



Juniors in Action



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Our Board Members

Edie Edlund – President, Robin Gendron - Vice President, Joyce Clark - Recording Secretary, JoAnn Matthews - Corresponding Secretary, Vel Bleau – Treasurer, Jane Pacheco & Nancy Brown - Co-Auditors, Cindy Leonard - Director

What Did We Do in March & April?

Nancy Martin – Editor: MRMartin947@aol.com

March & April Meetings: The program for the meeting was Francis Broach. He talked about his book, "The Bullet in Mary's Crown ". He also talked about how one goes about publishing a book.



Happenings during the months of

March & April:

Joyce Clark and Nancy Brown **attended Club Institute** and brought our **Savers Donations** for the fundraiser to the state office in Sudbury.



The UNO Fundraiser took place on March 21st. A basket raffle was organized by Cindy Brogan and her committee. It was made up of 6- \$10 & 6- \$5 scratch tickets, bottle of scotch, 3 bottles of wine, 2 boxes of candy, 2 bags of chocolates, a pen & pencil set, and beef jerky. Tickets were sold at the entry of the restaurant by members. Forms to present with payment for food were distributed to members at the February and March meetings by the internet and on Facebook, which in turn members then forwarded it to friends and family. These forms allowed for up to 15% of payment to the club depending on receipt totals. This fundraiser was for the President's Project "Wild Hearts for Heroes Program". A total of \$401 was raised by the basket raffle which was donated by our



president Edie Edlund at the benefit dinner on April 21st. An additional \$137.31 was raised by our patrons at UNOs on March 21st. This will also be donated to the Presidents Project.

Our **yearbooks** were distributed in March, please see Joyce Clark if you did not receive one.

For **library month** Membership Chairman Joyce Clark along with club president Edie Edlund and Robin Gendron put membership displays at the Taunton & Raynham Libraries for Library Month.

Pinwheels for Prevention were displayed on

Winthrop Street for the month of April for Domestic Violence Month.



A meeting occurred at Nancy Clark's house of the **Ad Hoc Committee** chaired by Cindy Brogan. It was decided since the Soup Sampler had to be postponed due to weather and a new date could not be agreed upon by the



membership, raffle tickets for a book of lottery tickets worth \$600 would be sold by the membership, if you have not gotten tickets to sell or need more see Cindy at the May meeting. The winner will be picked at the June Social.

Joyce Clark, Nancy Brown, and Denise Wheeler visited the **Prison Book Program** on Tuesday April 17th and

donated 20 books from our club.



Nancy Clark organized a **club social** to see the play 'We Did It

For You" a musical play on women's suffrage at the First Unitarian Church in New Bedford. Thea Iberall is the playwright. The other three women represent Virginia Wolf, Alice Paul and Eleanor Roosevelt. It was a wonderful performance attended by eight club members.



The woman in red is Coline Jenkins the great great granddaughter of women's rights pioneer Elizabeth Cady Stanton, and the great granddaughter of Harriet Stanton Blatch, writer and suffragist.



The Wild Hearts for Heroes benefit dinner at Easton Country Club was attended by 8 members. Our own Mary Ellen

Founds was in a panel discussion. The benefit dinner raised over \$18,000, which included our \$401 donation given by our President Edie Edlund that evening. The additional \$137.31 raised will be sent along when it arrives from Unos headquarters.



The **five scholarship** checks have been sent and Educational Chairman Nancy Martin will be looking for members during the May meeting to attend Honor Nights where the scholarships will be presented to the recipients.

Your members Nancy Clark, Cindy Brogan, Joyce Clark and Nancy Martin who represent us as members of the **state board for GFWC of Massachusetts Junior** have agreed to once again

be part of the board of the newly elected president along with Robin Gendron.

The **signs** for our club fundraisers have been ordered by Nancy Brown and Paula Gasparoni. We thank them for all the hard work they put into finding and purchasing the right signs for our club.

The **GFWC of Massachusetts Juniors Conference**

was held on April 27th to the 28th at Springfield Hilton Garden Inn. Friday night began with a dinner social of mostly Junior Board members

followed by Junior Fun Night at the hotel. Those attending the event



Painted a design on a wine glass. Then the night ended with a small social in the GFWC Junior President's suite Martha Carsassa.

