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What's New?'s Paper

Upcoming Meetings and Events

May 2: GFWC of MA Juniors Annual Conference at Sea Crest Resort in Falmouth

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May 4: regular meeting at The Arbors, 7 p.m.

May 10: Mother's Day

May 17: Ice Cream Social at The Arbors, 2-4 p.m.

May 18: board meeting at The Arbors, 7 p.m.

May 25: Memorial Day

May's Meeting

Mayor Charles Crowley will present "Hollywood Comes to Taunton" at this month's meeting. Mayor Crowley is noted for his wonderful presentations about the history of Taunton and still hosts the "Olde Tyme Taunton" show on Taunton cable channel 15.



The filming of the Dachau scenes for the movie, "Ashcliffe," based on Dennis Lehane's novel, *Shutter Island*, is not the first time the city has hosted Hollywood films or celebrities. Mayor Crowley will show us his collection of slides and tell us all about the many celebrities who have visited Taunton and the films that have been made here.

Hospitality

May 4

Joanna (C) and Nancy C.

Sept. 14

Judy R. (C) and Nancy B.

Don't forget:

Secret Pal Gifts!

Rent Relief for May:

Nancy M.

Submit Articles to Editor: Nancy Clark
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Reminders for May's Meeting

Samaritan House: sample size toiletries - shampoo, conditioner, lotion, toothpaste, toothbrushes

Education: a paperback dictionary or thesaurus

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.

Raynham Food Basket: Canned Ravioli

Blue Bears



Joyce, Darlene, Denise, and Sharon J. cut out and sewed 42 blue bears and their kerchiefs for this year's Mass Star Project just in time to be delivered at April 2nd's Club Institute in Medway.

Congratulations ladies! Our club made approximately 1/3 of all the bears delivered that day (42 out of 120). We also delivered 4 bags of stuffing for the bears.

April's Meeting

Stephen Keohane, the Director of Development for "Homes for Our Troops," showed us a video, *PowerPoint* presentation and talked to us about the wonderful work that the organization does.

Welcome Kelly Campbell to our club. She was installed at last month's meeting. Add Kelly to your yearbook:

Mrs. Brian Campbell
503 Dighton Ave., Taunton, MA 02780
(508) 386-2285



National Library Week

Club members worked hard baking the goodies that we delivered to the Taunton, Raynham, Berkley, Dighton, and Rehoboth Public libraries. Our club accepts members from all of these towns and for their special week, we wanted all the library staffs to know how much we appreciated their hard work.

Thanks go to Nancy B., Nancy C., Joyce, Audrey, Darlene, Kim, Cindy, Kelly, and Jane P. for baking all the treats.



Ice Cream Social:

- The ice cream social is Sunday, May 17th from 2-4 p.m. Keep selling those tickets! Adults are \$5 and children 12 and under are \$2. Remember, this is all you can eat!
- There will be a sign-up sheet at this month's meeting for those who are willing to help set up and clean up. Those individuals should be at The Arbors at noon.

International Affairs:

- We are continuing to collect children's books for nomadic schools in Kenya. For ideas of the types of books to collect check them out on our website at: http://gfwctauntonraynhamjuniors.com/Club_Reminders.aspx.
- 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:

- Joyce has been knitting baby caps to donate to Morton Hospital and other hospitals in the area. Anyone interested in knitting or crocheting caps can find patterns at http://www.warmupamerica.com/Jul06_kit.html or http://www.bbc.co.uk/stoke/my_pages/babywear/hkp/012.shtml. If you slightly enlarge the pattern, the hats can be donated to *Helping Hands* and homeless shelters.
- Kim McMann is collecting coupons (any coupons). They cannot be expired. Please bring any you have to this month's meeting.
- Darlene is collecting yarn of any type except fun fur or eyelash for a lady she knows who can make baby sets for *Birthright*.

Education:

- May is "Get Caught Reading Month!" So bring books you have read to swap at this month's meeting if you have any.
- Bring a paperback dictionary, thesaurus, or Spanish-English dictionary for the *Prison Book Program*, www.prisonbookprogram.org.
- Support our libraries: The *Friends of the Taunton Public Library's* monthly book sale is May 9th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- GFWC and your local PBS station invite you to see "The Old Curiosity Shop." Read the book by Charles Dickens and see the movie May 3rd.

