



Juniors in Action

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Our Board Members

President – Robin Gendron, Vice President –Emily Weiland, Recording Secretary - Joyce Clark, Corresponding Secretary - Judy Ackerman, Treasurer –Sarah Brink, Auditor –Cindy Brogan, and it should be chaired by Vice president Emily Weiland.

Director – Edith Edlund

January 3rd Business Meeting: The Executive Board has directed the Corresponding Secretary Judy Ackerman to send a monthly card to Honorary Member Joan Curran. The proposed budget for the 2022 year was shared by Nancy Clark the 2021 Treasurer for the membership to review. During old business at the February Business Meeting the proposed budget will be discussed and voted on by the membership. Please look it over, if you were not at the meeting the budget is on the club website. **Membership** Chairman Joyce Clark



inducted two new members into our club. They are Gail Knowles and Diane Huling. They were recruited by our new treasurer Sarah Brink. **Emily**

Weiland did not attend the Christmas party so during this meeting she was sworn in as Vice President. **Nancy** Clark our webmaster has updated everyone's information for the yearbook. Make sure to check your information to see it is right before it goes to print, or it will be too late to change. Notify her if a change is needed. **Fundraising** ideas were discussed; the idea of a Bingo fundraiser was discussed and being looked into by Cindy Brogan.



She also discussed having a meeting with the Fundraising committee. **Cindy** Leonard has again volunteered to be responsible for bringing our book library to Business Meetings and keeping track of books being lent. **It was** suggested that our new member Ana Kearnan could do a talk on Autism for the April business Meeting. **Anna** suggested we could collect small gym bags for people who come into a hospital with no bags. She volunteered to look into it. **The** club brought recognition to Honorary Member Susan Carlson's yearly donation of \$200. **It** was suggested that the club by-laws should be reviewed and updated. Vice President Emily Weiland will chair the committee. **Robin** Gendron our club President announced that her Presidents' Project will be to continual support the JRI Foster Care and Adoption Agency. She will check with them each month for their needs and let members know what contributions are needed. **Our** Vice President Emily works with the Food Pantry in Taunton and will inform the membership their needs each month as she has done previously and members were very generous with their contributions. Anything you donate will be greatly appreciated. **Nominations** for Marilyn Perry Award were Emily

Weiland and Denise Wheeler. Nominations for the Michalewicz Award were Robin Gendron, Nancy Martin, and Nancy Clark. A nomination for the Presidents' Award was Robin Gendron. A vote for these will be taken during the February Business Meeting. **The** Education chairman asked if the membership would be willing to bring at least 2 new Dr. Seuss books to the February Business Meeting. They will be donated to local elementary schools. During the February meeting two books, pictures of Dr. Seuss to color and crayons will be tied together with a paper describing who we are as a club and members present will volunteer to deliver them to local schools.



What has our club been up during the last month?

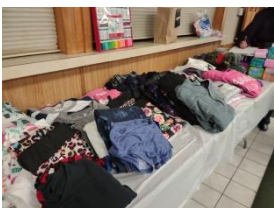
Eighteen coats were collected by member Denise Wheeler and donated to St. Nicholas Church.

Nancy Brown collected rent relief totaling \$55. January's winner was Darlene Brown who will donate February's prize. **Ten** club members attended the Combined Midwinter Meeting "Flannel and Frost". Members in attendance were: Nancy Clark, Vel Bleau, Cindy Brogan, Nancy Martin, Joyce Clark, Grace Doel, Robin Gendron, Emily Weiland, Fran Perry and Nancy Brown. It was held at the Knight of Columbus in Westborough



on Saturday January 22nd. Everyone in attendance wore flannel top shirts. The speaker was Jamie Ehrets, Court Appointed

Special Advocates for Children Volunteer Coordinator. Those attending the conference brought PJs, numerous boxes of tampons and packages of sanitary pads, socks, gift cards and cash,



which were given to Jamie for the Foster Care Program. She was so appreciative of the

donations. She talked from experience since she herself lived in foster care and fought to become the person she is today. Her talk was very enlightening. We had two members who had

never attended a Midwinter Conference before: Fran Perry and Emily Weiland. They received gifts for coming.



Each table was encouraged to build a Snow Award Scene with materials that were

provided and a write up about what their Awards represented. Throughout the afternoon each table



sent a spokesperson to speak about their project: Nancy Martin and Emily Weiland represented tables with our club members. It was a fun

activity. During our lunch we were given a calendar with people to find that fit a category so you could learn who's who. An example find: someone who has run a marathon. I met many new people, great mixer activity. President Robin



Gendron will summarize the conference for you at the meeting. Our club donated a basket to the



conference; all the raffles for the baskets raised \$1,110. Three of our members won baskets: Fran Perry, Cindy Brogan and Nancy Brown. A 50/50 raffle for the Ricky Gomes Scholarship was conducted by Education

Chairman Nancy Martin and raised \$183.

COMMITTEES:

ADVOCATES OF CHILDREN—Robin Broberg – No Report

ARTS AND CULTURE—Emily Weiland— The GFWC Photography Contest is underway! They are looking for photos taken from Jan 1, 2021-Dec 31, 2022. Categories include GFCW Living the Volunteer Spirit or The World in Pictures. There are 3 sub-categories for The World in Pictures: Our World Up Close, Natural Wonders, and Reflections.



