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# JUNIORS' IN ACTION



GFWC TAUNTON AND RAYNHAM JUNIORS MEMBER OF THE GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS



# UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

May 2: Business Meeting at The Arbors at 7:00 pm.

May 30: Board Meeting at The Arbors at 7:00 pm.

June 6: Juniors Social at the Marine Corps Hall in Dighton

#### HOSPITALITY

May 2011 - Nancy Martin (C) and Gail Delgado

Monthly Prize contributor for May: Gail Delgado





# **April Craft Time**

At our April Business meeting we all had fun doing crafts. We had 2 craft projects to choose from and some of us did both projects.

One project was decorating and personalizing eyewear cases with

sequins, stick on jewels and other fun things. Our other project was learning how to make origami paper Cranes for Japan.

Submit articles to Editor: Susan Carlson by the 15th of each month at <a href="mailto:tauntonraynhamjrwomen@yahoo.com">tauntonraynhamjrwomen@yahoo.com</a> or call 508 880 8844



JUNE SOCIAL

Be ready to join us for a fun and exciting time at the Marine Corps Hall in Dighton for pizza, salad and a fun game night. More details at the May Business Meeting.



GIFT EXCHANGE

Bring a gift, get a gift. Surprise someone and yourself with a small gift in return.



**OUR NEW MEMBERS** 

At our April meeting we welcomed two new members; Cindy Burch, <a href="mailto:cb02780@aol.com">cb02780@aol.com</a> and Margaret Smith, <a href="mailto:epole6@comcast.net">epole6@comcast.net</a>. Vel Bleau conducted a lovely installation adding more jewels to our Juniors Membership crown.

#### WHO'S WHO



Member: Nancy Brown Town: Dighton, MA Member since: 1978 Born in: Taunton, MA,

Lived in: Taunton, Dighton and RI

**Career:** I've worked in retail, owned a pub, was a teacher's assistant, Librarian, and now freelance as a storyteller and an arts & crafts entrepreneur. I've been a full time Juniors volunteer for an unbelievable 33





**Family:** Married to Brian, Son Brian (41), Daughter Lindsey (32) and son-in-law Anthony and Granddaughter Mia Vienne (9).



**Hobbies:** Photography, painting, reading, cooking, day tripping with Brian.

**T&R Jrs Positions Held:** President, Vice President, Corresponding Secretary, Membership, Auditor, District Representative, Director and Treasurer.

**Favorite Things:** Juniors of course! Being with Brian and spending time with our Mia is always a favorite. Being involved with my church sharing God's love. I am blessed to be able to teach CCD, and help others when I can. We recently sponsored a child from Guatemala whose name is Maria,nicknamed 'Cati".

I enjoy tea parties, collecting tea pots and cups and saucers, as well as Eiffel towers which decorate my kitchen. I also enjoy dining out and spending time with our friends and family, especially making time to be with girlfriends who always seem to recharge me.

My faith sustains me and I know that God's plan for me is good.

#### **MAY POEM**

May's a month of happy sounds, The hum of buzzing bees, The chirp of little baby birds And the song of a gentle breeze.

The grass is green.
Flower blossoms I have seen.
The days are warm.
By evening it cools.
It's time to find the garden tools.

Submitted by Vel Bleau

## HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW OUR RULES AND BY-LAWS?

Here are some to ponder . . .

#### **Standing Rules**

- 5. The membership chairman shall receive all applications for membership. These applications will be presented to the Executive Board for approval.
- 6. No Bills may be incurred, or commitments made on behalf of the club without the full approval of the Executive Board.

#### **By-Laws**

Article III - Members - Section 2a:

Application for membership shall be made by sending a standard application form to the Membership Chairman, signed by the applicant. This application shall be submitted to the Executive Board for final action. Upon approval of the application and with receipt of dues, the new member shall be installed.

#### **We Want Your Pie**

Get your recipe ready and bake your favorite pie. We will be calling the Junior Bakers. Let us know if you are one of them. Contact Deb Brennan, Nancy Clark, Joan Curran or Vel Bleau to get your pie into our 2012 Pie Calendar.

