



# Juniors in Action



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## Our Board Members

Edith Edlund – President, Robin Gendron - Vice President, Cindy Brogan - Recording Secretary, Joanna Alden - Corresponding Secretary, Nancy Clark – Treasurer, Nancy Martin - Auditor, Cindy Leonard – Director  
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### Highlights of the September Meeting:

**After** expenses it was determined that the Tea raised \$1,956.76 and the Fashion Show raised \$2,325.28. Both were very successful and a round of applause to those chairing, involved in the committees and to all members for supporting our events.



**The** Fundraising Committee decided that the club will conduct another raffle ticket fundraiser, starting ASAP. Please make an effort to sell tickets before our Christmas Party, Cindy Brogan and her committee have the tickets to sell. The prizes are the following: first prize is a choice of a book of \$2 scratch tickets worth \$600 or \$500 in cash, second prize \$300 and third prize \$100. The tickets sell for \$10 each, if a person purchases two they get a third free.



**The** by-laws committee recommended two changes in the by-laws that were presented at the September Business meeting to be voted on during the October Business meeting, and Mary Barrett continues to work hard on updating the yearbook.

**It** was determined that the Holiday Party would be December 9<sup>th</sup>, committee members are Mary Barrett, Robin Gendron, Joanna Alden, Cindy Leonard, Cathy Sampson and Suzanne Kaye.



**Edie** and Mary Barrett will be the co-chairman for the next Fashion Show which will be on March 26, 2020 at the American Legion in Raynham from 5PM-8PM.

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Fata of Somerset. The new members were installed by Membership Chairman Joyce Clark, with Club President Edie Edlund presenting each woman with the club's official member pin.

**Nancy** Brown highlighted Amelia Jenks Bloomer as the WHRC Woman of the month who was an American women's rights and temperance advocate. Even though she did not create the women's clothing reform style known as bloomers, her name became associated with it because of her early and strong advocacy.



**Conservation** Chairman, Denise Wheeler showed how to make picture and notecard holders, by folding each page of a paperback book and gluing the sides together.

**Joyce** Clark invited members to go to the Prison Book program. She is still collecting dictionaries and thesauruses.

**The** club raised \$985 for our plaque at the Suffrage Memorial. Susan Johnson donated the additional \$15 at the meeting to reach our goal of \$1000.



Nancy Clark the treasurer will assist Nancy Brown with the forms and money we raised over the last year to put a plaque with our club's name on it at the Suffrage Memorial in Virginia.

**Cindy** Brogan said a check for \$137.83 would be sent to Heifer International. The money was raised over the last year by sending the Heifer Box around at monthly meetings.

**The** club also voted to give \$100 to Homes for our Troops. They in return have offered us the use of their headquarters for our November meeting and have given us t-shirts for each member which we hope each member will wear to the meeting. If you did not receive one and need one to wear to the next meeting contact Cindy Brogan.



### **What did our club do this month?**

**Art's** chairman, Kathy Sampson, boxed arts supplies donated by members mostly Edie Edlund and she along with other members delivered the art supplies to area elementary schools with an estimated value of \$2,545. New member Amanda Fata delivered boxes of the materials to Somerset Schools, Kathy Sampson to a Berkley School and Nancy Martin to East Taunton Elementary School.



**Joyce** Clark, Denise Wheeler and Nancy Brown went to



the Prison book program on September 23<sup>rd</sup> and delivered 110 books.

**Some** clothes, mostly children's clothes collected from members were delivered to Penelope's Place. The director sent us a thank-you note.



**Our** club was well represented at The New England Region Conference in New Hampshire.

Members Cindy Brogan, Edie Edlund, Nancy Clark, Robin Gendron, Joyce Clark and Nancy Brown were in attendance. Club Vice President Robin Gendron attended the Mini-Leads Leadership Workshop, looking ahead to someday when she hopes to become our President. The conference was presided over by President Mary Baird. GFWC Massachusetts Juniors hosted Fun Night – Off to the Races. Featured Speakers were Judith Black performing "Meet Lucy Stone: Enter the Antebellum World of the Abolition and Women's Rights Movement" and Honorable John Broderick on the "Mental Health Awareness Campaign." Entertainment included Linda Belt, a comedian and the Southern New Hampshire Ukulele Group. Our members who attended the conference encourage especially new members to attend a conference.



**Our** club had a membership table, handing flyers to potential members at Pride Day, Sunday September 15<sup>th</sup>

at the Poor Farm in Raynham. Our club offered a Roll Ups Game for Children to play for a price of \$1; all prizes were donated by club members. A total of \$95 was raised. Denise Wheeler chaired the event and is looking for ideas who/what the club members want the money donated to.



**Joyce** Clark has posted our membership banner on Winthrop Street to bring recognition to our club for membership month. If you see it take a picture and beep as you go by.

**Member** Robin Gendron has donated 21 coats in the club name to Dermody Cleaners to be cleaned by them and then distributed to city communities in need of them. If you feel ambitious and start cleaning out your closet you can do the same. Bring winter coats to Dermody Cleaners and tell them it is a donation from our club. Robin challenges you to beat her total.

**Robin** Broberg reached out to the Director of Penelope's Place in Brockton and asked if they needed anything this year. They said they had a broken window in their kitchen they needed repaired. Robin with assistance from Edith assisted in the completion of the grant from the GFWC of Massachusetts for money to make the repair.

