

JUNIORS *in Action*



What Did We Do?



SUSAN CARLSON
Editor

In April we held our meeting at the US headquarters of Homes for Our Troops. Bill Ivy, Executive Director provided us with a very interesting and detailed overview. Homes for Our Troops is a national organization that was established here in Taunton in 2004 to build specifically adapted homes, mortgage free, for severely injured Veterans enabling them to rebuild their lives. Thanks to generous corporate sponsors like Kohler, Armstrong, Whirlpool, Homes for Our Troops have built 184 homes of which 6 are in MA. Currently, veteran Noah Galloway is a recipient of one of these homes and is also a contending on Dancing With the Stars TV show. Go to www.hrotusa.org for more information and how to donate.



April was National Library week and again some of our club members gathered at Nancy Brown's house and made dozens of chocolate covered strawberries and delivered to our local libraries.



Our librarians from Berkley, Raynham, Dighton, Taunton and Seekonk were thrilled to receive our trays of goodies we made in appreciation for all they do at their local library.



We had our pinwheels for Advocates for Children displayed prominently again on Winthrop Street for all to see.

Club members and friends and families headed to Mohegan Sun casino for a fun filled day for our April fundraiser.

Congratulations to our club. We did it! We won the coveted P&A silver bowl. Our club also received recognition and other awards at the 2015 Annual Conference on April 25, 2015 at the John Carver Inn in Plymouth. See photos and more details on next page . . .

<i>May Hospitality</i>	<i>Monday, June 8th Social</i>	<i>August Hospitality</i>
<i>Joanna Alden (C)</i>	<i>The Boston Tavern</i>	<i>Susan Carlson (C)</i>
<i>Mary Barrett</i>	<i>Middleboro, MA</i>	<i>JoAnn Matthews</i>

Upcoming Events

Start emptying out those overflowing closets and get your table. Our **Indoor - Outdoor Yard sale** is slated for Saturday May 16 at the VFW hall. 8:30 -12:30 \$20 a table, \$15 for members. See Denise for more details.

Our June Social will be on Monday, June 8 at the Boston Tavern in Middleboro. Sign up now.

June 13 - 15 is the **2015 GFWC Annual Convention** in Nashville, TN.

Early reminder to put on your calendars our 65th Anniversary celebration in October. More details to come from Joyce Clark and Mary Barrett.



INDOOR - OUTDOOR
YARD SALE

VFW Hall
Ingell St.
Taunton, MA

8:30 - 12:30
SATURDAY,
MAY 16,
2015

Sponsored by the GFWC
Taunton Junior Women's Club

Tables \$20.00
(\$15.00 for members)

For more information call
508 823 6004

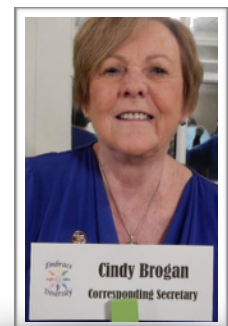
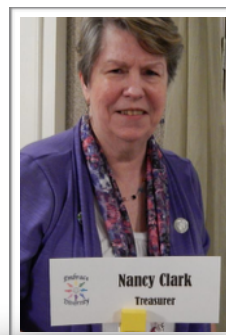
2015 ANNUAL CONFERENCE



Besides awards we had guest speaker, Christine Griffin, a Life Coach as well as speakers from Youth Villages and MassSTAR. We had several fun breaks between speakers with music and dancing by participants along with a luscious lunch. Then there were the awards of which we won many. We received Special Recognitions in Arts, Domestic Violence Awareness & Prevention, Membership, and Legislation & Public Policy as well as the Overall award for Home Life. And, best of all, we won the big Silver Bowl for best reports of all clubs! It was great that we had 14 members present to receive this award.



It was really a fun day!



Who's Who

Jane Pacheco



Jane was born in Boston, MA and grew up in Randolph. She moved to Assonet almost 38 years ago.

And a month every year in Nuevo Vallarta, Mexico.

She created her most personally inspired charity, Jane's Comfort Tea, for her friends who were faced with the struggle of cancer and friends that supported them through their difficult times. The Tea has grown from a small group of women to 74 women last year. She has raised and donated over \$2,400 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society over the past 8 years. Her next Tea is planned for May 9, 2015.

She worked as a special needs teacher for 32 years at Seekonk high school.



She and her husband John have 4 daughters and 5 grandchildren ages 3 to 20.

Also a week in York Beach, ME every year. They have also visited Ireland, the Grand Canyon, Alaska, Nova Scotia and throughout the US.



Her pet Max is a rescue dog, a Black coon hound. Jane also has 2 cats; Molly and Cutie.