Conservation:

- See our website at http://gfwctauntonraynhamjuniors.com/Club_Reminders.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.  **freecycle**™ 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, sweatshirts, scarves, thick socks, mittens (preferably large), and small duffle bags for needy families.
- Help protect the rainforests! Every time you buy a  Tropicana product you can go to www.tropicanaforest.com and enter the unique # code on your container. For every code entered, they will preserve 100 square feet of rainforest. **Keep track of the number of codes you have entered so we can see how many square feet of rain forest our club can save in a year!**

Membership:

- May birthdays: Jane Pittsley 10th, Judy Riley 14th, Cindy Brogan 16th, and Sharon Weatherford 24th when you see them, wish them a Happy Day!
- 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.
- If anyone has the "Travel Journal" please bring it in.

Arts:

- Congratulations to those "Smart About Art" in April: Nancy C., Joyce, Nancy B., Cheryl, Susan C., Judy D., Sharon W., and Cindy.
- Answer: Blanche Ames Ames & Oakes Ames lived in North Easton in their Borderland Mansion in what is now Borderland State Park

Question for May: *In what city* did architect Maude Darling-Parlin (1885-1979) remodel the building that houses the women's club and various other downtown buildings in this historic place. Why not visit your local library to find the answer

- Good Luck! Call 508-345-5320 or email audree11@verizon.net

- Don't forget to bring your "Artful Necklace" for display and remember to pick up your "Dress for Steppin' Out" to design and create!!
- Congratulations to Nancy B. and Nancy C. who won five awards between them at this year's GFWC of Massachusetts Art and Phototgraphy Contest.



Mary Baird and Nancy C. with Donna Shibley holding Nancy's Painting

Fundraising:

- Continue to make brownies for Denise to sell at school or donate money for boxes of brownie mix and candy.
- Our club has now signed up for **shaw's** Community Rewards program. After you have signed up for the program online, every time you shop at Shaw's on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday with your Shaw's card, our club will automatically get 1% of your purchases. If you don't have computer access, you can give your card number to Nancy C. She will be happy to sign up for you. To sign up yourself follow the instructions on our website at <http://gfwctauntonraynhamjuniors.com/support.aspx>.

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3 MOST-VIEWED STORIES AT TAUNTONGAZETTE.COM

NEWS Former mayor Strojny dies
NEWS Dighton man charged with indecent assault on girl, 6
SPORTS High school softball: White hurls no-hitter in season opener

COMING SUNDAY The Gazette sports staff takes on a topic of the week

THOUGHT OF THE DAY — "We crucify ourselves between two thieves: regret for yesterday and fear of tomorrow." — Fulton Oursler, American journalist and author

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

BIRTHDAYS
Actress Rita Gam is 81. Actress Sharon Acker is 74. Singer Leon Russell is 67. Jazz musician Larry Coryell is 66. Actress Linda Hunt is 64. Singer Emmylou Harris is 62. Actress Pamela Reed is 60. Rock musician Dave Robinson (The Cars) is 56. Country singer Buddy Jewell is 48.

LOTTERY
Day's drawing
1-6-1-6
The payoffs based on a \$1 ball were:
Exact order
All four \$4,616
First or last three \$646
Any two \$55
One \$6

'Incredible Kids Day'
The GFWC Taunton and Raynham Juniors organized "Incredible Kids Day" on March 19 at Summer Street School in Taunton. The annual letter-writing campaign encourages parents to write letters to their kids. The program was held for the first time at Summer Street School this year. Show above, left, are Nancy Brown, Summer Street School librarian, and Bianca Monteagudo, and above right, Brown with Natalie Dutra.

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Homes for troops is topic

TAUNTON - The GFWC Taunton and Raynham Junior Woman's Club hosted guest speaker Stephen Keohane, who is the Director of Development for Homes for Our Troops, at their recent monthly meeting.

He spoke on behalf of John Gonsalves who was unable to attend. Homes for Our Troops was founded by John Gonsalves. Before founding Home for Our Troops Mr. Gonsalves had 20 years of construction experience.

As it did for many of us, September 11th changed his life. After hearing on the news about our soldiers returning from the war with severe brain injury or loss of arms, legs or vision, John wondered how these men and women would get around in the comfort of their homes. He found that most of them could not afford to own their own homes and most houses and apartments are not easily adapted to take into consideration their types of injuries.

John decided to do something about this by founding Homes for Our Troops, based in Taunton. His foundation has completed over 30 specially adapted homes for disabled veterans and has as many in progress.

At the meeting, Stephen Keohane explained how the organization works in providing safe and handicap accessible and adapted housing for the veterans. The club gave a hundred dollar donation to Homes for Our Troops.



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<http://www.thesunchronicle.com/articles/2009/04/19/taunton/4777885.prt>