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What's New? Paper

Upcoming Meetings and Events

May 2-3: GFWC of Massachusetts Annual Conference at the Doubletree Hotel in Westborough, MA

May 3: Monthly meeting at The Arbors, 7:00 p.m.

May 9: Happy Mother's Day!

May 16: Women Entrepreneur Fundraiser at The Arbors, 1-4 p.m.

May 24: Board Meeting at The Arbors, 7 p.m.

May 31: Memorial Day

May Meeting

Those who attended this year's GFWC of Massachusetts, Junior Membership Annual Meeting and Installation of Officers will be telling us about the highlights of the meeting and about all of the awards that our club won. Be sure to come to the meeting to hear all about it!



“Women Entrepreneurs on Parade” Fundraiser

On Sunday, May 16th we will have at least twelve women with their own businesses set up tables to sell their wares and, of course, we will have one of our famous Basket Raffles. This event will take place at The Arbors from 1-4 p.m. and the admission is **FREE!** Cookies and coffee will be provided as well.

See our website for a complete list of vendors.

Hospitality

May 3

Joan Curran (c) and Denise Wheeler

Sept. 13

Judy R. (C) and Rhonda

Oct. 4

Mary R. (C) and Joyce

Nov. 1

Nancy B. (C) and Cheryl

Dec. 6

Deb B. (C) and Sharon W.

Don't forget our:

Gift Exchange

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: 2 or more canned goods

Drawing Prize for May:
Kelly

Submit Articles to Editor: Nancy Clark
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Club Institute Awards

Nancy C. attended Club Institute at the V.F.W. in Medway on April 1st where our club members received several awards.

Nancy B. received the 1st Place award in the Art Contest for her painting, "We've Got Milk?" and Nancy C. received the 2nd Place award for her painting, "Birches in Winter." Nancy B. also received a 2nd Place award in the Scenic category of the Photography Contest for "Tin Lizzie."

Nancy C. presented the certificates for ESO membership as well.



April Meeting

This past month Jocelyn Tavares, Brenda Carr, and Laurie Andrews from the Dighton Public Library talked to us about the library's collections and activities. They gave us a folder with handouts of their upcoming events. They explained the S.A.I.L.S. library network and told us how we could go online to put books on hold.

Jocelyn also had us play the game "Baseball Trivia" with questions about the library.



Annual Conference

Cindy and Nancy C. attended this year's GFWC of Massachusetts, Junior Membership Annual Conference in Westborough and were joined by Nancy B. and Vel for the dinner and the night's festivities.


Our club won too many awards to include here, so you will just have to attend May's meeting to hear all about them. Nancy B. won an especially prestigious award – come and find out what it was!

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.

Membership:

- **Happy birthday** to the following members with May birthdays: Jane, 10th; Cindy, 16th; Judy R., 14th; Sharon W., 24th. We wish you all a very Happy Day!!!
- 54% were in attendance at the April's meeting. We can do better!
- 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.
- We will be taking a tally of those attending this year's Annual Conference on April 24, 2010 at the Doubletree Hotel in Westborough, MA. Please consider attending!



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, continue to fill your *Heifer International* boxes.

Public Affairs:

- Bring teddy bears for the Taunton Emergency Management System being collected by the Taunton Federal Credit Union.



Leadership:

- Susan Carlson is our new Arts Chairman. Thank you for stepping up, Susan.

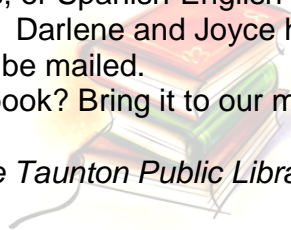
Arts:

- **Congratulations** to those “Smart About Art” in April. “Smarties” were: Nancy C., Cindy, Kelly, Joyce, and Nancy B.
 - **Answer:** Ella Fitzgerald was the “First Lady of Song” and her “million-seller” was "A-Tisket, A-Tasket."
- **Question for May:** So you think you can dance? Name 3 Native Indian dances and the ceremonial event that is still active today throughout America, even as close as Dighton, MA.
 - 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 Susan Carlson at 508/880 8844 or email her at susansvin@yahoo.com.**
- **Picture from February’s Trivia Question:** Someone emailed Nancy C. the picture of the Queen Elizabeth II picture that was created with 1000 used tea bags by Andy Brown. We were all curious to see what it looked like.



Education:

- Bring a paperback dictionary, thesaurus, or Spanish-English dictionary for the *Prison Book Program*, www.prisonbookprogram.org. Darlene and Joyce helped with the program in Quincy on April 6th by packing books to be mailed.
- **Book Swap:** Finished reading a good book? Bring it to our meeting and swap with another member.
- Support our libraries: The *Friends of the Taunton Public Library’s* monthly book sale is May 8th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.



Community Improvement: Our planned “Earth Day” cleanup at Boyden was rained out. We need to plan another day. Also, we need suggestions for ways to spend our \$500 grant for Boyden.

Save the Date: Thursday, June 3, 2010, 1 p.m.

Join other Massachusetts clubwomen for a wonderful day of friendship and memories at the GFWC of Massachusetts “Federation Day at the Forest.” Savor your picnic lunch with friends in the serenity of the Federation’s woodlands. Enjoy an interesting and stimulating program which will inform and inspire. Be grateful for the lives of women who have given much to the Federation. Relish the tasty refreshments served by members of the Memorial Forest Committee. What better way to spend a day in June.

(From the March, April, May issue of *Federation Topics*)

GFWC International Convention: Come join the fun at the GFWC International Convention in Omaha!



GFWC is excited to announce that Mary Kay Mueller, author of *Taking Care of Me: The Habits of Happiness* and *8 to Great: The Powerful Process for Positive Change* will be a presenter at the 119th GFWC Annual International Convention in Omaha.

MK's training programs motivate people from around the world with the keys to happiness, health, and success. She is also passionate about life skills education for teens and recently published a curriculum for middle and high schools that was highlighted on the Dr. Phil Show.

MK will speak during the Monday morning business session, and will also facilitate a workshop titled "The World's Most Powerful Positive Attitude Formula" on Monday morning. For more information, including Convention Registration, go to www.GFWC.org/2010Convention. (From GFWC's News & Notes email)

Publicity: Send all information to Nancy Brown.



Thelma, Nancy C. (pictured) and Joyce attended the Taunton Women's Club 100th Anniversary Celebration at Benjamin's Restaurant on Monday, April 12, 2010.