

JUNIORS *in Action*

Cindy Leonard - President

What Did We Do?

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Editor



National Library Week



A team of our members made 5 trays of hand dipped chocolate covered strawberries and delivered them to our 5 local libraries. Thanks to Nancy Brown, Nancy Clark, Joyce Clark and Susan Carlson for their time and expertise.



Prison Book Club

Our members Joyce Clark, Nancy Martin, Nancy Brown and Barbara Spencer made the trek to Quincy to help gather books to send to prisoners.

Juniors Annual Conference



The GFWC of MA Junior Membership Annual Conference convened on Saturday, April 26 at the Courtyard Marriott in Marlborough, MA. More than a dozen Federated Junior Women's clubs from throughout the state were represented by their members to participate in the installation of new state officers, as well as to be recognized and receive awards for outstanding contributions and volunteer service for 2013.

Our members; Joyce Clark, Nancy Clark, Nancy Brown, Nancy Martin, Joan Curran, Cindy Leonard, Cindy Brogan and Vel Bleau attended the awards luncheon.

Our club was presented with special recognition citations for our website, and an overall award for the YouTube video of our Gone With the Wind fundraiser tea.

Certificates were also given to our club for a project under the Women's History and Resource Center, GFWC Junior Special Project-Advocates for Children, GFWC Signature Project-Domestic Violence Awareness, and GFWC Community Service Programs in the Arts. Three of our

members won certificates in the World in Pictures, Club Women in Action, and photo contest. Congratulations to Nancy Clark and Francesca Perry and Nancy Brown.

Guest speakers at the event were T Jablanski, GFWC of MA Jr. State Nominating Committee Chairman, and Shot@LIFE Champion; and Sandy Leahy and Kathy Tarentino of Raynham, authors of The Hibernating House.




At the evening Awards Banquet, our own Joyce Clark was presented with the Marilyn Perry Leadership Award for 2013. Well deserved - Congratulations Joyce!

A new slate of 2014-2016 GFWC of MA state officers were installed. Our new Director of Junior Clubs is Diane McCurley, Assistant Director, Martha Casassa, Recording Secretary Jen Nowak, Corresponding Secretary Cindy Brogan, Treasurer Nancy Clark and Joyce Clark as one of the states District Representatives.

Upcoming Events

- On May 8 we will host a Mother's Day Tea for the residents at Bethany House. We need baked goods and you to help.
- On May 8 in the evening, we will have our Membership table set up at the Smokey Bones 'Shopping Party with a Purpose'. Help bring awareness of our club to our local community and raise money for the Wounded Warriors and Relay for Life.
- May 10 will be our next Indoor Yard Sale at the VFW hall on Ingell Street in Taunton.
- June 9 is our Annual June Social. See you at the Taunton Yacht Club on Water Street in Dighton.
- June 20 is Relay for Life. Please join our team and walk for this great cause.

DATES TO REMEMBER	MAY 5 BUSINESS MEETING	MAY 19 BOARD MEETING	JUNE 9 ANNUAL SOCIAL	SEPTEMBER 8 BUSINESS MEETING
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat		
27	28	29	30	May 1	2	3		
4	5 JR. BUSINESS MEETING AT 7:00 PM	6	7	8	9	10	INDOOR - OUTDOOR PLANT & YARD SALE <small>VENDORS ARE WELCOME</small>  Saturday, May 10, 2014 VFW on Ingell Street Taunton, MA 9:00 am to 1:00 pm	
11 Mother's Day	12	13	14	15	16	17		
18	19 JR. BOARD MEETING	20	21	22	23	24		
25	26 Memorial Day	27	28	29	30	31		

<i>May Hospitality</i>	<i>June Social</i>	<i>September Hospitality</i>
<i>Darlene Brown (C)</i>	<i>Taunton Yacht Club</i>	<i>Judy Ackerman (C)</i>
<i>Dolores Costa</i>	<i>Water Street, Dighton, MA</i>	<i>Cindy Brogan</i>

Committees

ARTS

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Our club was presented with a Special Recognition certificate for the Artist's Corner program at the Annual Junior Conference last month.

CONSERVATION

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We **recycle!** See our website for a list of all items, including dead batteries. Let's add lightbulbs, metal coffee cans w/lids, soda tabs, shoe boxes, yogurt containers, bottle caps and Pringles tubes.

