

# GFWC Taunton and Raynham Juniors

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## What's New? Paper



### Upcoming Meetings and Events

**Sept. 13:** Business Meeting at The Arbors, 7 p.m.

**Sept. 19:** "Women Entrepreneurs on Parade, Part 2" Fundraiser, 1-4 p.m. at The Arbors

**Sept. 24-26:** GFWC New England Region Conference at Crown Plaza Hotel at the Crossings, Warwick, RI

**Sept. 27:** Board meeting at The Arbors, 7 p.m.

**Oct. 4:** 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration at The Arbors, 6 p.m.

**Oct. 23:** GFWC of MA Jrs. Fall Conference at the Doubletree Hotel in Milford, MA

### September's Meeting

At this month's meeting we will be introducing new members, getting reacquainted with our friends after the summer break, and doing some fun membership activities.

We will be finalizing our plans for the September 19<sup>th</sup> "Women Entrepreneurs on Parade, Part 2" fundraiser. We will have tickets available for you to sell at \$5 each. The ticket entitles the bearer to 6 tickets in our famous basket raffle that day.

We will also be planning our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration to be held on October 4, 2010 at The Arbors, 6 p.m. **Note the new time** just for that event. We will have a signup sheet for those bringing hors d'oeuvres for the event. This promises to be a very festive occasion that will include a champagne toast!



### Hospitality

**Sept. 13**

Judy R. (C) and Rhonda

**Oct. 4**

Mary R. (C) and Joyce

**Nov. 1**

Nancy B. (C) and Cheryl

**Dec. 6**

Deb B. (C) and Sharon W.

**Don't forget:**

**Secret Pal Gifts!**

**Rent Relief for Sept.**

Jane

### Reminders for September

**Samaritan House:** paper plates, napkins, towels, aluminum foil, plastic wrap and cutlery

**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

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## June Social

As usual fun was had by all at June's social at the Moonlite Inn.

Susan read her recommendation that helped Nancy B. win the Marilyn Perry Award and Mary Reilly was the big winner of the "Scratch Ticket Plate" drawing.



## GFWC International Convention

Nancy C. attended this year's GFWC International Convention and the LEADS Seminar in Omaha, Nebraska from June 11-15.

She was there to accept our club's \$50 check for the club's *YouTube* video about our activities that received the award for most creative project in the Communications and Public Relations Department.



Pictured left to right: Missy McCoy (GFWC Junior Director), Donna Shibley, Nancy C., Mary Baird, and Rose Ditto (GFWC President)

## President's Day

Cindy, Joyce, and Nancy C. attended this year's President's Day at the GFWC of Massachusetts headquarters in Sudbury on August 21<sup>st</sup>. They came back with many ideas for making this year's meetings more interesting and for recruiting new members.



**Save the Date:** the 100<sup>th</sup> GFWC New England Region Conference will be held September 24<sup>th</sup> through 26<sup>th</sup> at the Crown Plaza Hotel at the Crossings in Warwick, RI. At each meal function during the conference we will be supporting a special charity and requesting donations. Anyone who has any of these items, please bring them to this month's meeting.



- *For the Elderly:* Dusting powder, moisturizers, lotions, hankies/handkerchiefs, books or CD.
- *For the Women's Shelter:* Ladies Pajamas.
- *For The Homeless:* Hats, gloves and scarves, backpacks, adult sweatshirts (new or gently used), canned goods such as tuna fish, beans and other protein sources, cereal or pasta.
- *For the Children Living in Poverty (Project Undercover):* New packaged children's underwear, socks or diapers.

**Juniors Fall Conference:** this year's conference will be on Saturday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Doubletree Hotel in Milford, MA. We will be bringing ladies and girls pajamas for this meeting. We are also asked to bring gently used clothing, clean and on hangers, along with accessories and our club will have a table selling pies and coffee along with tickets for our Pie & Coffee fundraiser planned for November.

### Homelife:

- 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 next year's reports.



### 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.
- Go to [www.freecycle.org/](http://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:

- We wish a very **"Happy Birthday"** to Judy Ackerman on Sept. 4<sup>th</sup>!
- Nancy B. hosted a membership table at the Dighton Library's "Movie Under the Stars Night" and raffled off a baseball themed basket. The winner was Emily Reed of Dighton.
- 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](http://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](http://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](http://Amazon.com), GFWC gets a percentage of your purchases every time you click on the affiliate link.