# **COMMITTEES**

#### **Homelife - Denise Wheeler**

- Samaritan House is requesting sample size toiletries.
- Pride Inc is requesting board games and craft supplies (see website) for their dayhab center.
- Raynham Food Basket is looking for canned goods and boxes of cereal.
- St. Vincent dePaul is requesting canned goods.
- Main Spring House, a shelter in Brockton, is requesting bar soap.
- We are collecting coins and dollar bills for A Woman's Concern; a MA organization that provides information and compassionate care and practical help and accurate information to women who believe they're pregnant and who may be considering abortion.

#### **Conservation - OPEN**

- We recycle! See our website for a list of all items. www.gfwctauntonraynhamjuniors.org/conservation.aspx
- Have stuff you no longer want? Go to <u>www.freecycle.org</u> to donate your stuff. All postings must be for free. This is a non profit, grassroots organization to give and receive for free in their own town. Let's keep our unwanted stuff out of the landfills and give to those who can re-use.
- Darlene's church continues to collect clean, used blankets hats, gloves, mittens, socks, hooded sweatshirts, scarves, mittens (preferably large), small duffle bags and soap for needy families. She is also collecting yarn except fun fur or eyelash to have Birthright baby sets. Denise is collecting eyelash and fun fur yarn.

### Membership - Vel Bleau

**Happy Birthday to You!** Jane Pittsley - May 10, Judy Riley - May 14, Cindy Brogan - May 16, Gail Delgado - May 30.

- GFWC is an approved participating volunteer organization for the Give a Day, Get a Disney Day program. Earn your Disney Theme Park ticket by going to <a href="www.gfwc.org">www.gfwc.org</a> to the Member Center link and click on the Disney link for more information.
- GFWC has partnered with T Mobile to provide discounted wireless mobile service and equipment. To find out more go to <a href="www.gfwc.org">www.gfwc.org</a> to the Member Center link for Affinity Programs & Benefits or call 866 464 8662.
- GFWC will receive a percentage of your Amazon.com purchase when you click on the Affinity link when you place your order.
- Our "Secret Pal" at the end of each meeting is a fun thing to do hope to see more members become involved.
- Don't forget to wear your Club shirt or vest to all our Events to help bring awareness of our Club.
- Welcome to our two new members Cindy Burch and Margaret Smith.



# **COMMITTEES**

#### **Public Issues - OPEN**

- Bring teddy bears and other stuffed animals for the Taunton Emergency Management System that we are collecting for the Taunton Federal Credit Union.
- We are still collecting items for our troops in two bins at the Taunton Public Library.

#### **International Outreach - Nancy Clark**

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

#### **Arts - Susan Carlson**

- © Congratulations to our winners, Denise Wheeler, Deb Brennan, Jane Pittsley, Nancy Brown and Nancy Clark of last month's So You Think You Can Dance question, 1) Name a popular swing dance song named after a US city. 2) What US citizen was the Lindy Hop named after? The answers were: 1) the Charleston and 2) Charles Lindbergh
- This month's question is: Name one of the King of Rock and Roll's A) #1 songs, B) one of his movies and C) his most famous son-in-law. If you think you have the correct answer, email Susan Carlson at <a href="mailto:susansvin@yahoo.com">susansvin@yahoo.com</a> or leave a message at 508 880 8844. At our June Social the most winning member will be awarded a Grand Prize. Good Luck to all.

# Committees to Chair Mome Life **Conservation Membership** Public Issues **☑** International Outreach **Arts Education** ☐ Leadership **☐** Fundraising □Programs Publicity **Mewsletter** Community Improvement Contact any Board Member to become a Chairperson.

The Taunton & Raynham Jrs. are planning a Fall fundraiser. If you have made a pie that others like and you think is the best pie, then your pie may be selected as one of the 12 pies selected for our calendar. If you are interested in having your pie be considered, please contact Joan Curran, Susan Carlson, Deb Brennan, Vel Bleau or Nancy Clark. A photo of you and your pie will become a month in the year 2012.

#### **Education - Cindy Brogan**

Bring a paperback dictionary, spanish/english dictionary or thesaurus for the Prison Book Program. For more information on this program, go to <a href="https://www.prisonbookprogram.org">www.prisonbookprogram.org</a>

Book Swap - Recycle that book you just read to another Junior member. Bring in your books and see what other members bring in that you might want to read.

Leadership - OPEN

**Programs - OPEN** 

#### **Fundraising - Jane Pittsley**

Save the date for Tuesday, August 16 for another trip to Foxwoods. We leave at 7:45 am and return at 5:00 pm. \$25 per person with a bonus package included.