

#### JUNIOR INVOCATION

Oh Lord, under thy guidance, may the juniors of this federation seek knowledge courageously, walk fearlessly, and live nobly in Thy service.

## JUNIOR PLEDGE

I pledge my loyalty to the Junior
Clubwomen by doing better than ever
before, what work we have to do, by being
prompt, honest, courteous; living each
day trying to accomplish something, not
merely to exist.



2022 GFWC Taunton and Raynham Junior Woman's Club ndb '22



## **GFWC**

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## \* Community Involvement \* May Tea Party \* June Social \* Basket Raffles \* Scholarship Fundraisers \*

# GFWC TAUNTON AND RAYNHAM JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB



## MISSION STATEMENT

The GFWC Taunton and Raynham Junior
Woman's Club is a community service organizatio
and is part of the General Federation of Women's
Clubs. Our members support the arts and the
preservation of our natural resources, promote
education, encourage healthy lifestyles, stress
civic involvement, and work toward world peace.

## **GFWC HISTORY**

In 1868, Jane Cunningham Croly (1829-1901), a professional New York journalist who wrote under the pen name Jennie June, attempted to attend a dinner at an all male press club honoring British novelist Charles Dickens. Croly was denied admittance based upon her gender, and in response, she formed a club for women. Jane Croly extended an invitation in 1890 to women; s clubs throughout the United States to attend a ratification convention in New York City. Sixty-three clubs attended on April 23-25 and took action to form the General Federation of Women's Clubs. In 1932, GFWC established the Junior departments in response to an increasing number of younger women participating in voluntary community service. Our GFWC Taunton and Raynham Jr. Woman's Club was founded in 1950.



## WHEN AND WHERE WE MEET

Our club meets the first Monday of every month,
January thru May and September to December at
7:00 p.m. All meetings are held at the Silver Platter
Restaurant at Bristol-PlymouthRegional technical
High School, 940 County Street, Taunto, MA.
We have monthly guest speakers on various topics.
Our members are from Taunton, Raynham, East
Taunton, Berkley, Dighton, Rehoboth, Norton,
Assonet, Somerset, Bridgewater, Middleboro. and
Lakeville. We accept women 18 years and older.

## WHAT WE DO

We hold fundraisers throughout the year which help us to fund educational incentives inthe form of local High School Scholarships as well as Nature&Me Scholarships for elementary schools in the area Donations to Taunton Family Center, public libraries, Senior centers and the local fire departments to name a few.









#### LOCAL AND GLOBAL INITIATIVES

We distribute Valentines to nursing homes and veterans, and send holiday cards to those serving afar. We provide Book, Buddy and Blanket bags to local fire departments to give comfort to children in crisis situations. We also knit baby hats for newborns.

Nationally and Internationally, we send packages to our troops, fill packpacks for the homeless, provide personal hygeine products for young people in foster care, donate to Shot@Life, Heifer, St. Jude, UNICEF, and volunteer at the Lucy Parsons Library, which is a Prison Book Program located in Quincy.

#### OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Our club has won numerous awards and certificates from GFWC for its volunteer work and community service over its past 72 years.

### AND WE HAVE FUN TOO!!

In order to raise funds for our donations we have held golf tournaments, character breakfasts, yard sales, raffle ticket sales, themed tea events, soup samplers, coffee & pie, socials, Bingo, and fun mystery trips. We also host our popular basket raffle at all our fundraisers. Our membersgather together in June for fun socials, such as scavenger hunts, pot lucks, line dancing, paint and pour nights, bowling, or theater trips. In December we celebrate with a holiday party, and every two years an installation of new officers takes place at this time. COME JOIN US TODAY!