies - Sudoku, Jumble puzzles, Reading and Movies
- ✿ Favorite Things - Summer beach days



JUDY'S FAMILY

Judy and her husband, Orlando, are the parents of David, Daniel, Jennifer and Alison and are the grandparent of two grandchildren, John and Amanda.

Re/Max Welcome Home of Taunton.



held the positions of President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Auditor and Director.

Judy has also been our Rep and State Chairman of Child Find (Missing Children).

North Bristol County Realtors Association and the Taste of Taunton Committee. Judy is currently serving on the Arbitration and Grievance Committees of North Bristol Realtors Association.

JUDY'S PETS

After many cats and a dog, Judy is now happy with a mechanical gold fish which runs on a battery.



Orlando and Judy have been vacationing in Ogunquit, Maine with 3 couples who have been their friends for 35 years. They all met while their children attended the Brick House School in Taunton.

JUDY'S CAREER

Judy started out as a secretary to the Produce buyers at Fernandes Super Market, but has spent most of her career as a Realtor. Currently she is with



JUDY AS A JUNIOR

She has been involved in Juniors since 1976 and has

JUDY IN HER COMMUNITY

Judy is an active community citizen. She has been past Presidents of the Morton Hospital Auxiliary, Mass. Society Prevention of Cruelty to Children (Taunton area),



The group even gets together for monthly dinners.

Committees

ARTS

Nancy Clark

We will be working on our Team (Together Everyone Accomplishes More) puzzle piece designs at the March 4th meeting.

Members can enter the GFWC of MA art and/or photography and/or writing contest at our March 4th meeting. You'll need to bring your photograph or art work to March's meeting. All entries will be delivered to the GFWC of MA Club Institute on March 7.

Go to <http://www.gfwcma.org/photography.html> for information about the contests and go to <http://www.gfwctauntonraynhamjuniors.org/arts.html> for links to the labels and rules. All work should have the labels filled out and placed on the back of the work. Watercolors should be matted and not framed; oils need only the label on back; photographs must be mounted on 8 x 10 mount board.

CONSERVATION

Denise Wheeler

We **recycle!** See our website for a list of all items, including dead batteries.

Darlene continues to collect for the Central Square Congregational Church in Bridgewater clean used blankets hats, gloves, mittens, socks, hooded sweatshirts, scarves, mittens (preferably large), small duffle bags and soap for needy families.

We are collecting men's clothing for Taunton charitable associations.

EDUCATION

Nancy Martin

Donate a paperback dictionary, Spanish/English dictionary or thesaurus for the Prison Book Program. For more information on this program, go to www.prisonbookprogram.org.

Bring books to swap or that can be donated to Friends of the Library.

FUNDRAISING

Jane Pittsley

The next casino fundraiser trip will be on April 16 to Foxwoods. If you would like to donate items for our raffles for the bus ride, please call Jane.



Please donate mugs, specialty tea bags, tea pots and large baskets for our raffles, and summer, fall, winter, spring and kids items.

HOME LIFE

Denise Wheeler

Save Toiletries for Samaritan House and Main Spring House.

Save board games and craft supplies (see website) for Pride Inc. dayhab center.

Save cereal for Raynham Food Basket.

Save canned goods for St. Vincent dePaul.

Save your spare change for A Women's Concern.

Save flashlights, D batteries and other items listed on Winslow Farm website.

Monthly Prize Contributor

The winner of our monthly prize drawing, will be the contributor of the next month's prize.

INTERNATIONAL

OUTREACH

Cindy Brogan

Bring pens and pencils for a catholic mission in India. Save stamps and Christmas cards for India Missions. Our pig, Cha-Ching is filled, but we will continue to collect this year.

We will be collecting for Shot @ Life, our focus project for GFWC of MA Jrs this

year. And we will start decorating our Bandid Bear at February's meeting.

LEADERSHIP

Nancy Brown

At our February meeting, Cindy Brogan was named as our Leadership awardee for all her work and enthusiasm she gives to Shot@Life. Cindy is our State rep for International Outreach and has spoken at several meetings and conferences of this very important and impactful GFWC of MA project.

MEMBERSHIP

Dolores Costa

Happy Birthday to ~

Vel Bleau, Thelma McCaffrey, Joan Curran, Kelly Campbell and Paula Richards.

PUBLICITY

Nancy Brown

We are on cable for our upcoming Tea with the Stars !

PUBLIC ISSUES

Open

We are still collecting teddy bears or other small stuffed animals for TEMS and items for our troops in two bins at the Taunton Public Library.

PROGRAMS

Joanna Alden

As we plan our next few month's of guest speakers, we would like to hear what topics are of interest to our members. Please call Joanna or speak to her at our next meeting and let her know who you would like to have as a guest speaker. Perhaps you know of someone in the community that would like to be a guest speaker.

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NEWS & *Notes*



Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Update

On Tuesday, February 12, 2013, the U.S. Senate passed the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) by a vote of 78-22. The bill will soon be introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives. Stay tuned to *News & Notes* and www.GFWC.org for an exciting new advocacy tool to assist you in communicating with nationally-elected officials.

Did You Know?

In 1868, Jane Cunningham Croly (1829-1901), a professional New York journalist who wrote under the pen name of Jennie June, attempted to attend a dinner at an all-male press club honoring British novelist Charles Dickens. Croly was denied admittance based upon her gender, and, in response, she formed a club for women.

Jane Croly extended an invitation in 1890 to women's clubs throughout the United States to attend a ratification convention in New York City. Sixty-three clubs attended on April 23-25 and took action to form the General Federation of Women's Clubs. In 1932, GFWC established the Junior Department in response to an increasing number of younger women participating in volunteer community service. Our GFWC Taunton and Raynham Juniors club was founded in 1950.



GFWC founder Jane Cunningham Croly was inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame in 1994.

Submit Newsletter articles to Susan Carlson at susansvin@yahoo.com or call 508 828 8066.

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An international women's organization dedicated to community improvement by enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service.

MEETING NOTES

One day an elephant saw a hummingbird lying on its back with its tiny feet up in the air. "What are you doing?" asked the elephant. The hummingbird replied, "I heard that the sky might fall today, and so I am ready to help hold it up, should it fall." The elephant laughed cruelly. "Do you really think, that those tiny feet could help hold up the sky?"

The hummingbird kept her feet up in the air, intent on her purpose, as she replied, "Not alone, but each must do what they can. And this is what I can do."

-- Chinese Parable
