



Juniors in Action



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What Did We Do During The Summer?

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Thursday, May 26th was **Red Nose Day** in the USA. It occurs every two years,

when people across the land get together and do something funny for money at home, school and work. It is a special day to have fun, come together and make a difference for kids

who need our help the most; here in the US and around the world. Red Nose Day globally has raised over \$1billion in the past 25 years. The Red Nose Day campaign

raised funds for 12 domestic and international charities, including the Boys & Girls Clubs of America,

Children's Health Fund, Feeding America, Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, LIFT, National Council of La Raza, National Urban League, Oxfam America, Save the Children, The Global Fund and United Way. We are happy to say many of our

members participated in this event.

Saturday, June 4th: MassSTAR took place at Lesley College. Joyce Clark, Nancy Clark, Vel Bleau and Nancy Martin represented our club at the event.

We helped greet the sophomores present at this leadership conference and talked to them about our GFWC Clubs. We enjoyed lunch and then assisted



the students with the wrapping of boxes for Birthday Wishes and



the creation of Birthday Cards.

From the Taunton area high schools we met Caitlyn Dorsey from Coyle Cassidy, Ali Farina from Silver Lake, Bethany

Letendre from Taunton and Elicia Marshall from Bristol Plymouth. We hope to encourage them to start a juniorette club in Taunton.



Friday June 10th: Relay for Life Team organized by Denise Wheeler and Fran Perry. Several members of the club attended and/or donated to the event. The club raised money by selling raffles, seeds and roll up prizes. We gave out free water our president Lynne Jorge had donated originally for the Memorial Day Parade that got canceled.

Monday, June 13th: Our June Social took place at the Orchard of Hawaii in Lakeville. It was organized by Cindy Leonard, Nancy Brown and Joan Curran. Our president Lynne Jorge gave everyone a starfish pin along with an important message that continues the theme of her presidency. The committee gave everyone a plastic cocktail cup filled with items polynesian in nature and glitzy gems to decorate it. The food was good and served family style. All the scholarship recipients



were invited but only Cortney Arraiol from Bristol Plymouth High School attended with her mother, allowing members present to get a chance to talk to her in person. After dinner we ate our fortune cookies while watching a CD made from a fashion show that our club put on as a fundraiser almost fifteen years ago. The night ended with leftovers taken home by those who wanted them.

Friday June 24th to Tuesday June 28th: The

International Convention in Baltimore Maryland. Seven members of our club attended the



convention,

Nancy Brown, Joyce Clark, Joan

Curran, Nancy Clark, Cindy Brogan, Edie Edlund and Nancy Martin. They



attended opening

ceremonies, dinners. They in the acceptance of amended which can be



luncheons and were involved discussion and the bylaws and resolutions, found on line.



They attended workshops on Shot of Life, Fundraising, Leadership, Legislation and Public Policy and several others. They attended award

ceremonies where GFWC of Massachusetts Juniors received awards. GFWC of Taunton Juniors was the top performer for



Flower Power Spring Campaign, cheers to Cindy Brogan and Edie Edlund. We were all hostesses at a



table at the installation dinner of Sheila Shea. It was a very enlightening experience we plan to share with everyone at one of our next meetings.

July: Cindy Brogan, Edie Edlund, Mary Barrett, Cindy Leonard, and Nancy



Clark delivered a \$500 check for women's activities and 10 bags like the one in the photo to the VA hospital. The money was raised through the Flower Power



fundraiser.

July: President Lynn came across Cell Phones for Soldiers in her e-mails the other day, it seems like a great cause that maybe we could help support. If you're cleaning out your attic or garage and have any old cell phones, with the power cords and chargers hanging around, and you don't know what to do with them, I will be collecting them at our upcoming meetings through the end of the year.

Saturday June 18: was Family Fun Day at the Boys and Girls Club for the community. Mary Barrett and husband Steve served hot dogs. Joyce Clark, Nancy Brown and Cheryl Carlos helped make and distribute snow cones.

August 2nd: Shot@Life kicked off the fall with a virtual event called the Race to Erase Polio. The aim of the event is to raise funds and awareness to end polio forever. Nancy Clark, Nancy Martin and Cindy Brogan participated in the webinar from 8:30 – 9:30pm at Nancy Martins' home. Shot@Life estimates that 1 in 5 children still do not have access to the lifesaving vaccinations that keep our children healthy in the USA and we are excited to



work with clubs to ensure that children everywhere have a shot at life. The good news is that for just \$1, they are able to protect a child from the polio or

measles vaccine – it's one of the most cost-effective ways to make a difference in the life of a child!

June to August: During the summer the Matthew Mission is closed, but Mark



Cook continues to assist the homeless



in our community along with the assistance of several of our members as part of our Presidents Project. Twice a month they offered picnic lunches on Sundays at noon as well as each day on the week of July 4th. Through donations they have gathered backpacks and filled them with school supplies for the children of the homeless and have been distributing them to those in need. Labor Day weekend, the move was made to the bigger room on the opposite side of the church. Members Cheryl Carlos, Paula Malo and Nancy Clark help with the move. The mission has reopened for the Fall on Tuesdays through Thursdays 8:00am to noon. Many of our members have been signing up to assist on those days.

