



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

November Meeting:

Denise Wheeler reported on our contribution to



the **Dighton Arts Festival**

at Araujo Farms on

November 5th

from 9:00am to 3:00pm. Nancy Brown took orders for **17 jackets** with our club emblem. They should be available at the December meeting, thank-you Nancy Brown for taking on this endeavor. Nancy Brown collected **rent relief** money raising \$146 this month. The Executive Board opened discussion on discontinuing rent relief next year. Leadership Chairman Nancy Martin awarded Diane Huling the **Monthly Leadership Award** for doing such a



wonderful job managing the Soup Sampler fundraising event. Diane has only been a member for a few years and has jumped right into the Fundraising Chairmanship. She has been assisting with all our club fundraising events, and following up with verbal and written reports for the newsletter and local newspapers. She has decided to donate her \$50 to The Tuesday Club of Assonet.

They are a small group of volunteers who work hard to raise money to help people in need in Freetown, especially the veterans. They also give out scholarships to Apponequet High School graduates going on to college. Keep up the good work Diane! Ana Kearnan Health and Wellness Chairman talked about the awareness of the need for **vitamin D** during the winter and how much one needs and ways to get your needed amount. She also collected items for **TRUE Diversity** once again. Cindy Brogan Civic Engagement Chairman encouraged everyone to get out and **vote!** Denise Wheeler is looking for **canceled stamps** that are given to wounded veterans for stamp collecting. She is also looking for coffee trays. She offered members measuring spoons, cards, notepads and AAA batteries. Our members brought food items to make **Thanksgiving baskets** and for the Food pantry. Joyce Clark Membership Chairman installed a new member this month: **Roberta Poli**. Welcome Roberta, members please take a minute to introduce yourself to our new member. Membership chairman once again gave



our **birthday mementos** for club members including honorary member Joan Stevens!

What have Club Members been Up to?

Members volunteered their time to the **Dighton**



Arts Festival.

Denise with the help of a few members decorated two

Christmas trees for the festival fundraiser. They each had a theme: the first was all Disney Eeyores and the second snowmen and snowflakes. We will be receiving money at the end of the month from the raffle money raised by their contribution. Our booth asked adults and children to sign and write notes to veterans on

Christmas cards, resulting in over 100 cards. Many young children colored Thanksgiving cards for veterans too. Joyce Clark will deliver them to



veterans at Brockton Hospital. Denise also put together a raffle basket for Araujo Farms. We collected \$20 in donations for veterans. The Executive board decided to add \$30 to it and make a \$50 donation to Home for Troops located in Taunton. We passed out flyers to parents of young children advertising our Pancake Breakfast and membership pamphlets about our club. Our club donated a **Thanksgiving turkey**, roasting pan and all the fixing delivered by club members Linda Brosseau and Robin Gendron to True Diversity. Denise made and donated 3 baskets from our club



to **Martin Middle School in East Taunton** for their fifth grade roller-skating fundraiser. As you are aware, our **Bingo fundraiser** scheduled for Sunday, November 26, was unfortunately cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances. This was a huge loss to our club, since the last two Bingo games raised over \$5,000.00 each! Hopefully, issues will be

resolved and we will be able to plan Bingo fundraisers again in the near future. So help **spread the word** for our Pancake Breakfast with Mrs. Clause.

COMMITTEES:

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

ARTS AND CULTURE—Edith Edlund – We will be making snowmen decorations for the Pancake Breakfast and Club Christmas party.

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH –Cindy Brogan – No report

COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC RELATIONS—

Judy Floor –If you run an event please forward an article to Judy with pictures attached separately. Judy would be happy to have someone new take over this committee. Please let the Director know if you are interested.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT –

AWARENESS AND PREVENTION: - Emily Weiland – No report.

EDUCATION AND LIBRARIES – Nancy Martin –I know there have been some new grandchildren born, please notify me so we can award our Book-A-Baby Program. You can start to bring books again for Nancy Brown's Community Library or the Prison Book Program or Citizens for Citizens.

ENVIRONMENT – Denise Wheeler – The club is once again collecting soda tabs and water bottle tops! Denise is in need of round cool whip lids, newspapers, styrofoam trays meats are wrapped in, grocery plastic and cloth bags, 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



for stem projects. 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 – Our next event is the Holiday Pancake Breakfast taking place on Saturday, December 9, from 9:00 a.m.– 12:00 p.m. Mrs. Claus and her elves will be telling stories and singing songs with the children at 9:30, 10:30, and 11:30 that morning. There will be cookie decorating, coloring sheets, rollups, a raffle, and door prizes. We have asked our members to please talk to people about the event and let either Linda Brosseau:NHGir@comcast.net or Diane Huling:Dirask@comcast.net know if they have people who are planning on coming. The tickets will be in an envelope ready for people to get at the event or at the December meeting. Money can be collected ahead of time or people can pay at the door that morning. This is the first time we have planned a pancake breakfast and we are hoping for a good turnout. Like the Soup Sampler, having our members talk to their families and friends about the event is the key to its success. We have another fundraiser scheduled on December 27th as well. Brack's Grille & Tap, at 2097 Bay Street in Taunton, has agreed that every customer that comes in with a ticket that day from 11:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m., will have 20% of their bill donated to our club. Cindy Brogan has e-mailed each member a copy of the ticket people need to bring with them to Brack's to get the 20% donation. If you didn't get one or need another one, please contact Cindy or Diane and we will get you one. Feel free to share them with your family and friends!

