



# Juniors in Action



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## Our Board Members

A past President—Joyce Clark, Cindy Brogan - Vice President, Joyce Clark - Recording Secretary, Vacant - Corresponding Secretary, Nancy Clark – Treasurer, Nancy Martin - Auditor, Edith Edlund – Director



*Wear Red to the Business Meeting to Promote our Club Awareness!*

*Bring dollar bills to play a fun fundraiser!*

### What has our club been up to this month?

Ten members of our club attended the GFWC of



Massachusetts and Junior Membership Combined Midwinter

Meeting on Saturday January 25<sup>th</sup> at Stoneforge Tavern in Raynham.

The theme of the conference was "Cruisin' to Membership

Magic". Each table including the head table had animals made from towels by our club

member Edith Edlund; the towels will be donated to New Hope at the end of the

conference in April. The featured speaker was Jolie Frankfurth, GFWC Treasurer. She spoke about how clubs can use their Webpages and Facebook pages to entice new members and keep old members by continually updating them. She demonstrated with

a visual presentation how a picture is worth a thousand words, the use of ideas to target curiosity, not too many words and the use of quotes, signs and t-shirts in your pictures. She explained how members should be able to pay membership online and other events your club is using as fundraisers. She was well received. Gifts

for former LEADS graduates were given by President

Lynne Stader, which

included our club members Nancy Clark and Cindy Brogan. The

invocation was given by our club treasurer Nancy Clark, GFWC of Massachusetts Juniors Legislation Chairman and Webmaster. Much of the day was spent on updating

Resolutions and Bylaws. Celebrating Teen Dating Awareness Month and Self Injury Month was presented by our club member Nancy Martin, GFWC Signature Project Domestic Violence



Chairman Junior Membership who talked about the Teen Dating Awareness Project. She made 1000 Orange Ribbons with attached papers about teen dating violence in bags of 25. Each club was asked to send a representative up to claim one or two bags to share with community schools and their clubs bringing awareness to this topic. All the bags were given out and were well received. Our club members Cindy Brogan took 50 and gave them to her daughter Kelly who works at Brockton High who distributed them to teachers and students; Nancy Martin brought 30 to Taunton High and got permission to put them on the main office counter to be taken by faculty and students and the remaining 20 will be given to club members at the February meeting.



**Cindy Brogan and Nancy Clark** visited Hank Snow for a half hour, an army veteran residing in Taunton who is homebound and requested cards on Facebook. They delivered “thinking of you cards” members made at the January meeting. Hank served in Vietnam and was very appreciative of our contribution to his well-being.

**Committees:**

**ARTS** – Kathy Sampson –Start picking your pictures for GFWC Photo Contests.

**COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC RELATIONS** – Nancy Brown – Please save newspaper articles and pictures. Look for us online in the Raynham Buzz, along with the Gazette, Enterprise, Rehoboth Reporter and Wicked Local.



**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 coat hangers, holiday cards, soda tabs and old Bras



**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE:** - Nancy Martin/ Joyce Clark – The photo was taken by a woman in the El

Salvador Free The Girls program. Awhile back, disposable film cameras were given to several women in the program and they were asked if they would photograph life from their point of view. To the women there, bras mean so much more than meets the eye. Bras equate to opportunity. Bras mean safe and sustainable income. Bras help send children to safer schools. Bras bring a chance for freedom. This month our club was sent this to remind us of the impact we made with each bra and buck we donated. Bras and bucks, prayers, volunteer hours, shout-outs on social media...it all matters. They continually send a thank you for helping women find more peace as they work towards their future: free and hopeful.



**EDUCATION** – Nancy Martin/Joyce Clark– Bring books to the monthly meetings for the “More Than Words” book collection and the Prison Book Program. A reminder that most Scholarships are due March 1st!



**FUNDRAISING** – Cindy Brogan – The GFWC Taunton and Raynham Junior Women's

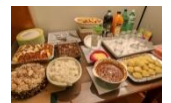


Club opens the new year with plans for their first fundraiser of the year. A Soup and Pie Sampler event is scheduled for Saturday March 7th from 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. at the American Legion, 291 Mill Street in Raynham. Tickets are now available for \$12 through members or by calling Denise at 508 813-7392. Gift cards for raffle prizes are needed.

**HOME LIFE** – Nancy Brown- We will continue to collect small bingo prizes for Prime Time in Dighton. “Valentine Conversation Heart candies” in individual packages, tissues, and lip balm, individual packs of cookies and crackers.