Entries are due by March 1. See the GFWC website or click here for full details. You must send a physical photograph to be considered, so don't wait until the last minute. Our club members have been recognized at the state level many times for their photography, let's keep up that tradition!

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH –Emily Weiland – No Report

COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC RELATIONS– Judy Floor –Let her know if you see any club articles.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT – No chairman – No Report

AWARENESS AND PREVENTION: - Amanda Fata No Report

EDUCATION AND LIBRARIES – Nancy Martin - Bring two new Dr. Seuss books to the Business Meeting. The Scholarship committee will meet at 6:00pm at Bristol Plymouth before the Business Meeting on February 7th. Bring a print out of the rough draft with you. Prison Book Program is starting up again. Joyce Clark is looking for dictionaries, thesaurus and newish soft covered books.

ENVIROMENT – Denise Wheeler – New items: used CDs for classroom art projects. Denise has paper lists of items for recycling that our club collects. Just ask her and you shall receive!

FUNDRAISING AND DEVELOPMENT – Cindy Brogan – Bingo at the VFW and the Authors' Tea in May and the Savors Clothes collection for April.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS - Nancy Brown- 300-500 piece puzzles, crossword puzzle books or any kind of puzzle books, board games, tissues No peanut butter crackers.

LEADERSHIP – Paula Gasparoni–Think about being a committee chairman. Be prepared to vote for Leadership Awards

LEGISLATION/ PUBLIC POLICY – Nancy Clark – New members: if you haven't signed up for legislative action center bring your smart phones and we can sign up together!

MEMBERSHIP – Joyce Clark – check your information on our club website for the yearbook

before it goes to be printed. If there are errors let Nancy Clark know ASAP.

WOMENS HISTORY AND RESOURCE CENTER–

Nancy Brown- Thu, Jan 27, 2022 at 5:02 PM

Subject: Suffragists for #StopAntisemitism on International Holocaust Day of Remembrance.

As partners with Suffrage 100, this message arrived to our club: Holocaust Remembrance Day.

There are highlighted links throughout the text for you to open. Note the women who were involved; Ann Frank, Virginia Hall and the Girl Scouts and Girl Guides. You also have an opportunity to donate should you be so inclined.

View this email in your browser. Suffrage100MA is very concerned about the significant rise in anti-Semitic attacks in our local communities, across the nation and around the world targeting and terrorizing Jews. This includes the tragic local stabbing of Rabbi Shlomo Noginski last summer in Brighton, MA, as well as the recent January hostage crisis at Congregation Beth Israel in Colleyville, TX, the shooting at Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh, PA, and far too many more. According to the Anti-Defamation League, "crimes targeting the Jewish community consistently constitute over half of all religion-based crimes." Suffrage100MA is proud to stand with the courageous Jewish community including the many Jewish organizations that are Suffrage100M Partners, against hate crimes and encourages our supporters to oppose antisemitism and all forms of hate. One heartening aspect of the harrowing attack in Texas was the solidarity of the interfaith community, particularly the Islamic community, which came together to support Congregation Beth Israel in its hours of need. This highlights the importance of ongoing work by organizations such as the Greater Boston Interfaith Organization, local interfaith groups, and interfaith groups around the country, to foster tolerance and understanding among different faiths, and to build a world where all marginalized groups can live in peace. Today, we

draw inspiration from the many remarkable heroines of the Holocaust. Women including Virginia Hall, an American amputee who became one of the greatest Allied spies against the Nazis during World War II; the Girl Scouts and Girl Guides who participated in the underground resistance in Europe and the Philippines; and, of course, young Anne Frank, who despite her unfathomable circumstances courageously stated, "In spite of everything, I still believe that people are really good at heart". Suffrage100MA condemns hate in any form against any group or individuals, and

extends strength and friendship to the Jewish community during these troubling times. Suffrage100MA, a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization, is dedicated to commemorating the upcoming 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, ratified in 1920, prohibiting the federal and state governments from denying the right to vote on the basis of sex. **DONATE!**

What to Bring to the Business Meeting

Bags of clothes you don't want for the April Savor Fundraiser

Two new Dr. Seuss Books

Items for Primetime

Books for Prison Book Program



The Matthew Mission Food Pantry would greatly appreciate donations of sugar or flour. One or two pound bags are perfect. These very popular items that aren't provided for free by any of the state agencies so must be purchased from pantry funds or by donation, and are especially popular in winter.

What's Happening?

Bingo

Meet the Author Tea May 15th at St Nicholas Hall 1-3pm

Savors Clothes Drive

Bingo

Who is having a Birthday?

Sarah Brink

Gina Babaian

Jane Pacheco

Emily Weiland



Publicity



**BuzzAround
Raynham**

Your BuzzAround supports the dignity of all human beings, is actively anti-racist, and supportive of good law enforcement policies.

January 9, 2022 ~ Building Community One Positive Story at a Time



Pictured l to r: Joyce Clark, Diane Huling, President Robin Gendron, Gail Knowles

Photo courtesy of GFWC Taunton and Raynham

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For more information call Joyce at 508 823-4482

or www.gfwctauntonraynhamjuniors.org

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REPORTER TODAY

GFWC Membership Installations- Membership Installation



Joyce Clark, Diane Huling, President Robin Gendron, Gail Knowles.



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SUBMITTED PHOTOS



President Robin Gendron presents Diane Huling with a pin and welcomes her to GFWC membership.



President Robin Gendron presents Gail Knowles with a pin and welcomes her to GFWC membership.