She and her husband have been vacationing regularly in St. Martin for 3 weeks every year for the last 25 years.


In her spare time Jane likes to read, sew, knit, crochet, swim at the Raynham Athletic Club and do charity work.



She joined our club last year to expand her involvement in the community. She has already jumped in with both feet attending and helping out in our fundraisers and committees. Welcome Jane!

Submit Newsletter articles to Susan Carlson at susansvin@gmail.com
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May 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	Jrs. Business Meeting 7:00 pm				Relay for Life Shopping Party	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
		History Book Meeting 				Indoor Outdoor Yard Sale VFW
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	Jrs. Board Meeting @ 6:30 pm					
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

April						
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June						
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Committees

ARTS - NANCY CLARK - WE RECEIVED SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD FOR OUR ARTIST CORNER, LYNNE'S HEIKU SPIRIT POEM WON, AND THE CLUB CHRISTMAS CARD WON. NANCY BROWN AND I RECEIVED NUMEROUS AWARD FOR PHOTOGRAPHY.

CONSERVATION - DENISE WHEELER - WE WILL BE COLLECTING SPOOLS OF THREAD, SCRAP PAPER, BRAS, ANY SIZE * ANY KIND OF SHOE OR SNEAKER MENS, WOMEN'S AND CHILDREN'S * BOTTLE CAPS * COSTUME JEWELRY TO BE USED AT OUR YARD SALE TO SELL * LIGHTLY USED CLOTHING * OLD BLANKETS AND TOWELS FOR THE ANIMAL SHELTER. ALSO, SAVE ALL HOLIDAY CARDS FOR THE GOOD GRIEF PROGRAM THROUGH ST. JUDES. DON'T FORGET WE **RECYCLE** NEARLY EVERYTHING!

EDUCATION - NANCY MARTIN - DONATE A PAPERBACK DICTIONARY, A SPANISH/ENGLISH DICTIONARY OR A THESAURUS FOR THE PRISON BOOK PROGRAM. BRING BOOKS YOU'VE READ TO SWAP WITH OTHER MEMBERS. THE STATE BOOK CLUB IS READING TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD BY HARPER LEE. A MEETING WILL BE SET IN SUDBURY TO DISCUSS THE BOOK.

FUNDRAISING - DENISE WHEELER - WE'RE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR ITEMS TO CREATE OUR FAMOUS RAFFLE BASKETS.

HOME LIFE - NANCY BROWN - WE CONTINUE TO COLLECT FOR HOMELESS SHELTERS, REMEMBERING THE ELDERLY, HANDICAPPED, MATTHEW 25:40 BLESSING BAGS, DIGHTON NURSING HOME AND OTHERS IN NEED. SO SAVE * PUZZLES (500 PCS OR LESS) * TOILETRIES * BOARD GAMES * CRAFT SUPPLIES * KNITTED LAP ROBES FOR SENIORS * AND BRING IN CEREAL AND CANNED GOODS AND INDIVIDUAL TISSUE PACKETS, COOKIES AND CRACKERS TO DONATE.

INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH - CINDY BROGAN - KEEP THOSE PENS AND PENCILS AND STAMPS AND HOLIDAY CARDS COMING TO BE DONATE TO A CATHOLIC MISSION IN INDIA * WHITE SOCKS FOR A HONDURAS MISSION * LOOSE CHANGE FOR HEIFER INTERNATIONAL.

LEADERSHIP - NANCY BROWN - "PROGRESS IS IMPOSSIBLE WITHOUT CHANGE AND THOSE WHO CANNOT CHANGE THEIR MINDS CANNOT CHANGE ANYTHING." GEORGE BERNARD SHAW

MEMBERSHIP - JOYCE CLARK- HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO JANE PITTSLEY AND CINDY BROGAN.

PUBLICITY - NANCY BROWN - DID YOU SEE OUR ANNOUNCEMENT OF OUR INDOOR - OUTDOOR YARD SALE IN THE RAYNHAM BUZZ AND IN THE TAUNTON GAZETTE? CHECK OUT THE BUZZ FOR OUR EVENTS LISTED. PLEASE SAVE ANY NEWSPAPER ARTICLES INCLUDING PAGE AND DATE.

PUBLIC ISSUES - ROBIN GENDRON -WE ARE STILL MAKING THE VETERAN TAGS WITH THE RECYCLED FLAG STARS.

PROGRAMS - JOANNA ALDEN - FOR OUR MAY BUSINESS MEETING, RICHARD LEHMAN, DIRECTOR OF VOLUNTEER SERVICES OF THE BROCKTON VA HOSPITAL WILL BE OUR GUEST SPEAKER.

