



Juniors in Action



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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

March business Meeting: The proposed 2023 **budget** was approved. The **food** brought by Nancy Brown and Vel Bleau was delicious, especially the Irish bread. Thank you for the refreshments. Nancy



Brown collected money for **rent relief**. This month's winner is our Veteran of the month, Cindy Brogan!

This really is her month! Congratulations! Cindy. Robin Gendron and Denise Wheeler have organized our **new storage unit** and thrown out alot of old and unneeded materials. There was **spring colored flower vases** that the club would like to donate maybe for Easter somewhere. If you have ideas please contact Robin. They also found the club has acquired many bags of Christmas and children items. The club is looking for an idea for a December event. It would be nice to have a **pancake breakfast with Mr. & Mrs. Santa**, Christmas Carols and a reading of the Christmas Carol. The club is looking for a member to come forward and chair a committee to organize such an event. Nancy Clark has updated our **website**; take a



look at her work! Judy Floor has three **articles** that went to print. Cindy Brogan and Diane Huling want



to thank everyone for all the contributions for the raffles for the **Bingo Fundraiser**. The well attended club sponsored event Sunday March 26th at

the VFW on Ingell Street in Taunton started at noon. It costed twenty-five dollars to play with additional cards for \$10. The raffle tickets were 13



for \$10 and there was a 50 / 50 raffle, and food and drinks starting at 11:00am. The raffles were plentiful and were donated by our club and members of VFW. We raised \$4900 with this event, thanks to Cindy Brogan and her committee. Each participant received a bag of jelly beans with our name and club logo attached made by member Edith Edlund. Nancy Brown talked about the **upcoming Tea** and how on April 17th from 10-1 or 6-8 members can get together to assemble centerpieces. Tickets were

issued to members to sell for \$20 each. Members will be able to purchase themselves a ticket for \$10. She is looking for packages of lemon biscotti



that are sold at Job Lot. She also distributed posters of the events to members to help

advertise our event. She will be emailing copies to members who wish to produce additional flyers.

For WHRC – Nancy Brown honored **female veterans** by acknowledging our member Cindy Brogan and her daughter; female veterans with gifts. The gifts were a necklace and key chain made from bullet casings from last year's



and start your day with water not coffee. She donated three bottles of water for each table with an attached paper reminding members



salute on Veterans Day in Somerset.

Nancy also shared information on veteran **Grace Hopper** with the membership. A group of 3 ladies: Joyce Clark, Nancy Clark and Robin Gendron attended the **Prison Book Program** on Tuesday March 7th, they delivered a club donation of 14



books and volunteered their time. Nancy Martin Education

Chairman has snail mailed and emailed the **scholarship applications** to local schools and shared the application with the membership. It has also been put on our webpage by our webmaster. She is looking for members who would like to read and score the applications on Sunday April 16th. Please let her know if you are interested. Robin informed the membership that her Presidents Project JRI has moved to Fall River. She is still going to check in with them for needs but hopes to adopt a new program: **TACT** (Taunton Area Community Table) located on Bay Street in Taunton. They serve food on Thursdays to families in need. In light of this: membership approved the purchase of **24 red aprons** that will have our

logo printed on them by Bristol Plymouth. They will be ready for the May meeting. Members have received their **grey shirts** with our logo imprinted on them to wear at events: that started at the club sponsored Bingo! Thanks to Nancy Brown. Denise again collected items and shared **recycled items** with the membership. Health and Wellness Chairman, Ana Kearnan shared information about **water intake**: drink water instead of food if you feel hungry and sip water between bites as you eat

how much water they should drink every day. She also collected and donated to **New Hope Diversity** group 10 packs of maxi pads. Cindy Brogan shared the **design by Nancy Clark** for our banner at the East Taunton Little League. Emily Weiland collected 8 lbs of sugar, flour, pancake mixes and syrup, oatmeal and a whole bag of soaps and feminine hygiene products to the **Food Pantry**. The Program for April is being conducted by the Arts Chairman Edith Edlund. She is planning an **Arts Project** for the April Meeting. She needs some help: donations of peeps, chocolate bunnies, chocolate eggs and other individually wrapped Easter candies. We will be making rabbits and filling them with the candy. They will be going to each of our Police Departments in our area towns to say Thank-you for everything they do. There will be cards passed around to write your special messages which will be placed with the bunnies. **Opening day** for Taunton East Little League is April 15th (weather permitting) if you would like to attend and observe our banner. Nancy Brown will be sending around a sign up during the meeting for a craft workshop with the **seniors at Prime Time** in Dighton to be held on Thursday May 25th from 10:30 to 11:30. They will be making movable butterflies. All you will be required to do is color and glue. The

supplies needed are skinny colored markers that we can donate afterwards, Elmer's glue and clothespins. The activity will be advertised in the Strawberry Vine publication from the Dighton Council on Aging. All the butterflies will be precut to save time. A discussion at the April meeting will take place about sponsoring the **Downtown Arts drive**. Reasons for doing this: if we are giving \$1000 to Little League, is it reasonable to consider becoming a \$1000 sponsor of this arts drive? If this is the year of getting our name and logo out there, it could be a worthy endeavor. Getting 2 tickets to every event also gets our people into things to spread the word as well. It would give us the following:

