



# Juniors in Action



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## Our Board Members

Edith Edlund, President– Joyce Clark, Recording Secretary

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## What Did We Do in February?

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**Monday January 8<sup>th</sup> Business Meeting:** Our Vice President informed the membership that she needed to step down from her position due to a family illness. Her husband has kidney cancer and needs to undergo several operations. Our prayers are with her and her family. Just a reminder of her addresses if anyone would like to send a message: 74 Harvey Street in Taunton and email [Chippy.5@hotmail.com](mailto:Chippy.5@hotmail.com). The refreshments provided by Paula Gasparoni and Robin Gendron were very appetizing. Joanna Alden passed out discount coupons for the chiropractor that visited us within the pass year. A decision was made to design large Valentine cards on poster boards and have members sign them during the February meeting and volunteers distribute them to local nursing homes for Valentine Day. Information about the two Senior Health Wellness Fairs sponsored by the city was distributed by Cindy Brogan the first being on Tuesday January 16<sup>th</sup> at Roseland Ballroom. The Mathew Mission will be closing on Wednesday January 31<sup>st</sup>. Mark Cook will still be available to give the homeless assistance and continental breakfast will still be served two mornings a week from 9am to 11am. Our club President is looking into a new project to support and will be talking about it

during this month's meeting. It was a short but interesting meeting.

**Monday January 16<sup>th</sup>:** The club turned all our yearly reports in to GFWC of Massachusetts Juniors. The club wants to thank all those who have worked tirelessly on these reports and especially to Nancy Clark for hosting the report writing meeting at her house and for organizing and sending the reports into the state.

**Monday January 22<sup>nd</sup>:** Cindy Brogan chaired a meeting at Nancy Clark's house for ideas for new fundraising ideas for the year 2018. They will share the information at our February meeting.

**January 27<sup>th</sup>:** was the GFWC of Massachusetts, Mid-winter Meeting at Stone Forge Tavern in Raynham from 10am to 3pm. Our club was well represented at the



conference with sixteen members in attendance. Our club donated a basket made by Joyce Clark. Morning Session began with a presentation of the 2018-2020 Slate

GFWC of MA Officers and GFWC of MA Junior Membership Officers, followed by guest speaker Ashley Bendiksen: who spoke about "Changing Dialogues: A Survivor's Story," Empowering





Change". Ashley Bendiksen is a native of Massachusetts, and graduate of Salve Regina University. With a degree in



date of said article. The easiest would be to save the entire page and bring it to our business meeting. Be aware that our events and announcements are also run on Cable TV and on-line at AmericanTowns.com and Wicked Local, and on Facebook.

justice, Ashley has worked diverse roles in victim services in courtroom and college settings. Ashley



has more than 10 years' experience working at the Bristol County District Attorney's Office. As an activist she serves on dozens of

boards and committees and has been recognized for her efforts involving women's empowerment, leadership development, domestic violence advocacy, health and wellness, the performing arts, and philanthropy. Ashley is Founder of a nonprofit theatre company that donates \$10,000 annually to charity. Self-employed as a professional speaker and consultant, Ashley now combines her greatest passions to create a career and life she loves.

**Scholarship Month:** Ricky Gomes Scholarship is due by March 1<sup>st</sup>, along with many others. See the GFWC of Massachusetts Juniors website for details!

**Committees:**

**ARTS** – Nancy Clark - Submit to the Photography contests! Photos must be taken in the calendar year Jan. 1 - Dec. 31. Bring any photos you want to submit to the GFWC contest to our February meeting for voting.

**COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC RELATIONS** - Nancy Brown – Look at local newspapers and local tv sites and notify Nancy when you see anything about our club. Please save any articles that you may see in The CALL, The Taunton Gazette, The Rehoboth Reporter, or The Brockton Enterprise. When clipping any article makes sure you include the header that has the paper's name, page #, and



**CONSERVATION** – Denise Wheeler – Collecting newspapers, puzzles, board games, empty ink cartridges, fabric, yarn, old cell phones, eye and reading glasses, small jewelry boxes, coffee cans, old batteries, embroidery floss, used eye glasses with cases, metal and plastic hangers and soda tabs.



**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE:** - Joyce Clark – Will be putting out the pinwheels in April. If any members see purple pinwheels when out and about and would like to purchase some to donate to the club we are always looking for new ones. The ones the club owns are getting a little old and faded.

**EDUCATION** – Nancy Martin – Donate a paperback dictionary or thesaurus for the prison book program. During the meeting Joyce Clark will organize a date to help out at the Prison Book Program. During the meeting Nancy will run a 50-50 raffle using pencils to help defray our education costs.



**FUNDRAISING** – Cindy Brogan- Will talk at the meeting about the result of the committee meeting. This will include the leg work that has been done by Paula Gasparoni and Nancy Brown on the purchase of event signs and the events that have been planned for the coming year including; an Unos Fund Raisers including a raffle and membership table, a Soup Sampler, a Tea, a Fashion Show, and a Craft Fair.



**HOME LIFE** – Nancy Brown – Fleece blankets, children books, stuffed animals and beanie babies are needed. She has purchased the poster boards for Valentine's Day and printed the club logos on members to sign.

