



# Juniors in Action

GFWC of Taunton and Raynham Juniors

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President – Robin Gendron, Vice President –Emily Weiland, Recording Secretary - Joyce Clark, Corresponding Secretary – Ana Kearnan, Treasurer –Sarah Brink, Auditor –Cindy Brogan, Director – Nancy Martin

## What has our club been up to in December?

During the December Business Meeting Membership Chairman Joyce Clark installed a **new member**: Rosalie Conti-



Stilbene. **Christmas cards** a total of 150 signed by children at the Dighton Arts Festival at Araujo Farms and those signed by members were delivered to veterans/patients in nursing homes at Wedgemere and 50 to

De Arbors. **Items collected** this month included 9 personal items and 23 boxes of sugar. Denise Wheeler showed and explained how the **reusable items** members donate to schools are being used



by students for the STEM Program to build sustainable, green houses. Once again she collected

and more items from the members and shared items with members she has collected from the community. Nancy Brown talked about the **Wine and Jewelry Night** where four members attended as a social club event at



Stadium Theater. The winner of the

December **rent relief** was Ana Kearnan. The gift was provided by Grace Doel. A total of \$60 was raised. Our president Robin Gendron would like to thank all the members that supported the GFWC



Massachusetts fundraiser to support the state property in Sudbury by completing **Hundred X surveys**. Nancy Brown WHRC Chairman introduced **Mary Temple Grandin**, an American academic and animal behaviorist, a prominent proponent for the humane treatment of livestock for slaughter. She is the author of more than 60 scientific papers on animal behavior and autism.

**December** is a very busy month: Prime Time Senior Day Care center was the winner in a **cookie swap drawing** to receive a platter of home baked holiday cookies on behalf of the GFWC Taunton Juniors and member Vel Bleau. We had our JFWC Taunton Juniors Membership



Club **Soup and Pie Fundraiser** that was held on Saturday December 10<sup>th</sup> at Baptist Church from noon to 2pm. It was a huge



event. There were 31 people in attendance including members and their family members. A Yankee swap was run by Emily Weiland and a collection of



success due to three of our members: Joyce Clark, Robin Gendron and

clothes including pajamas for children to be donated to the JRI Foster Care: our President Robin Gendron's Project. Big thanks to Cindy Brogan and Linda Brosseau for planning the party. Our raffle

Diane Huling who pooled their talents together resulting in an afternoon of good food, festive surroundings, and fun had by all in attendance. The club made \$787 in ticket sales, and an additional \$530 on the raffle. Our only expenses were \$38.10 for ticket



ticket fundraiser run by Cindy Leonard and Cindy Brogan ended with the selection for the winner at the party. The winner was Cindy Brogan's daughter Kelly

printing and \$75 for the hall rental. Thanks to the Winthrop Street Baptist church, who graciously allowed us to use their function hall, giving us \$1200 in profits. Participants in attendance were rewarded by our memberships' talents of

Campbell. She won \$500 and Cindy Brogan won \$100 for selling her the ticket. This fundraiser raised \$1800 for scholarships. The Homeplate Fundraiser for JRI Foster care was

homemade soups, sandwiches and pies. They were enthusiastically consumed by over 60 people in attendance. People also enjoyed testing their luck by buying raffle tickets



attended by 10 members and their families helping to raise \$250 for the event. Members in attendance made at least 4 ornaments each that will be individually wrapped and given to children in the program. The food was good and we had lots of fun and laughter. Basket donations this month included 4 baskets: Mansfield Holiday Inn, Rehoboth palmer/Beckwith, Sip and Stoll in Middleboro, RAVE in Raynham.

for our popular raffle baskets and gift cards to nearby restaurants. A special raffle of a festive tree donated by "Designs by Sheila" was also raffled off. We had our **Christmas Party** at the fireside restaurant on Monday January 12<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 9:00pm. Members and their families attended and for the first time in a long time our

#### **COMMITTEES:**

**Chairmen don't forget to complete your yearly reports and send them Nancy Martin by January 18<sup>th</sup>.**

**ADVOCATES for CHILDREN**—Robin Gendron – Presidents' Project - Continue to collect trial size personal care products for JRI Foster Care and Adoption Agency.

**ARTS AND CULTURE**—Edith Edlund – No Report

**CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH** –Cindy Brogan – No report



club defrayed the cost of members' meals by \$20, Director of GFWC Massachusetts Tee Jablanski was invited and attended the



**COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC RELATIONS**— Judy Floor – If you have pictures and or articles you would like sent to the newspapers, please forward to Judy.

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT – AWARENESS AND PREVENTION:** - No report

**EDUCATION AND LIBRARIES** – Nancy Martin – If you happen to go to the Dollar Store they are selling Dr. Seuss puzzles and puzzle books. We would appreciate if you could purchase a few and bring them to a meeting before March.

**ENVIRONMENT** – Denise Wheeler – Shoe boxes, old batteries, old crayons, cereal boxes flattened, shoes, clothes, broken jewelry, watches, yarn, fabric, ribbon, cardboard form notepads, eye/reading glasses, baskets, front of greeting cards, soda/beer tabs, old markers, egg cartons, board games and puzzles. Denise has paper lists of items for recycling that our club collects: just ask her and you shall receive. The list is also on our club website.

**FUNDRAISING AND DEVELOPMENT** – Diane Huling – Bingo in March Tea in May and Savors in the spring.

**HEALTH AND WELLNESS** – Anna Kearnan – RSVP, FLU and Covid is on the rise. Wipe commonly touched surfaces with disinfectant wipes. Nothing replaces good handwashing not even hand sanitizer. Don't touch your face until you wash your hands

**LEADERSHIP** – Nancy Martin –Think about joining one of the committees by emailing the chairman with your interest.

**LEGISLATION/ PUBLIC POLICY** – Nancy Clark – No report

**MEMBERSHIP** – Joyce Clark –Three yearbook corrections: Sarah Brink: 508-644-5308, Linda Brosseau: 508-952-2186, Joanna Alden 306 Carver Street. Rosalie will be added.

**WOMENS HISTORY AND RESOURCE CENTER**– Nancy Brown- No report

## Member Birthdays

**Diane Huling**

**Judy DeAbreu**

## What's Happening Within our Club?

Next Business Meeting is January 9<sup>th</sup> at BP at 7:00pm

Next Executive Board Meeting si January 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm at BP

Bingo Fundraiser March 26<sup>th</sup> at the VFW on Ingell St.

TEA in April

## Here's a list of things to bring on Monday

- Feminine products

-1lb sugars

Recycle items for Denise

Dr Seuss puzzles and puzzle books

Paperback Books for the Prison Book Program

Denise is collecting coats, jackets, sweatshirts and sweatpants for children and adults



