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# JUNIORS in Action



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Nancy Clark, President



## What Did We Do?

SUSAN CARLSON Editor

We made a great showing at the **13th Annual Raynham Pride Day**. Denise worked with the kids to help them make their own customized bracelets, key chains and necklaces. And the donations totaled \$62 which will go to Relay for Life. Way to go Denise!

Joanna Alden did a fabulous job managing the membership/raffle table. She came away with a list of potential new members and she was interviewed and filmed by the Raynham Cable network. Let us know if you saw her debut on the telly.





Our **PEACE Artwork Contest** winners were present at our September meeting and awarded their prizes.

Our own president, Nancy Clark won for her age category for her original water color of

her vision of PEACE. Mia Brown-Sequin was the winner in the youngest age category for her colored pencil drawing



PEACE. We hope both Nancy and Mia enjoy their

chocolate candy bars with their artwork on the wrappers and share them with their friends and family.

Congratulations to both winners. Good Job!



Congratulations to Vel Bleau for receiving the **Leadership Award** at our September meeting.

Joyce Clark, Dolores Costa, Denise Wheeler and Nancy Clark traveled to Quincy, MA to work on the **Prison Book Program** on September 20. They were inspectors of the addresses on the packages, then weighed and added correct postage.





## **Upcoming**

At our October 1 meeting we will learn how the Puppy Pals Reading offered at the Rehoboth Library helps kids to read. Two puppies will demonstrate this program.

Come to the October meeting prepared to cut, assemble and glue

the new Taunton and Raynham Juniors' wrappers to Hershey Chocolate Bars. This is our new item to sell at all our upcoming major fundraisers.

We will also be decorating the Bling Bra for Dusty Showers.



# Upcoming Events

The GFWC of MA Club *Institute* will be on Thursday, October 4 in Medway. As chairman of International Outreach, Cindy Brogan will give a presentation on the program Shot@Life.

FYI, Club Institute is a meeting for club presidents

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and chairmen to meet with state president, vice president and committee heads at state level.

Sign up for the GFWC of MA Junior Fall Conference on October 20 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Trinity Church in Northboro, MA.

Our annual Pie and Coffee fundraiser will be Sunday, November 18 from 1:00 to 3:00 at the VFW in Taunton.

We are looking for volunteers to join the Holiday Party Committee to plan the party and the installation of the 2013 Board.

GFWC OF MA CLUB

Wear Pink or Purple to October's meeting to support Breast Cancer and/or Domestic Abuse Awareness month.

Sat 6

DATES TO OCT 1 **OCT 29** Nov 5 **Nov 26** BUSINESS MEETING BOARD MEETING **BUSINESS MEETING BOARD MEETING** REMEMBER

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October is **Domestic** Abuse Awareness Month

See page 5 for more info.



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**October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month** 

Visit any of these websites to get the most up-to-date information you need on donating, prevention and treatments.

www.cancer.org www.acog.org www.acr.org

www.preventcancer.org

October Hospitality	November Hospitality	December Hospitality	
Nancy Brown (C)	Joyce Clark (C)	Cheryl Carlos (C)	
Vel Bleau	Darlene Brown	Joanna Alden	









## Who's Who?

### Judy Ackerman

Born In - Boston, MA & Member Since 2001 & Lived in - Boston, Stoughton, New Bedford,
 Pawtucket, Providence & Hobbies - listening to country music, reading, walking and going to Foxwoods
 Favorite Things - Being with friends and family and enjoying life!

#### JUDY'S CAREER

Judy is currently a psychotherapist, LMHC, at Community Counseling of Bristol County. She works closely with her clients and even includes chair yoga as part of her program.

She is a former Guidance Counselor at Bristol -Plymouth Regional Technical High School and at Burillville High School in Rhode Island.

Judy was a former teacher/career counselor. She has interpreted and promoted multi-lingual Spanish and Portuguese.

Judy has been recognized and awarded by the Anti-Defamation League for diversity and equality.

In recognition for her service and promotion of equality and diversity in the schools and in the community, Judy was included in the Anti-Defamation League's Calendar.

#### JUDY'S FAMILY

Judy is married to the love of her life, Dennis Ackerman for 45 years. Dennis helps within the community, school and is committed to giving to others.



They have 2 children; daughter Carin and son Larry. Between Carin and Larry, Judy and Dennis have eight grandchildren. Carin is married to Ronald Sanders and they have 5 children; Alyssa, Isaac, Jack, Peter and Thomas.



Larry is married to Stacy and they have 3 children which include a set of twins; Claire, Joshua and Noah.

Both Carin's and Larry's families live in Long Island, NY.



Judy's greatest influence in her life is her family and especially her father. Her father raised Judy and her sister and brother who were taught to help others and each other.

#### JUDY'S PET

She has a Keishond, a rescue dog which was flown in from Ohio. Ivy is 3 years old. Ivy loves to play and even initiates a game of Hide N Seek.



Judy is a great supporter of our Juniors Club goals and attends its functions and fundraisers. Judy is energetic and young at heart.

## Committees

#### **ARTS**

Susan Carlson

October is National Arts and the Humanities Month, America for the Arts.

Congratulations to our winners of our September Women As Art Trivia.

#### **Monthly Prize Contributor**

The winner of our monthly prize drawing, will be the contributor of the next month's prize.

#### CONSERVATION

Denise Wheeler

We **recycle!** See our website for a list of all items, including dead batteries.

Darlene continues to collect for the Central Square Congregational Church in Bridgewater used blankets hats, gloves, mittens, sock, hoodies, scarves, mittens, small duffle bags and soap. She is also collecting yarn. Denise is collecting eyelash and fun fur yarn.