**HOSPITALITY** – February: Paula Gasparoni and Robin Gendron, March is Cheryl Carlos and Jane Pittsley.



**INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH** –Cindy Brogan- Bring your change for the Heifer Box. Continue to get all shots at Wallgreens to help the “Shot for Life” Program. If you designed a Pakistani Doll bring it to the meeting.



**LEADERSHIP:** - Paula Gasparoni and Joan Curran- This month we will be voting on two awards: first the **MARILYN PERRY LEADERSHIP AWARD**. This award is given to a Junior clubwoman who demonstrates outstanding leadership qualities and abilities, and uses them to benefit both her GFWC club and her community. She is an active leader in community organizations and/or projects (e.g. church, charities, schools, government) while maintaining positions of leadership within GFWC or within her GFWC club. Please note:



the Marilyn Perry Leadership Award focuses on clubwomen who take their leadership skills beyond their club and use those skills in the community-at-large. It is an award recognizing leadership in general – not just within a club or GFWC. Second is the **MARTHA MICHALEWICH CLUBWOMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD**. This award goes to the clubwoman who has gone above the call of duty for her club. She is the clubwoman who almost always says yes, takes on the roles both as a follower and leader, represents her club in the most positive light and always promotes the club and its activities. (Unlike the Marilyn Perry Leadership Development Award, this award recognizes work done with and for the club.)

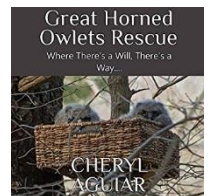
**During the January meeting nominations were made. This month we will be voting on the nominations.**

**PRESIDENTS SPECIAL PROJECT:** Eddie will be talking about the new project she has chosen as our new president. It is the Wild hearts Horses for Heroes. Julie Lovely was a program speaker last year and Edie will be showing a new four minute film about

the program that they have recently produce that includes our club member Mary Ellen Founds.

**PROGRAMS-** Joanna Alden – None this month.

Next month is Cheryl Aguiar on the Great Horn Owlets Rescue Program. Author of the Award-Winning Title "Great Horned Owlets Rescue: Where There's a Will, There's a Way" just won the 3rd Place Bronze Medal for the Animal-Adult Category in the 2018 Feathered Quill Book Awards. She is an Award-Winning, first-time author and entrepreneur who has an intuitive admiration and in-depth respect for nature and its wildlife. Cheryl is a hardworking, self-employed salon owner in the small, New England Town of Westport, Massachusetts where she also resides with her husband Jim. Cheryl and Jim live in a quaint, country style home, hand built by themselves near the woods she explored as a child. With nothing more than a high school diploma, Cheryl has succeeded in her businesses, becoming a self-taught photographer and learning the art of writing. Cheryl's true passion is her love for nature, traveling, exploring and photographing the beauty of our landscapes and magnificent wildlife all around the country. She travels whenever it's possible with her husband Jim. They also own land in New Vineyard, Maine, their own piece of woodland paradise. In discovering the amazing beauty surrounding her homes and around the country, Cheryl founded Roadside Stills Photography and continues growing while exploring her talents. Her strong passion and entrepreneurial spirit have granted her the ability to share her experiences with nature through the lens of a camera and now... on paper.



**PUBLIC ISSUES** –Cindy Brogan – Senior Health Wellness Fairs

**PUBLIC POLICY & LEGISLATION**– Nancy Clark – There are 10 things in the Legislative Action Center to address at this time. Forward responses from

representatives and senators to Nancy Clark for report writing..

**WEBMASTER** – Nancy Clark – If you haven't gone on the site yet, visit the site and register for "Call to Action".

**WHRC** – Nancy Brown- pictures to the GFWC Backbone Board, for those who have yet to do so bring your pictures to this Business meeting. Three copies of our club's history book are available at each meeting to look at. Club members are encouraged to sign out the book for a month with Nancy Brown and read it over.

**YEARBOOK**– Nancy Brown & Nancy Clark – have put together the yearbook for this year, the cover

has been printed by Nancy Brown and Nancy Clark has brought a final edited copy to Bristol Plymouth to be printed. They should be available to the membership next month.

**MEMBERSHIP** — Joyce Clark -Encourage friends and new people you meet to come to a meeting. Joyce will have a membership table at the Uno's fundraiser.

**NEWSLETTER** – Nancy Martin – If you do something representing our club during any given month, please forward information about it along with pictures to [MRMartin947@aol.com](mailto:MRMartin947@aol.com)

### What should you bring to the meeting?

Bring photos for Art Contest  
Pennies for Old Colony History Museum  
Change for Heifer Box  
Dollar Bills to Purchase 50/50 Education Raffle  
Dry Food and peanut butter for Club Institute

## Upcoming Events

February 26th next Board Meeting  
March 1<sup>st</sup> Club Institute  
March 5th next Business Meeting  
Soup Sampler April 14<sup>th</sup> noon to 2pm  
Tea May 20th 1pm to 3pm  
Fashion Show August 12<sup>th</sup> noon to 4pm  
Crafters Show September 6th

### Important meeting this Monday February 5<sup>th</sup>

Vice President Nomination and Voting  
Voting on the  
MARILYN PERRY LEADERSHIP AWARD &  
MARTHA MICHALEWICH CLUBWOMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD  
Voting on Pictures to be sent to the State  
Signing of Poster Valentine Cards by members for local nursing home

Happy Birthday from your fellow club members



Jane Pacheco



Happy Valentine's Day!

