



GFWC Taunton and Raynham Juniors

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What's New?s Paper

Upcoming Meetings and Events

Nov. 1: Monthly Meeting at The Arbors, 7 p.m.

Nov. 7: Pie and Coffee Fundraiser at The Arbors, 2-4 p.m.

Nov. 26: Happy Thanksgiving

Nov. 29: Board Meeting at The Arbors

Dec. 6: Monthly meeting and Annual Meeting

Dec. 13: Holiday Party, time and place TBA

November's Meeting

Launie Buck, who is the Regional Development Manager for *Mercy Ships*, will be our speaker this month. *Mercy Ships* is a global charity that operates state of the art hospital ships in developing nations. The charity has been around since 1978 and brings Hope and Healing to the forgotten poor.

Launie traveled to the ship in November of 2009 and spent 2 ½ weeks in Benin Africa. She has been working for *Mercy Ships* since February 2010. Her job is to educate people on what the organization does and to get others involved with them -whether it is as a volunteer on the ship, a donor, or someone who helps spread the word about *Mercy Ships*.

Launie lives in Wilbraham Mass and is a junior with the local club.

Pie and Coffee Fundraiser



Don't forget to sell your tickets for our November 7th "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 last one!

Hospitality

Nov. 1
Mary R. (C) and Joyce

Dec. 6
Nancy B. (C) and Cheryl

Don't forget:

Gift Exchange

Drawing Prize for November: Sharon J.

Reminders for November's Meeting

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

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

Raynham Food Basket: Two or more canned goods

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

Submit Articles to Editor: Nancy Clark
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60th Anniversary Celebration

Our celebration was a great success! We were treated to welcomes from our state officers, local dignitaries, and many past presidents while enjoying many luscious appetizers with our coffee or punch. Then, we ended the night on a high note with a champagne toast from our president, Cindy, and the cutting of our yummy anniversary cake.



Junior's Fall Conference

Our club had thirteen members attend this year's Junior Fall Conference at the Doubletree Hotel in Milford, MA. A good time was had by all – we participated in the "Letting Go" closet, sold pieces of pie at our fundraiser table and enjoyed a pizza buffet for lunch. A big "Thank You" to Sharon Joseph for embroidering the aprons worn by workers at our fundraiser table.

The club won the best International Theme basket certificate and the best Fundraiser Table award (a GFWC apron).




A Huge Thank you: to Susan Carlson who has agreed to take over the job of Newsletter Editor in January! We will all be looking forward to her input.

Homelife – Darlene Brown:

- 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.bakeforthecure.com/Register.aspx>. Be sure to keep track of the products you register for this year's reports.
- All brands of Dannon yogurt have a "Code" under the lid. You can submit this code online at www.cupsofhope.com to donate 10¢ to the National Breast Cancer Foundations. Many other yogurt brands have a similar campaign.



Conservation – Denise Wheeler:

- 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.  **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, 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 – Kelly Campbell:

- Give a warm welcome to the six new members who will be installed at this month's meeting: Edith Edlund, Diana Llera, Melissa Fayette, Dolores Costa, Gail Delgado, and returning member Deb Ramos
- We wish a very **"Happy Birthday"** to Mary R. on the November 11th and Kim on the 12th.
- We had 79% attendance at our September meeting. Let's see if we can top that this month!
- 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.
- Our membership sign was displayed on the Taunton Green for the whole month of October!



International Outreach – Nancy Clark:

- 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!
- If you haven't already brought them, continue to fill your Heifer International boxes so we can fill our pig. Does anyone have a clever name and way to decorate our pig for the International Outreach Challenge?

Education:

- Bring a paperback dictionary, thesaurus, or Spanish-English dictionary for the *Prison Book Program*, www.prisonbookprogram.org.
- **Book Swap:** Finished reading a good book? Bring it to our meeting and swap with another member.
- Support our libraries: The next *Friends of the Taunton Public Library's* monthly book sale will be Saturday, November 13th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nancy C. will be working from 11:30 a.m. till 2:00 p.m.



Public Issues – Denise Wheeler:

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



- We have been collecting items for our troops "In Harms Way" at the Taunton Public Library which we give to the Lance Cpl John Van Gyzen IV Marine Corps League for mailing. So far we have filled six large bags with the items.

Pledge to Avoid Distracted Driving: (Excerpted from *GFWC News & Notes* – 10/14/2010)



GFWC recently initiated an ongoing campaign to curb distracted driving, one of the leading causes of traffic crashes. Distracted driving comes in a variety of forms, including texting, talking on a cell phone, eating, grooming, or talking with passengers while driving. According to a University of Utah study, driving while using a cell phone (either hand-held or hands-free) delays a driver's reaction as much as having a blood alcohol concentration of .08 percent.

Join GFWC in promoting distracted driver awareness by encouraging fellow club and community members to promise to take two seconds to turn off their phones before driving by signing the [Two-Second Turnoff Pledge](#). Download the pledge card at www.GFWC.org.

Community Improvement – Nancy Clark: Most of the weeding has been completed at Boyden and bulbs have been planted. We'll just have to wait until spring to see the results of all of our work.

Save the Date: Our Holiday Party will be on Monday, December 13, 2010. We will be voting on a place to hold the party at November's meeting.

Nominations for Officers for 2011: The nominating committee has the following nominations for officers for 2011 –

President – as of now **NO ONE** has volunteered for the office of President and we desperately need someone to step up to fill the position!

Vice President – Jane Pittsley

Recording Secretary – Nancy Clark

Corresponding Secretary – Denise Wheeler

Treasurer – Nancy Brown

Auditor – Nancy Martin

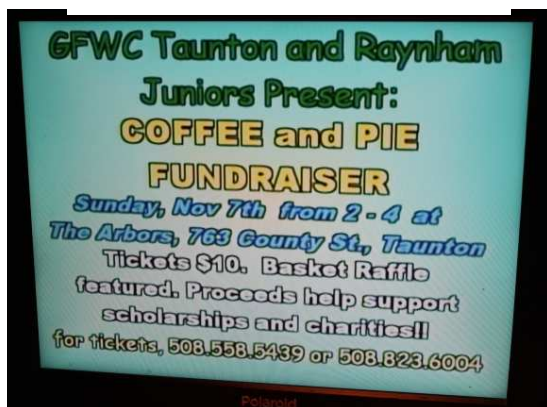
Director – Cindy Brogan

We will be voting on these offices at our Annual Meeting in December. All members are welcome to nominate other members at our November meeting.

Publicity – Nancy Brown:



Cable TV Announcement for our Pie & Coffee Fundraiser



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An auspicious occasion

The General Federation of Women's Clubs Taunton and Raynham Junior Woman's Club celebrated it's 60th year with a cocktail party at the Arbor's in Taunton. Most of club's members were in attendance, along with several past presidents and Taunton Mayor Charles Crowley, center.