Darlene continues to collect for the Central Square Congregational Church in Bridgewater clean used blankets hats, gloves, mittens, socks, towels, hooded sweatshirts, scarves, mittens (preferably large), small duffle bags, back packs and soap for needy families.

We are collecting men's clothing for Crossroads in Providence and Veterans at St. Thomas Church.

EDUCATION

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Donate a paperback dictionary, Spanish/English dictionary or thesaurus for the Prison Book Program. For more information on this program, go to www.prisonbookprogram.org.

Bring books to swap or that can be donated to Friends of the Library. We will start collecting children's book for Citizen for Citizens as well as Dr. Seuss books for our 'Cat in the Hat' events.

Have you signed up for our Relay for Life team being held on June 20? Go to www.relayforlife.org.

FUNDRAISING

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Our next fundraiser is will be our Indoor Outdoor Yard and Plant Sale at the VFW in Taunton on Saturday, May 10.

Please donate mugs, specialty tea bags, tea pots and large baskets for our raffles, and summer, fall, winter, spring and kids items.

HOME LIFE

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This department encompasses our community volunteer efforts to help others. Examples are our collecting for homeless shelters, remembering the elderly, handicapped and others in need.

Save Toiletries for Samaritan House and Main Spring House.

Save board games and craft supplies, like popsicle sticks, googly eyes, felt, foam, ribbons, etc. for Pride Inc.

Save cereal for Raynham Food Basket.

Save canned goods for St. Vincent dePaul.

Knitted Lap Robes (36 x 36) are needed for Compassionate Care Hospice.

INTERNATIONAL

OUTREACH

Cindy Brogan

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Bring pens and pencils for a catholic mission in India. Save stamps and and holiday cards for India Missions.

We will be collecting for Heifer International as our project for GFWC of MA Juniors this year.

Also, bring in white knee high socks to donate to the Honduras mission.

LEADERSHIP

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MEMBERSHIP

Dolores Costa

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**Happy Birthday to:
Jane Pittsley, Cindy
Brogan, and Judy Riley**

FYI, at our June Social 5 - 10 - 25 year pins will be awarded to our members. How many years have you been a member?

PUBLICITY

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Check out the Raynham Buzz, Taunton Gazette and cable for coverage of our Foxwoods Casino fundraiser and photos of our presenting our chocolate covered strawberries to the Raynham librarians.

PUBLIC ISSUES

Robin Gendron

We are still collecting teddy bears or other small stuffed animals for TEMS and items for our troops in two bins at the Taunton Public Library.

PROGRAMS

Joanna Alden

Don't miss our speaker, Mark Cook of the Matthew 25:40 Mission. He is the Program Director of a homeless outreach mission in Taunton.





30 Years of the WHRC

May 1 marks 30 years since Vice President George H.W. Bush cut the ribbon opening of the **GFWC Women's History and Resource Center**. Since that historic day, GFWC clubwomen have generously contributed time, funds, and historical materials to the WHRC, making it a pearl among the country's women's history research centers. Check out a special section dedicated to WHRC anniversary in the upcoming May+June issue of *Clubwoman Magazine* with a timeline of GFWC milestones and piece written by GFWC International Past President Juanita Bryant (1982-84).

Blessing Bags

Nancy Clark and Cindy Brogan have been volunteering for the local "Mathew 25:40 Mission". This is a homeless outreach mission in the City of Taunton and a ministry of the First Parish Church of Taunton. Mark Cook is the program director and has established this shelter for the homeless.

He collects the following items for each person in need and provides them in a "Blessing Bag". He gives items to help in everyday life needs, never money.

This project could be our club's new 2-year Community Service Project. Here are the specific items in need:

hygiene items	aspirin	granola bars	gallon zip lock bags
tooth brushes	cough & cold medicine	non perishable food such	backpacks and drawstring
tooth paste	combs	as bagged tuna, cheese and	bags
snacks	brushes	cracker packs	
bottled water	shampoo samples	Dunkin Donuts coupon	
Tylenol	soaps	books	

Please remember to bring to our May 5 meeting any of the above items to donate to our speaker, Mark Cook