HEALTH AND WELLNESS – Ana Kearnan – Please bring tampons and pads to donate for Period Poverty.

LEADERSHIP – Nancy Martin –Monthly \$50 charity Leadership Award will be awarded.

LEGISLATION/ PUBLIC POLICY – Nancy Clark –Go to the Action Center and support GFWC Legislative Alerts. If you are not receiving the notices then sign up for the Legislative Action Center. If you need help signing up please contact Nancy Clark.

MEMBERSHIP – Joyce Clark –A copy of the yearbook is on our website. Nancy Clark keeps it updated. Joyce has purchased pens with our new club name on them for both old and new members.

WOMENS HISTORY AND RESOURCE CENTER– Nancy Brown – Alcoholics Anonymous began in 1935 in Akron, Ohio, as the outcome of a meeting between Bill Wilson, a New York stockbroker and Dr. Bob S., an Akron surgeon. Both had been hopeless alcoholics. The woman behind one of them, Lois Wilson, Bill's Wilson's wife is who this is about. There are few people who better epitomize the sentiments of the Tammy Wynette country classic "Stand by Your Man", than Lois Wilson. As the founder of Al-Anon she is lovingly remembered by hundreds of thousands, or more, who have seen loved ones recover, or have, at least, been comforted, and guided, in their times of struggle. Had Lois enjoyed the strength and independent spirit of her mother-in-law, Emily, she might well have, in saving herself, adversely affected millions to come. Without her persistence and seemingly limitless devotion, it is unlikely that her husband would have gotten and stayed sober. Devoid of her financial and moral support, he would surely have been unable to dedicate himself to the cause of saving others, and to pursue with single-minded dedication his far-reaching dreams. You can read more about this woman's journey in 'When Love is Not Enough', The Lois Wilson Story on Wikipedia, during a time when men still ruled, yet she persevered in standing by her man, neglecting her own needs. She finally began a Treatment Center for women as alcoholism knows no gender.

Members' Birthdays

Darlene Brown

Brenda Saben

Cindy Leonard

Joyce Clark

Nancy Clark



What's Happening Within our Club?

Next Business Meeting is Monday December 4th at Silver Platter BP at 7:00pm

Report Writing Meeting for **ALL Committee Chairmen** on December 18th at BP 6:00pm

Holiday Pancake Breakfast Saturday December 9th 9:00 to noon at Winthrop Street Baptist Church

December 11th Club Holiday Party: 6pm-9pm at the Fireside Grille Restaurant, Middleboro

Eat at Brack's Bar & Grille in Taunton or purchase gift cards on Wednesday December 27th with 20% of purchase going to our club!

Saturday January 20th GFWC Massachusetts Midwinter Conference at Wrentham Center

After the first of the year a movie night: proceeds going to a council on Aging, TBA

A presentation about our club to Senior Girl Scouts and their moms: TBA

GFWC Combined Winter Conference TBA

What to Bring to the December Meeting

List of people attending the Pancake Breakfast and money you have collected

Executive Board members, their written yearly reports for submission and read at the annual meeting

Club Dues \$35

New books for Citizens for Citizens: Denise Wheeler is collecting

Flour, sugar, pancake mixes and syrup for the Food Pantry

Tampons and pads to donate for Period Poverty

Money for Rent Relief and \$35 if you want haven't paid for your club ordered jacket

Water cups, can tabs and canceled stamps

What to Bring to the Christmas Party

This year we are collecting donations for the Animal Shelter

Blankets, animal food, treats, litter, etc., or Amazon Gift Cards they can use to order animal supplies

We will be voting on the slate of officers

Executive Board: with voting rights

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Auditor – Linda Brosseau

Membership – Joyce Clark

Director – Denise Wheeler

Parliamentary Advisor – Cindy Brogan

Newsletter Editor – Emily Weiland

Webmaster – Nancy Clark

Committee Chairmen: **with no voting rights**

Advocates for Children – Robin Gendron

Arts & Culture – Edith Edlund

Civic Engagement & Outreach – Cindy Brogan

Communications & Public Relations – Judy Floor

Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault - Awareness & Prevention - Linda Brosseau

Education & Libraries – Nancy Martin

Environment – Denise Wheeler

Fundraising & Development – Diane Huling

Health & Wellness – Ana Kearnan

Leadership – Nancy Martin

Legislation & Public Policy – Nancy Clark

Woman's History & Resource Center – Nancy Brown

Assistants:
Hospitality – Mary Barrett

Programs – Nancy Brown

From your editor: Nancy L. Martin

This will be the last newsletter written by me. Due to all the traveling I have and hope to be doing in the near future I will be unable to attend all the Executive Board and Business meetings every month. When you are unable to attend all the meetings and functions it makes it difficult to write the newsletter and to take all the pictures needed to show the members everything we are involved in each month. I am turning it over to the very capable and responsible member Emily Weiland. I look forward to reading her print. I am also not running for Director again for the same reasons and know Denise Wheeler will do an excellent job.

Happy Holidays Everyone!