**Our** club donated \$50 to March of Dimes.

### **Committees:**

**ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN:** - Nora Orfanello & Robin Broberg- Advocates for Children week is September 19-26. World Preemie Day is November 17<sup>th</sup>. bring baby blankets to the next meeting.

**ARTS** - Kathy Sampson– At next month's meeting we will be making veteran wreaths with material. We will give one of them to Home for Troops where we are meeting next month. If you have patriotic ornaments or ribbon bring it with you next month.



**COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC RELATIONS** - Nancy Brown – Nancy Martin and Nancy Clark will be assisting with the video for "How will you use video in your club promotions?"

**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- View the short film “Not My Life”

**EDUCATION** – Nancy Martin/Joyce Clark – If you have a new baby in the family, daughter, son, granddaughter, grandson, great-grandmother, or great-grandson, please let us know so we can honor them with a “A Book A Baby Program” by donating a book to your local library in their name. Collecting children books for Citizens for Citizens.

**FUNDRAISING** – Cindy Brogan – Once again we are having a Lottery Ticket Raffle, first prize a choice of a book \$200 scratch tickets worth \$600 or \$500 in cash, second prize \$300 and third prize \$100. The tickets sell for \$10 each, if a person purchases two they get a third free.

**HOME LIFE** – Nancy Brown- Prime Time wish list: Individually wrapped snack size; raisins, cookies, chips and crackers. Please note that they now have someone with sensitivity to peanuts. Denise Wheeler is looking for winter hats, gloves, coats, scarfs and earmuffs. She alos is looking for twin sheets, blankets, hand towels, etc. We are continuing with the donation of shoes for Soles for Souls.

**HOSPITALITY** – Robin Gendron –October was Joann Matthews & Susan Johnson. November is yet to be determined.

**INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH** –Cindy Brogan- The \$138 collected at the meetings over the last year will be sent to Heifer.

**LEADERSHIP:** - Paula Gasparoni and Joan Curran – Nothing at this time

**MEMBERSHIP** —Jane Pacheco/Joyce Clark – 1 new member was sworn it this meeting, Emilie Weiland. Sign up to attend the GFWC Massachusetts Juniors Fall Conference on October 26<sup>th</sup> in Dedham, it only costs \$15 because our club covers the attendance cost.

**NEWSLETTER** – Nancy Martin – If you do something representing our club during any given month, please forward information about it along with pictures to [MRMartin947@aol.com](mailto:MRMartin947@aol.com). Reminder members can place up to three ads a month in the Newsletter for free. Deadline for submissions is one week before each meeting.

**PRESIDENTS SPECIAL POJECT:** Edie Edlund- We have reached our goal of \$1000.

**PROGRAMS-** Joanna Alden –We will have a visit by “Heroes at Both Ends of the Leash”, where veterans and dogs train together sometime in the future.

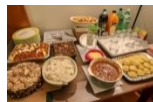
**PUBLIC ISSUES** –Cindy Brogan –Don’t forget to vote in November! Use your right to vote!

**PUBLIC POLICY & LEGISLATION**– Nancy Clark – Eight club members called or emailed their U. S. Representative and Senators on September 23<sup>rd</sup> about the Miranda Vargas School Bus Driver Red Flag Act. On October 23<sup>rd</sup> GFWC is asking you to do the same for the 3D Printed Gun Safety Act and call or email your U. S. Representative and Senators.

**WEBMASTER** – Nancy Clark – If you haven’t gone on the site yet, visit the site and register.

**WHRC** – Nancy Brown- Next month she will highlight a woman who has made a difference in history. She is also looking into assisting the city with its celebration of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment.

**YEARBOOK**– Nancy Brown– If you haven’t received a book, let Joyce Clark know.



**Happy 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday to our President Edith Edlund**





Thinking of Members: Send Cards!

Joanna Alden  
Vel Bleau



### Up Coming Events

GFWC Massachusetts Fall Meeting in Great Pond Hall, Braintree on October 19<sup>th</sup>

GFWC Massachusetts Junior Membership Fall Conference in Dedhamon Saturday october 26<sup>th</sup>

Board Meeting at BP on October 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm

Dighton Arts Festival November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 9:00am to 3:00pm

Business Meeting at Homes for Troops at 6 Main Street in Taunton at 7:00pm (wear your shirt).

BINGO Designer Purse Bash, FUNRaiser for the American Heart Association in Braintree on November 7<sup>th</sup>

### Publicity: Article



Club president Edie Edlund welcomes Amanda Fata to the GFWC Taunton and Rayham Jr. Woman's Club.

### Woman's Club raises \$1,000 and welcomes new members

TAUNTON — The GFWC Taunton and Rayham Jr. Woman's Club added to their numbers recently with the installation of Ginny Babalan of Bridgewater and Amanda Fata of Somerset.

The new members were installed by membership chairman Joyce Clark, with club president Edie Edlund presenting each woman with the club's official

member pin.

The membership also announced that it reached its goal of \$1,000 for the Turning Point Suffragette Memorial celebrating the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment.

All women 18 or older are invited to attend a meeting. Call 508-823-4482 or find the group on Facebook.



From left to right: Edie Edlund, president; new members Ginny Babalan and Amanda Fata, and membership chairman Joyce Clark.

