



# Juniors in Action



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## Our Board Members

Lynne Jorge, President – Mary Barrett, Vice President – Joyce Clark, Recording Secretary  
JoAnn Matthews, Corresponding Secretary – Vel Bleau, Treasurer – Nancy Martin, Auditor  
Cindy Leonard, Director

## What Did We Do During The Summer?

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**September 12th: Membership** has been encouraging members to wear GFWC attire to meetings and events sponsored by our club. Several members did that for the last meeting. Let's try for 100% participation next meeting!



**Education:** A request was made of members attending the meeting to put quarters on a tape laid out on the floor to go for educational costs. A total of \$24.50 was collected.



**Fundraising:** Edie Edlund once again is selling seeds for Flower Power, orders are due on the 2nd of October. Our club was recognized in the Women's Club magazine for her efforts raising money through Flower Power for Women Vets last season and was given an award at the international conference. Kudos to Edie!



**Matthew Mission 25:40:** The president's project headed by Cheryl Carlos continues to thrive. They can no longer give out groceries, but are continuing to serve breakfast three days a week and interact with the homeless.



**Leadership Ribbon:** Was presented to Nancy Clark for all the work she did on our website for including monthly updates and the all the new Massachusetts Junior updates. Technology wiz! Showing us how and doing a great job!



**September 24<sup>th</sup>:** Three members, Nancy Brown, Nancy Clark and Lynne Jorge participated in the one mile walk for St Judes at Franklin Park, our GFWC of Massachusetts Juniors partners. Several club members contributed money to the cause, if you haven't done so you can still contribute



by going to St, Jude walk/run.com and look for our team.. The GFWC of Massachusetts Junior Woman's president Martha sent this message: "Back this afternoon from a successful St. Jude Walk. I saw what many people together can accomplish to combat childhood cancer - not to mention our Massachusetts Juniors fundraising efforts."



**September 25<sup>th</sup>:** Was Pride Day in Raynham. Joyce Clark represented membership at the event along with Lynne Jorge, Nancy Clark, Vel Bleau, Paula Gasparoni, Gina Rego and Joan Curran. Fran Perry was giving away stars for veterans and sold angels to raise money for veterans. Toys were available for kids by purchasing roll ups for \$1, a total of \$75 was made. The money raised is going to the general fund.



Joyce donated an apple basket as a free raffle prize.

**October Meeting: from Joyce Clark:** Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention; The Clothesline Project celebrates the strength and

courage of survivors and supporters of sexual assault and abuse by providing an opportunity to share their stories. At our October meeting club members will be creating t-shirts that bear messages of hope and healing publicly on a clothesline making a powerful statement of solidarity for All survivors and supporters. Hope you will take the time at our next meeting to create a t-shirt that will be displayed in Taunton.

### Committees:



**ARTS** – Nancy Clark –This year for the 1st arts challenge, each club is asked to choose their favorite TV

Theme song and rack their brains to turn it into a tune about GFWC (or junior membership). The theme music will be collected from clubs prior to Fall Conference (October 22) to be sure there will be tunes for the Conference’s sing-a-long. Bring your ideas to the October meeting.

**CONSERVATION** – Denise Wheeler – Collect and bring to meetings; newspapers, shoe boxes, boxtops, plastic bottle tops, frosting containers and empty coffee cans.



**Domestic Violence:** - Joyce Clark - President Parker and Legislation/Public Policy Chairman, Katie Robey have asked me to send along this important information. With October looming right around the corner, we all are made more aware of the frightening problem of domestic violence and the affects it has on our citizens and our communities.

Attached is a release which we received through the Legislation/Public Policy committee of GFWC which outlines some staggering statistics but also urges the passage and enforcement of legislation towards improving these numbers. GFWC of Massachusetts has 2 specific Resolutions that also address this issue. These are also attached for your information. They are also available on the GFWC of MA website. This information has also been sent to club presidents as we encourage



everyone to share this information within your clubs and communities.

**EDUCATION** – Nancy Martin – Donate a paperback dictionary or thesaurus for the prison book program. During the meeting Joyce Clark will organize a date to help out at the Prison Book Program. Calendars will be passed out to be brought back to the November meeting, to help raise money to purchase supplies for area elementary schools.