- Company name, logo & link at downtowntaunton.org
- Logo & link on bi-monthly e-newsletter
- Company name tagged on 9 social media event posts
- 2 tickets to all DTF ticketed events
- Company name in press releases as sponsor
- Logo on event flyers & posters for 2 events
- \$500 Community Investment Tax Credit

COMMITTEES:

ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN—Robin Gendron – Presidents' Project – No Report

ARTS AND CULTURE—Edith Edlund – The Program for April is being conducted by the Arts Chairman Edith Edlund. She is planning an Arts Project for the April Meeting. She needs some help: donations of peeps, chocolate bunnies, chocolate eggs and other individually wrapped Easter candies. We will be making rabbits and filling them with the candy.

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH –Cindy Brogan – Will be looking for help at the East Taunton Little League fundraisers, starting April 15th.

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

to Judy. If you run an event please forward an article to Judy.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT – AWARENESS AND PREVENTION: - Emily Weiland - April is National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention month. Show your support on Denim Day. April 26 is an annual, national day of awareness that encourages participants to wear denim as a symbol of believing survivors and asserting that consent has nothing to do with your clothing.

EDUCATION AND LIBRARIES – Nancy Martin –The GFWC Greater Taunton Woman's Club scholarship form is now available. If you have a child, grandchild or great grandchild attending college in the fall in any year of enrollment please encourage them to apply. We hope to give out 7- \$500 scholarships. Looking for members to help score scholarship applications on Sunday April 16th.

ENVIRONMENT – Denise Wheeler – She is in need of grocery plastic and cloth bags for stem projects. Shoe boxes, old batteries, old crayons, cereal and granola bar boxes flattened, shoes, clothes, broken jewelry, watches, yarn, fabric, ribbon, cardboard form notepads, eye/reading glasses, baskets, front of greeting cards, soda/beer can tabs, old markers, egg cartons. Denise has paper lists of items for recycling that our club collects: just ask her for a copy, it is also on our club website.

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

HEALTH AND WELLNESS – Ana Kearnan –Eat healthy prevent heart attacks and strokes. Drink water and walk!

LEADERSHIP – Nancy Martin –Think about joining one of the committees by emailing the chairman with your interest, or chairing the committee for the Christmas Breakfast.

LEGISLATION/ PUBLIC POLICY – Nancy Clark – No report

MEMBERSHIP – Joyce Clark –A copy of the yearbook is on our website. Nancy Clark keeps it updated.

WOMENS HISTORY AND RESOURCE CENTER– Nancy Brown- She will be handing out index cards

to everyone with simple instructions. Members will complete the task and return cards to her at the May meeting. The entire project will conclude at our June Social.

Member Birthdays

Denise Wheeler

Nancy Brown

Fran Perry

Susan Johnson

What's Happening Within our Club?

Next Business Meeting is April 3rd at BP at 7:00pm

Next Executive Board Meeting is April 24th at 6:00pm at BP

Combined Annual Convention May 5th to 6th at Natick, MA – Lunch \$30, Dinner \$48, registration covered by our club: bring a check with you to the meeting to pay for your meals made out to the club

Spring Tea May 21st

Friendsgiving August 6th

Christmas Breakfast TBA

Here's a list of things to bring on Monday

Requests are not mandatory; only contribute if you are able

Hospitality provided by Fran Perry and Judy Floor

Rent Relief provided by Cindy Brogan

Peeps, chocolate bunnies and eggs, or other Easter Candy

Feminine products

1lb sugars or instant oatmeal

Recycle items for Denise: especially recycle soft plastic or cloth bags often used for groceries

New / slightly used paperback books for the Prison Book Program

Publicity Taunton Gazette

GFWC spring tea fundraiser

'Let It Tea,' the spring tea fundraiser for local scholarships and charities from the GFWC Greater Taunton Woman's Club, is being held on Sunday, May 21, from 1 to 3 p.m. at St. Nicholas of Myra Parish Center, 499 Spring St., N. Dighton.

Tickets are available for \$20 through members or by calling [508-813-7392](tel:508-813-7392) .

The tea menu gives a nod to the Beatles, with entertainment, basket raffles and a door prize.

GFWC Greater Taunton Woman's Club offers scholarship

The GFWC Greater Taunton Woman's Club has shared their scholarship application with public high schools from local cities and towns their membership represent. These include Taunton, Assonet, Berkley, Brockton, Raynham, Rehoboth, Dighton, Norton, Freetown and Lakeville.

The scholarship is open to entering college/university freshman, sophomore, juniors, seniors and graduate students. It can also include students entering technical and community college programs.

Copies of the application and requirements are available at local high school guidance counselors and the GFWC webpage: www.gfwcgreater-tauntonwomen.org.

The deadline is April 15.