### **International Outreach:**

- 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. This year we have a china pig to fill, name, and decorate for the Juniors' "International Outreach Challenge." Note our competition on the right from the Northboro Juniors. Check out the rules for this contest at [www.gfwcmajuniors.org/I-Ochallenge.html](http://www.gfwcmajuniors.org/I-Ochallenge.html).



### **Education:**

- Bring a paperback dictionary, thesaurus, or Spanish-English dictionary for the *Prison Book Program*, [www.prisonbookprogram.org](http://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, October 9<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

### **Public Issues:**

- Bring teddy bears for the Taunton Emergency Management System being collected by the Taunton Federal Credit Union.
- We took 60 bags of supplies for Afghanistan to the Marine Corps League in July. See the article on page 5.

### **Arts:**

- Congratulations to Jane Pittsley, the only one "Smart About Art" in June.
  - Answer: Square Dancing and the Wayside Inn was the answer to "What Dance do Henry Ford and Benjamin Lovett have a love for and what New England property did Henry Ford purchase in 1923 because of its beautiful ballroom?"

#### **Question for September:**

1. What specialty dance do Fred Astaire, Shirley Temple, Donald O'Connor and Gregory Hines have in common?
2. Name the 2006 movie that starred a tapping Sphenisciformes.
  - Good Luck! **Call Susan Carlson at 508/880-8844 or email her at [susansvin@yahoo.com](mailto:susansvin@yahoo.com).**

**Community Improvement:** Nancy C., Cindy, and Denise (along with Zach) have weeded the Fragrance Garden at Boyden and planted some new fragrant herbs. We would like to continue our work on Thursday afternoon, September 16 at 3:00 p.m. All are welcome to help!

**Publicity:** Send all info to Nancy B.

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## Local woman's group, Marine Corps join forces

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SOMERSET — Baby wipes, lip balm and batteries are high on the list for troops in Afghanistan who are risking their lives in 140-degree heat.

Cindy Brogan's daughter, Sgt. Maryellen Founds, has been in the Army National Guard for 13 years.

Brogan talks to her daughter on a weekly basis and hears about the trials and tribulations of engineering company 379 out of Bourne.

"They went 42 days without showers," Brogan said. "That's why they need the wipes. She asked me if I could smell her through the phone."

There are 110 members in Founds' Troop. Stationed halfway between Kabul and Kandahar, close to the Pakistan border, Founds' job is to build roads, helicopter pads and landing strips.

"I miss her, I worry about her," she said. "I worry about the IEDs, there are a lot in that area."

Founds left for Afghanistan in February and is scheduled

to come home for two weeks in September. That's a long time to go without baby wipes, lip balm and batteries, so her mother decided to take action.

Brogan, who just happens to be a Vietnam veteran, is president of the General Federal Woman's Club Taunton and Raynham Juniors, and one of her club-mates, Nancy Brown, just happens to be married to Brian Brown, a member of the John Van Gyzen Marine Corps League, Detachment 1285, in Somerset.

Members of the Van Gyzen Hall have been collecting donations of personal hygiene products, snacks and magazines since March, and it made perfect sense for Brogan's club to pitch in.

"As part of our public issues campaign, we decided to send things to the troops," said Brown. "We wanted to send it to [Brogan's] daughter's company to distribute on base. We thought it would be a good thing to combine our efforts."



TAUNTON GAZETTE PHOTO BY DAVE DEMELIA

From left, Jack Leary, Raymond Medeiros, Bruce Aldrich, Cindy Brogan, Joyce Clark, Nancy Clark, Nancy Brown and Brian Brown.

Van Gyzen Commandant Bruce Aldrich said the goal is to ship 60 packages.

This is the fourth year the Marine hall has collected donations of personal care products, batteries, lip balm and baby wipes to send overseas.

Donation boxes have been

set up at local banks, churches, stores and at the police station. Aldrich said donations come in, which is good, but the hall has to pay \$12.50 to ship each box.

So far this year, they've shipped 272 packages, which has cost them \$3,429.

If you want to help Brogan and her crew, send soap, razors, socks, lip balm, baby wipes, batteries, deodorant, tooth brushes, tooth paste, nail files and bobby pins to:

Marine Corp. League, 265 High St., Somerset, MA 02726.