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What's New?s Paper



Upcoming Meetings and Events

Nov. 1: Dighton Arts Festival, Araujo Farms, Dighton, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Nov. 2: Monthly Meeting at The Arbors, 7 p.m.

Nov. 22: Pie and Coffee Fundraiser at The Arbors, 2-4 p.m.

Nov. 26: Happy Thanksgiving

Nov. 30: Board Meeting at The Arbors

Dec. 7: Monthly meeting and Annual Meeting

Dec. 14: Holiday Party at Bella Roma, 239 Broadway, Taunton, at 6:00 p.m.

Hospitality

Nov. 2

Judy D. (C) and Darlene

Dec. 7

Nancy M. (C) and Mary R.

Don't forget:

Secret Pal Gifts!

Rent Relief for November:

Joan Curran

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November's Meeting

At this month's meeting Anthony Raymondo from Atomic City Martial Arts on County Street in Taunton will give a demonstration on safety for women using martial art defense.



Pie and Coffee Fundraiser



Don't forget to sell your tickets for our November 22nd "Pie and Coffee" fundraiser. If you don't have tickets, ask Denise for them at this month's meeting. There will be a sign-up sheet for those who can help set-up, serve, and clean-up. Let's make this fundraiser as successful as our spaghetti dinner!

Dighton Arts Festival

If you signed-up to man the table for our "Puzzle Frame" children's activity at the *Dighton Arts Festival* on November 1st and cannot find parking at Araujo Farms, there will be shuttle buses from the *American Auto Auction* parking lot at the corner of Williams St. and Winthrop Street in Taunton. More volunteers are needed – call Nancy C., 508/823-8193, if you can help anytime from 10 a.m. till 4 p.m.

Reminders for November's Meeting

Samaritan House: women's and men's white sox and 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.

Raynham Food Basket: *Hamburger Helper* and stuffing

Thanksgiving Basket: Don't forget your item for the basket!

Spaghetti Dinner

Our spaghetti dinner was a huge success. Thanks to Brian Brown's help in the kitchen, the spaghetti was delicious and we made \$1002.76 after expenses. \$650 of that was for our raffle.



October Meeting

T Jablanski, our state assistant director and membership chairman hosted her membership version of "The View" at October's meeting. Our officers, Nancy B., Cindy, and Joyce were part of the panel and members participated by asking questions. The program was great fun and we learned a lot as well.



N.E. Regional and Fall Conferences

Nancy C., Cindy, Joyce, and Nancy M. all enjoyed the N. E. Regional Conference. We especially liked seeing members dressed in period outfits like our director, Donna Shibley's, flapper garb.

And Nancy B. and Nancy C. had a great time participating in our "Make a Difference Day" projects during this year's Fall Conference at the Mercy Center in Worcester.



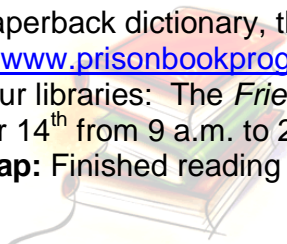
Homelife:

- Join in Welch's **Feeding America** campaign by visiting welchs.com/harvest and clicking the "Donate Now" button. Every time you do, they will donate eight – 8 oz. servings of 100% juice, up to 1 million servings. Each of those servings equals one cup of fruit.
- Darlene is collecting yarn of any type except fun fur or eyelash for a lady she knows who can make baby sets for *Birthright*.
- 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.



Education:

- 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 November 14th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- **Book Swap:** Finished reading a good book? Bring it to our meeting and swap with another member.





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. **Note: the web address for this has changed** (Our website has been updated!)
- 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. At the end of the year we can each check our accounts to see how many square feet of rain forest we have saved as a club!

Membership:

- 73% were in attendance at the October meeting!
- **Happy Birthday** to the following members: Mary Reilly 11th, Kim McMann 12th, & Carrie Spearin 27th we wish you all a very happy day!
- Because Membership Matters, we have a special offer for you... from now till the December meeting if you bring in a new member to be installed, each of you will receive \$5 off your 2010 membership dues! That's a great offer you don't want to miss!!
- 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 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.