Members of our club also members of the GFWC Junior Board provided refreshments and drinks.

Club members in attendance were Edie Edlund, Cindy Brogan, Nancy Clark, Nancy



Brown, Nancy Martin,

Joyce Clark, Robin Gendron and Joan Curran.

Saturday the 28th consisted of the annual meeting with inspirational speakers. The first was Ibrahim Ali, Co-Director for "Gardening the Community".

He talked about how his program benefits the youth of the community of Springfield by teaching them in a summer program how to develop and implement a plan for a community garden, including a greenhouse. It has been in operation for about 5 years, but the town has moved them at least 4 times and each time it takes almost the whole summer to prepare the area for use. The program has now purchased the land presently in use. The second speaker was Kay Simpson

president of the Dr. Seuss Museum. She showed a slide presentation of the museum and how each section depicts a section of one of the Dr. Seuss books. She explained how in the last year technology has helped



to double their attendance. Eileen McCaffery, Executive director of Springfield Community Music School talked about their schools' program and had twelve students perform ages 4 to 12 violin music. They were fabulous. Our club donated a beautiful basket for the raffle organized by Joyce Clark. Presentations of awards were given and Taunton



Juniors received a few. Since I don't want to spoil the surprise you have to wait for the May meeting to see what we won as a club. Cindy Brogan did receive the Shell Award.



This was then followed by the installation of your new officers, Jen Nowak as our new director, Katie Robey Assistant director, and Marisa Jablanski Recording Secretary, Jeanne Dee Corresponding Secretary, and Nancy Coughlin treasurer. Members from our club also installed were Joyce Clark as a District Representative, Nancy Clark Chairman of Public Policy and Legislation, Cindy Brogan Chairman of Public Issues, Nancy Martin Chairman of Domestic Violence and Robin Gendron an Assistant to the Assistant.

The Matthew Mission 25:40 has been closed. We



thank Cheryl Carlos along with the club members who have volunteered many hours keeping the mission up and running for the last few years and for all the donations from our club members of food clothing and money. Joyce Clark contacted Bristol Plymouth and they have agreed to **stencil shirts, sweatshirts, vests with our club Logo**, etc. for the price of \$1 each, so bring any items you want stenciled and money to the May meeting.

Robin Gendron would like to see members purchase tickets or **give donations for a student with cancer and a third grade teacher in the Taunton System** to the following: a spaghetti dinner May 11th at the PACC from 5-7pm price \$10 and a Charity Hockey Game on May 12th



from 2-4pm at the Alexio Arena for \$20. Our club has agreed to donate one basket to each fundraiser.

Committees:

ARTS – Nancy Clark – November 4th the Dighton Arts Festival from 9:00AM to 3:00PM. There is a need of crayons, markers, and Christmas stickers to use at the festival.



Also, we are looking for paints to use to decorate wine glasses for the June Social.

COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC RELATIONS - Nancy Brown – Look at local newspapers and local tv sites and notify Nancy when you see anything about our club. Please save any articles that you may see in The



CALL, The Taunton Gazette, The Rehoboth Reporter, or The Brockton Enterprise. When clipping any article makes sure you include the header that has the paper's name, page #, and date of said article. The easiest would be to save the entire page and bring it to our business meeting. Be aware that our events and announcements are also run on Cable TV and on-line at AmericanTowns.com and Wicked Local, and on Facebook.



CONSERVATION – Denise Wheeler – Collecting newspapers, puzzles, board games, empty ink cartridges, fabric, yarn, old cell phones, eye and reading glasses, small jewelry boxes, coffee cans, old batteries, embroidery floss, used eye glasses with cases, metal and plastic coat hangers, holiday cards and soda tabs.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: - Joyce Clark – No Report
EDUCATION – Nancy Martin – Donate a paperback dictionary or thesaurus for the prison book program. During the meeting Joyce Clark will organize a date to help out at the Prison Book Program. Nancy will be looking for members who would like to sign up to attend the honors night for the scholarship recipients. Our club will begin looking for new books for children: new born

to sixteen years of age for Citizens for Citizens once again for December of 2018.