**FUNDRAISING** – Denise Wheeler - Pie and Coffee Sunday November 13th from 12 to 2 at the VFWHall on Ingell Street, set up is at 10:00am. Tickets will be available at the October meeting and signs up for what kinds of pie(s) members would



like to make. Casino Trip to Foxwoods on December 2<sup>nd</sup>, organized once again by Jane Pittsley. Jane is looking for donations of small gifts to be given out during the bus trip.



**HOME LIFE** – Nancy Brown – Fleece blankets and books for bags to firefighters and puzzles for Pride are needed. Walk to End Alzheimer's; Find a walk near you. Join the group in Worcester (and get a good workout on the hills!) or donate and do your own walk.

**HOSPITALITY** – Mary Barrett – October refreshments will be provided by Vel Bleau, Cindy Brogan and Mary Ellen Founds. November is Ann Marie Barry, Eddie Edlund and Denise Wheeler.

**INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH** –Bring your change for the pig for Heifer.



**LEADERSHIP** – Nancy Brown – A leadership ribbon will be awarded during the meeting.

**MEMBERSHIP** – Joyce Clark – see web page  
**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

**PUBLICITY** – Nancy Brown – see web page

**PUBLIC ISSUES** – Robin Gendron see web page



**PROGRAMS** – Joanna Alden – Contact Joanna with ideas for future meetings. September will be the reading of the by-laws and this month’s speaker is Cathy Potter who has been with the 13th Rehoboth Regiment for several years, partaking in many of their encampments and reenactments. The Regiment has been all over New England and up to Canada. Cathy is very adept at role playing a drummer, musket man and working class woman of the 18th c. She lives in an historic home in Rehoboth and in renovating her home, found artifacts of its original owner from the early 1700s, including a linen shirt that was in amazing condition. Cathy is also savvy in sewing period

style clothing for those in the Regiment when needed and can teach those interested in making the clothing.

**PUBLIC POLICY & LEGISLATION**– Nancy Clark – Go onto our website and register! Notify Nancy when you register and forward responses from representatives and senators to her too. Email senators and representatives to fund research for combatting the Zika Virus.



**YEARBOOK**– If you did not receive one see Joyce Clark. Members can print all or parts of the yearbook from the website.

**WHRC** – Nancy Brown – see web page

### What should you bring to the meeting?

- Pennies for Old Colony History Museum
- Change for Heifer Pig
- Newspapers and Advertisement flyers for Denise, Martin School and Parker Middle
- Any slightly new or used bras including sports, nursing and camisoles to be sent to FreetheGirls.org
- Old cellphones for Soldiers
- White Socks for the Mission
- Dictionaries, thesauruses, and other books for Prison Book Program
- Children Books, fleece blankets, for firefighters
- Money for Fall Conference \$14, check should be made out to GFWC of Taunton and Raynham Juniors
- A printout of the Rules and Bylaws to be discussed from our website

### Upcoming Events

- New England Conference September 29<sup>th</sup> to October 2<sup>nd</sup> in Rhode Island
- GFWC of MA Junior Fall Conference – October 21<sup>st</sup> to the 22<sup>nd</sup> in Worcester
- Pie and Coffee Sunday November 13th from 12 to 2 at the VFW Hall on Ingell Street
- Casino Trip to Foxwoods, December 2nd
- Vet-A-Dog Fundraiser, November 26<sup>th</sup> and 27th
- Flower Power Orders with checks for the total made out to GFWC of Taunton and Raynham Junior



**Happy Birthday from your fellow club members!**

Edie Edlund

Dolores Costa

Next business meeting is September 12, 2016; 7:00pm at B.P. Silver Platter  
Our next board meeting will be Monday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016, 6:30 pm. at B.P. Silver Platter

## The Clothesline Project



## ***President's Corner***



Have you seen the calendar for October? This month is chock full of delicious, special and wacky holidays. And just to name a few there's National Homemade Cookies Day on the 1<sup>st</sup>, Do Something Special Day on the 5<sup>th</sup>, World Smile Day on the 7<sup>th</sup>, Columbus Day on the 10<sup>th</sup>, Moment of Frustration Day on the 12<sup>th</sup>, National Dessert Day on the 14<sup>th</sup>, Evaluate Your Life Day on the 19<sup>th</sup>, Make a Difference Day on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, United Nations Day on the 24<sup>th</sup>, National Frankenstein Day on the 29<sup>th</sup>, Carve a Pumpkin Day and Halloween on the 31<sup>st</sup>. So if you're able, I hope you celebrate the joy of each one of these holiday.