Summer: The GFWC Taunton Junior Woman's Club offers its club members a Book-a-Baby Program where they purchase a children's story book to be donated to their town or city library in honor of the birth of a child or grandchild. Recently three of our members became grandmothers again. Member Joan Stevens became great grandmother to Lily Forand, and the book "The Talking Box of Crayons" was presented to the Raynham Public Library Children's Room in honor of Lily's birth. Member Darlene Brown of Taunton has a new grandson, Giulio Sebastian Brown Santoro, and the Taunton Library was given "On Linden Square" by Kate



Sullivan to add to their collection in his honor. Last but not least, Susan Carlson became a grandmother for the third time welcoming Jane Elyse Moore into her family. The book entitled



"Fancy Nancy and the Fabulous Fashion Boutique" by Jane O'Connor was also be donated to the Taunton Public Library's Children's Room in her name. Photo 1: Lily Forand with her mom, and Great Grandmother Joan Stevens, and library assistants. Photo 2: club member Darlene Brown, Joanne Paull, library assistant, club member Nancy Brown with photo of Susan Carlson and granddaughter Jane Moore.

A Fall activity: Partner news from GFWC about St. Jude. **GFWC has joined The Fight Against Childhood Cancer** as a National Team for the 2016 *St. Jude Walk/Run to End Childhood Cancer*.

In Massachusetts this walk will be September 24 at the Franklin Park Zoo. Our club members can be a part of the GFWC of Massachusetts Team. Your support not only helps the kids that St. Jude supports, but also shows support for GFWC and its Advocates for Children partner.

Summer: Nancy Martin read in a News and Notes how another Junior club had donated to FreeTheGirls.Org and thought it might be something we as a group might be interested in doing. Free The Girls is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that works to provide jobs to survivors of sex trafficking in developing countries by helping them set up micro enterprises selling bras. Currently 20-37 million men, women and children are being held as slaves around the world—more today than in any other time in history. The majority of those slaves are women and girls—many of whom are victims of sex trafficking. There are a number of amazing organizations that are helping to rescue these women out of a life of prostitution, but what happens after they are rescued? Many aftercare providers are doing great work in providing comprehensive restoration and educational opportunities to survivors, but often their resources are limited. The collection of bras in Western countries, strive to educate people and organizations about the scourge of human trafficking worldwide. Free The Girls launched their first pilot program in Mozambique in 2011. In February 2012, they were featured in a 3-part series of stories by CNN's Freedom Project. The response was amazing, with an outpouring of support from all over the world! They were able to ship over 30,000 bras to Mozambique and increase the amount of women in our program there to 24. CNN then aired a 30-minute follow-up documentary on Free the Girls in February 2013 called "Mozambique or Bust". The media exposure introduced them to new partners, and help launch pilot programs with after-care providers in Uganda and El Salvador—increasing the total number of women we have served to 60. To date they've collected over 500,000 new and gently used bras from women all over the world, and are currently exploring launching additional pilot programs in other parts of Africa and Central America. By partnering with established after-care facilities,

they provide an opportunity for sex trafficking survivors to build their own business selling second-hand clothing while going to school, establishing a house, and caring for their families. Selling clothes allows them to work as much or as little as their school schedule permits. The women in our program receive their starting inventory as a donation, and are then able to buy additional inventory from Free the Girls for below wholesale value to help maintain their competitive edge in the marketplace. Revenue from inventory sales covers their overseas program costs so their international programs are sustainable. They work one-on-one with each budding entrepreneur in areas like inventory management, budgeting, and financial planning for future dreams and goals they want to achieve. I hope we will consider donating bras to this endeavor..

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.

CONSERVATION – Denise Wheeler – see web page.

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. I would also like to collect Quarters for Education to help pay for donations to our elementary schools and high school scholarships.

FUNDRAISING – Denise Wheeler - Newspapers and Advertisement flyers for Denise, Martin School and Parker Middle -see web page for a detailed list

HOME LIFE – Nancy Brown see web page

HOSPITALITY – Mary Barrett –September’s refreshments will be provided by Judy Ackerman, Nancy Clark, and Dolores Costa.

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

LEADERSHIP – Nancy Brown – see web page

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 the reading of the by-laws and the September speaker is Cathy Potter from Liberty Union.

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.

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

Quarters for Education

Old cellphones for Soldiers

Upcoming Events

New England Conference September 29th to October 2nd in Rhode Island

GFWC of MA Junior Fall Conference – October 21st to the 22nd in Worcester



Happy Birthday from your fellow club members!

**Judy Ackerman
Joanna Alden
Mary Barrett**

**Cheryl Carlos
Nancy Martin
JoAnn Matthews**

Joan Stevens

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



President's Corner



August remains to be one of the more glorious months of summer! Summer is a wonderful time of the year, as many of us welcome the warm weather by engaging in outdoor activities, spending time at family BBQ's, taking in a day at the beach, making memories with loved ones while vacationing or spending time doing what

makes you happy. While all of us are enjoying our summer, let us not forget to honor and pray for our service members who have devoted their time and energy protecting our freedom and liberty.