FUNDRAISING – Cindy Brogan- Sell the tickets for the lottery book worth \$600. If you haven't got yours get them at this meeting or additional ones! Don't forget to sell Royal Tea tickets, give a list of names to Denise Wheeler at the May meeting.

HOME LIFE – Nancy Brown-Packaged crackers or cookies, tissues, hand sanitizer, and fleece blankets



HOSPITALITY – Robin Gendron-February: Susan Johnson & Darlene Brown

INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH –Cindy Brogan- Bring your change for the Heifer Box. Continue to get all shots at Wallgreens to help the "Shot for Life" Program.



Nancy Brown Pakistan Doll was on display at the annual conference representing our club.

LEADERSHIP: - Paula Gasparoni and Joan Curran- Hands on activity will take place at the meeting.



MEMBERSHIP — Joyce Clark -Encourage friends and new people you meet to come to a meeting. The club will be purchasing new magnetic name tags for \$10 each. If you would like one bring your money to the May meeting.



NEWSLETTER – Nancy Martin – If you do something representing our club during any given month, please forward information about it along with pictures to



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PRESIDENTS SPECIAL PROJECT: Edie Edlund- "Wild



Hearts for Heroes Program". A total of \$538.31 has been raised and donated to the program by our club.

PROGRAMS- Joanna Alden –A Leadership Program presented by Joan Curran and Paula Gasparoni will be a documentary video of our member Joan Rainville Curran for Women's History Month. Joan's son Edmund created this beautiful video of his mom and her journey with Parkinsons.

PUBLIC ISSUES –Cindy Brogan – Our new GFWC



Junior Director Project will be helping and bringing forth recognition to veterans. One of them being "Wreaths Across America" taking place on December 15th.

PUBLIC POLICY & LEGISLATION– Nancy Clark –



Looking for support of Gun Bill. Each member needs to sign up again in the Legislation Action Center. If legislature responds to your email about that specific topic, forward their response to Programs@gfwc.org and to Nancy Clark webmaster@nclark.net.



WEBMASTER – Nancy Clark – If you haven't gone on the site yet, visit the site and register for "Call to Action".

WHRC – Nancy Brown-Three copies of our club's history book are available at each meeting to look at. Club members are encouraged to sign out the book for a month with Nancy Brown and read it and return it. Thank-you to the members who attended the play "We Did it For You."



YEARBOOK– Nancy Brown & Nancy Clark –Have been distributed. If you do not have yours see Joyce Clark.



Happy Birthday to members:

Jane Pittsley

Judy Riley

Cindy Brogan

Lauren Founds

What should you bring to the meeting?

- Clothes and a \$1 for item you want stenciled with club logo
- Lottery Ticket Raffle money
- Crayons, markers, and Christmas stickers
- Eyeglasses and cases, metal hangers and empty ink cartridges
- Royal Tea counts for tickets sold
- Pennies for Old Colony History Museum
- Change for Heifer Box

Upcoming Events

- May 21st next Board Meeting
- Royal Tea St Nicholas May 20th 1pm to 3pm
- MassStar June 1st-3rd
- June Social June 4th
- Federation Day at the Forest HQ Sudbury June 7th
- GFWC International Convention St. Louis, MO June 23rd-26rd
- Fashion Show American Legion Hall Raynham August 12th noon to 4pm
- Junior Jumpstart HQ, Sudbury August 30th
- Crafters Show American Legion Raynham September 16th
- GFWC New England Region Conference, Sunday River Resort, Maine September 28th-30th
- GFWC of Massachusetts Junior Membership Fall Conference October 20th

You're Invited

FREE drawing for hat wearers and all gentlemen

Photo op with surprise Royal guest

~ A ROYAL TEA ~

Sunday, May 20th
1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

St. Nicholas of Myra Parish Hall
499 Spring Street
No. Dighton

Adults \$10.00
Under 12 - \$5.00

Scholarship fundraiser hosted by
GFWC Taunton and Raynham Jr. Woman's Club

Contact any member or call 774-218-1456

From your editor:

You are proof that volunteers are people who don't want to be thanked for helping others, but want to thank others for giving them the opportunity to help.



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