We are collecting men's clothing for Taunton charitable associations.

#### EDUCATION

Nancy Clark

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.

## FUNDRAISING Jane Pittsley

Our Plant and Yard Sale will be Sat., September 29 from 9:00 to 1:00.

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

#### HOME LIFE

Denise Wheeler

- Save paper products for Samaritan House and Main Spring House.
- Save board games and craft supplies (see website) for Pride Inc. day-hab center.
- · Save cereal for Raynham Food Basket.
- Save canned goods for St. Vincent dePaul.
- Save your spare change for A Women's Concern.
- Save flashlights, D batteries and other items listed on Winslow Farm website.
- · Save ink cartridges for our club.

#### INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH

**Cindy Brogan** 

Bring pens and pencils for a catholic mission in India; stamps and Christmas cards for India Missions. ~ We will continue to collect change for our pig, Cha-Ching. ~ We will be collecting for Shot @ Life, our focus project for GFWC of MA Juniors. ~ Unicef coin donation boxes are available this month.

#### LEADERSHIP

Nancy Brown

Congratulations to Vel Bleau, for receiving a Leadership award last month. Great Job! This month our Leadership Awards go to Dolores Costa and Cheryl Carlos.

Dolores has been shadowing our membership chairman, Vel Bleau, helping her, and gaining knowledge and confidence to step into the arena as our new Membership Chairman in 2013. Keep it up Dolores. You are an empowered Junior!

Cheryl is commended for her dedication to Juniors and her continuing effort in helping to organize and participate in the annual Alex' Lemonade Stand fundraiser for pediatric cancer held at Leddy Elementary School in Taunton.

Kudos to both women who have shown leadership skills as members of GFWC Juniors. If you have not yet been recognized for your leadership skills for this past year in Juniors, there is still time to show us what you've got. Our club needs you, so come forward and share your talents to lead us all to do better and be better.

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

Vel Bleau

#### Happy Birthday to You!

Cindy Burch, October 1 and Dolores Costa, October 13.

October is Membership Month, so bring a friend to a meeting. September's attendance was 70%. Can we top that in October?

#### **PUBLICITY**

Nancy Brown

Please view your local cable station in Taunton and Berkley for our club ads and take a photo of the ad on screen.

Please save newspaper articles concerning our club when you see them and give to Nancy Brown or Nancy Clark. Most recently submitted article is for our upcoming Plant and Yard Sale.

## PUBLIC ISSUES Open

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

#### **PROGRAMS**

Joanna Alden

Our October guest speakers, Cathy Charbonneau librarian and Cotton Silverman, dog trainer/breeder will present 'Puppy Pal Reading Program' with 2 registered Therapy Dogs.

#### GFWC News & Notes

#### October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Domestic violence can happen to anyone, and that's why GFWC has fought to eliminate this problem for more than half a century. As part of our Signature Project, the **Success for Survivors Scholarship** program aims to change the lives of intimate partner abuse survivors as they take the next step in reshaping their future through higher education. In honor of October's Domestic Violence Awareness Month, make a difference by making a tax-deductible donation to the **GFWC Signature Project Fund**. For more information, call 1- 800-443-GFWC (4392).



### Juniors' Committees - What Do They Do?

There are 7 Standing Club Committees: Membership, Ways & Means, Hospitality, Programs, Newsletter, Yearbook and Publicity.

In addition, we have 8 Community Service Committees created to carry on the work of the GFWC of MA and the GFWC Department Committees. These Committees are: Arts, Conservation, Education, Fundraising, HomeLife, International Outreach, Leadership, and Public Issues.

Our monthly Newsletter will focus on one of these Committees each month and I encourage each of you to join one or volunteer to Chair a Committee.

*Let's understand what the Publicity Committee is about* . . . The Publicity Committee is responsible for gathering all information and photos of the club that should be made public through newspaper, cable, radio, or other media sources. Events such as fundraisers, or member participation at GFWC endorsed conferences, conventions, or meetings are to be submitted to the local newspapers and/or cable stations, as well as online publications. It is the responsibility of the Publicity chairman to advertise our club events, invite women in the area to join the GFWC Taunton and Raynham Juniors and to inform the public of our volunteer work throughout our community.

Currently, we advertise in the Taunton Daily Gazette, the Silver City Bulletin (online), the Rehoboth Reporter, Taunton Cable, Dighton Cable and Berkley Cable stations, Taunton's City website and will soon be seen on-line in the 'Buzz around Raynham'. The Publicity committee also is responsible for signage posted within the community and at our events.

All publicity correspondence is shared with the president and newsletter chairman, and members are asked to save copies of newspaper ads, and to check their cable stations regularly to ensure we are getting the coverage that is promised by taking a photo as record of that particular ad. Copies are made of all our printed and online coverage for our files.











Submit Newsletter articles to Susan Carlson at <a href="mailto:susansvin@yahoo.com">susansvin@yahoo.com</a> or call 508 828 8066.

#### **GFWC**

An international women's organization dedicated to community improvement by enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service.

#### **MEETING NOTES**

#### Make a Difference Today

"The purpose of life is not to be happy. It is to be **useful**, to be **honorable**, to be **compassionate**, to have it make some difference that you have lived and lived well."

Ralph Waldo Emerson

#### **Definitions**

Useful - Serviceable for a purpose

Honorable - Worthy of high respect, credible

Compassionate - The virtue of empathy for the suffering of others

Did you make a difference in someone's life today?