**HOSPITALITY** – Robin Gendron – February is Cheryl Carlos and Cathy Sampson



**INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH** –Emily Wyland- Will be talking at the meeting about Shot @ Life.

**LEADERSHIP:** - Paula Gasparoni and Joan Curran – Think about applying for LEADS. This month we will be nominating members for 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.)

**MEMBERSHIP** —Jane Pacheco/Joyce Clark - Encourage friends and new people you meet to come to a meeting. Joana Alden resignation, Honary Membership discussion.

**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). Reminder members can place up to three ads a month in the

Newsletter for free. Deadline for submissions is one week before each meeting.

**PRESIDENTS SPECIAL PROJECT:** Edie Edlund- The organizing of the trip to Virginia in August for members who wish to attend the ceremonial weekend of the 100<sup>th</sup> celebration of the memorial and 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment.

**PROGRAMS**-Judy Ackerman– February speakers will be club members Cindy Leonard and Judy Ackerman.

**PUBLIC ISSUES** –Cindy Brogan – reminder the Presidential Primaries is March 3<sup>rd</sup> and the Special Election for Representative in Taunton is March 31<sup>st</sup>. Chocolates will be delivered to the VA for Valentine’s Day and cards to veterans signed by members during the Business Meeting.

**PUBLIC POLICY & LEGISLATION**– Nancy Clark – Affordable Child Care

**WEBMASTER** – Nancy Clark – If you haven’t gone on the site yet, visit the site.

**WHRC** – Nancy Brown- WHO's WHO? Can you match up the junior with her fact? Learn more about our talented women leaders’ right within our club. Some are funny, some are surprising, some are just plain interesting. -- The WHRC Quiz will be distributed at the February meeting. Returns are due back to me by April 1st and rewards will be handed out to each person correctly matching the members. *Have fun and get to know your fellow Junior better. No rewards.*

**YEARBOOK** – Edith Edlund a file has been sent to you for the this years Yearbook. f you have any changes in your home address, telephone number or email address; please send changes to your information for the new yearbook before it goes to print!



**Happy Birthday to Members:**



Sarah Brink

Ginni Babaian

Emily Weiland

Jane Pacheco

Emily Weiland



### Who is under the weather:

Vel has informed us Sarah Brink took a nasty fall and broke her arm. If you would like to send a card her address is: 2 C.H. Clark Drive Assonet MA, 02702

Also please keep Joyce Clark and her husband Russell in your prayers. Russell was sent to Tufts University Hospital to have heart by-pass surgery. If you would like to send a card, her address is :7 St. Pierre Circle Berkley, MA 02779

### What should you bring to the February meeting?

**Wear Red and bring Dollar Bills!**

Books of any kind

New or gently worn shoes: Sole 4 Souls

Stuff for Primetime

Old Bras for the Turtles

Gift Cards for raffle prizes

## Publicity Articles

### Women's club hosting fundraiser

TAUNTON — The GFWC Taunton and Raynham Junior Women's Club will host a "Soup and Pie Sampler" fundraiser event on Saturday, March 7, from noon to 2 p.m. at the American Legion, 291 Mill St., in Raynham. Tickets are now available for \$12 through members or by calling Denise at 508 813-7392.

All women age 18 or older are invited to join in on a meeting of the club to explore all the club has to offer as a volunteer organization in this, and surrounding communities as well as nationally and internationally. The next scheduled meeting will be on Monday, Feb. 3 at 7 p.m. in the Silver Platter Restaurant located in Bristol Plymouth Regional Technical High School, 207 Hart Street in Taunton.

To attend, call Joyce at 508 823-4482.

**From Your editor:** One in three teens in the U.S. will experience physical, sexual, or emotional abuse by someone they are in a relationship with before they become adults and nearly half of college women report experiencing violent and abusive dating behaviors. You can help spread awareness and do your part to stop dating abuse before it starts by wearing orange ribbons through February and March, months that represent teen dating and self-injury awareness months. Many of these teens resort to self-harm which is most common between the ages of 12 and 24, 80% of self-harm involves stabbing or cutting the skin with a sharp object. Talk to your children and grandchildren about these topics.



**31% OF YOUTH  
REPORT HAVING AT  
LEAST ONE FRIEND WHO  
IS IN AN ABUSIVE  
RELATIONSHIP.**

Parents, are you teaching  
your child what it means to  
be in a healthy relationship?  
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