International Affairs:

- Don't forget to bring your filled UNICEF  boxes to this month's meeting.
- 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://qfwctauntonraynhamjuniors.org/Club Reminders.aspx](http://qfwctauntonraynhamjuniors.org/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.
- 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! 

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

Arts:

- **Congratulations** to those "Smart About Art" in October: Nancy C., Mary Ann Pierce, Jane, Nancy B., Judy A. & Debbie B.
 - Answer: Ninety-seven years old was the age of Millvina Dean when she died. She was just two months old when she was a passenger aboard the Titanic.
- **Question for November:** : It was announced by the White House on October 7, 2009 that 69 year old Jeri Redcorn's sculpture was picked to decorate a bookshelf in the oval office of the White House. She is part of the Caddo (Cad-ho) tribe residing in Norman, OK. What is the title of her sculpture pictured at the right?


To help research this answer, it would be best to use a computer to obtain the information. Use GOOGLE as a search and type in one of the following:

- National Museum of the American Indian
- Peek at White House Art
- Jeri Redcorn
- www.caddolegacy.com



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 508-345-5320 or email audree11@verizon.net**
- **There's Art in You:** If anyone has not received "There's Art in You" folder and would like one, please see Audrey. I hope everyone had a chance to see the "Teapots" brought in by Judy A. and Debbie - Nice creativity, ladies!!
 -  This month's template is entitled "Coffee or Tea?" Keep those creative juices flowing...you may bring your work to each meeting for display or collect them and bring them to the Dec. social.

Women's History: Did you know? In 1816 the Taunton Female Charitable Association was formed for the purpose of providing charitable relief to women who lacked the necessities of life because of poverty. This group was organized and run by women at a time when such a thing was unheard of. (information provided by the Old Colony Historical Society Taunton, Mass.)

Community Improvement: Joyce, Audrey and Nancy C. finished the fall weeding and planting in Boyden's fragrance garden on October 6. We'll have to wait until Spring to see the fruits of our labor.

Publicity: Send all info to Nancy B.

Fundraising:

- Ladies, sell those tickets for our November 22nd “Pie and Coffee” fundraiser. As noted earlier there will be a sign-up sheet at this month’s meeting for set-up and clean-up details as well as for servers.
- 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 **shaws** 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.org/support.aspx>.

Holiday Social: Our holiday social will be Monday, December 14, 2009 at *Bella Roma*, 239 Broadway, in Taunton starting at 6:00 p.m. We will have four choices from the menu and will be asking you to make your selections at this month’s meeting. They are:

- **Chicken Parmigiana:** *Tender chicken breast breaded with our own special coating, topped with homemade marinara sauce and melted mozzarella cheese*
- **Shrimp and Scallop Scampi:** *Shrimp and scallops sautéed with broccoli, garlic and white wine, served on a bed of linguini*
- **Steak Mama:** *12 ounce sirloin seasoned and sautéed with mushrooms in a wine sauce with garlic*
- **Veal Marsala:** *Sautéed with mushrooms in a mild Marsala wine sauce*

All dinners are served with Pasta, Soup and Salad Bar, and Homemade Bread. If anyone requires a strictly vegetarian dish, please let us know, so they can accommodate you.

Save the Date: We are planning a trip to the Vespers Service at the Old North Church in Boston on December 6, 2009. The Old North Church was built in 1723 as a “house of prayer for all people” and is, of course, famous for the signal lanterns displayed in it’s steeple on April 16, 1775 by Paul Revere to warn the country of the march of British troops toward Lexington and Concord. We will have sign-up sheets and more information about the service at this month’s meeting. GFWC of Massachusetts, with the help of club donations, helps maintain Clough House, built around 1712, which is adjacent to the church. During the summer many members have acted as docents, running tours of the house for the public.



Clough House



Old North Church