



# Juniors in Action



**GF WC Greater Taunton Woman's Club**

**A member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs**

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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

Your Club chairmen have been hard at work in January writing up the **GF WC reports** explaining all the good things that our club has participated in from raising money for charities and scholarships to social events. You can review them and be amazed at what we have accomplished over the last year. They have been uploaded to the password protected members section of our website. It's in the "Members" section of our website: [wwwGFWCTauntonRaynhamJuniors.org](http://wwwGFWCTauntonRaynhamJuniors.org).

A special thanks to Nancy Clark for spending multiple hours putting them all together and sending them forward to the state. The **Budget Committee** headed by Sarah Brink has worked hard on the budget and will soon be forwarded to you by our president for your perusal to be voted on during the next meeting. During the January **meeting nominations for the Marilyn Perry Award and the Martha Michalewich Awards** were made and will be voted on during the February meeting by a written ballot. Come to the meeting prepared to vote. The big news from last month is the vote to change our club name to **GF WC Greater Taunton Woman's Club**, this name will more accurately



reflect the reach of our membership and the work that we do. In the spirit of club sisterhood, and in order to ensure all members have a voice, we will reaffirm this vote in our February meeting. If you'd like to raise an alternative, or suggest a reason to not change, that is welcome as well - please get in touch with Robin or Emily. This will result in requesting the change from the state than all our club documents if approved. The January Business Meeting was a lively, positive conversation about **getting our name out there** in the community, with great ideas like being guest speakers at other clubs, embroidering our name on jackets, and putting out a photo of us offering our services as volunteers. What can you look forward to during the **February Business Meeting**? You don't want to miss it; it will be a very busy meeting. As I have previously stated voting on the awards and budget. We will be putting Dr. Seuss materials together to be brought to public elementary schools and preschool programs and valentine tin boxes filled with candy for nursing facilities within our



members' communities. It will also be a goal setting meeting with input from chairmen and club members with the ideas of programs, fundraisers and social events our club has in-store for us throughout the year. Our president will talk about the results of the GFWC HundredX fundraiser and how over \$11000 was raised. Our president will talk about voting on the possibility of purchasing a brick in memory of Thelma McCaffreys name and what we would print on it. One of our members Linda Brosseau has applied to the state to be a LEADS candidate, we wish her good luck.

This month **our charity** has been extended to the Bristol Plymouth Technical School cheerleaders by supporting their Bingo Fundraiser with several members in attendance and a contribution of six baskets. A little over thirty pounds of sugar was collected and donated to the Matthew Mission pantry in Taunton, delivered by Emily Weiland.



Nancy Brown delivered for the club 40 hand warmers to Our Daily Bread. And Ana Kearnan delivered twenty pairs of socks to Morton Hospital. Keep your eyes open for articles submitted to nine communications by

Judy Floor about our Soup and Pie Fundraiser! The winner for January rent relief was Fran Perry raising \$61.00. Please feel free to mail your donation to Nancy Brown, especially if you won't be able to attend a meeting. Every dollar is needed and greatly appreciated to help with the cost of our new storage unit, which now costs twice what it was because of the larger size.

#### **COMMITTEES:**

**ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN**—Robin Gendron – Presidents' Project - Continue to collect trial size personal care products for JRI Foster Care and Adoption Agency.

**ARTS AND CULTURE**—Edith Edlund – The photography contests are due by March 1. The GFWC Photography Contest guidelines can be found on the 2022-2024 GFWC Club Manual.

**CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH**—Cindy Brogan – Will be requesting money to put a publicity banner 3' by 6' at the East Taunton Little League Field to get our club name out to the community and volunteer opportunities with their program.

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

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT – AWARENESS AND PREVENTION: - Protecting our Elders:** no matter what age, everyone is entitled to be treated with kindness, respect and compassion. Unfortunately, elder abuse is a widespread problem and hundreds of thousands of adults over the age of sixty are abused, neglected, or financially exploited each year – many in their own homes. **What can you do?** You can always call the police, or in the event of a crisis, call 911. If you have reason to believe an adult age 60 or older is a victim of elder abuse, and want to make a report that is kept confidential, call the Massachusetts-based Elder Abuse Hotline at 1-800-922-2275. For local reports - involving elders living in Acushnet, Attleboro, Berkley, Dartmouth, Dighton, Fairhaven, Fall River, Freetown, Gosnold, Mansfield, Marion, Mattapoisett, New Bedford, North Attleboro, Norton, Raynham, Rehoboth, Rochester, Seekonk, Somerset, Swansea, Taunton, and Westport - the investigation will be done by Bristol Elder Services. Once you make a report, a caseworker is assigned to investigate. If abuse or neglect is confirmed, the caseworker will offer the elder a choice of services designed to help, and will refer the situation to law enforcement if warranted. To report abuse by staff workers at a hospital or nursing home, call the Massachusetts Department of Public Health at (800) 462-5540. We will also post this on our Facebook page, and ask members to share the info. Let's spread awareness that there are many

avenues to help our friends and neighbors we fear are being mistreated.

**EDUCATION AND LIBRARIES** – Nancy Martin – If you happen to go to the Dollar Store they are selling Dr. Seuss puzzles, puzzle books and flash cards. We would appreciate if you could purchase a few and bring them to the meeting in March. Emily Weiland has arranged a visit to Prison Book on Tuesday March 7<sup>th</sup> for 6:30 meeting at 5:30pm at the Shaws parking lot in Taunton. If you would like to attend please let Emily know.

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

**FUNDRAISING AND DEVELOPMENT** – Diane Huling – 2 Bingo Days one in March and the other in November. Tea in May and Savors in the spring.

**HEALTH AND WELLNESS** – Anna Kearnan – Eat healthy prevent heart attacks and strokes. Wear red this month for Heart Month.

**LEADERSHIP** – Nancy Martin – Think about joining one of the committees by emailing the chairman with your interest.

**LEGISLATION/ PUBLIC POLICY** – Nancy Clark – Go to the GFWC Legislative Action Center to support "Childhood Global Vaccination Efforts" and "End Sexual Assault on College Campuses."

**MEMBERSHIP** – Joyce Clark – Three yearbook corrections: Sarah Brink: 508-644-5308, Linda Brosseau: 508-952-2186, Joanna Alden 306 Carver Street. Rosalie will be added. Read over your information for the Yearbook, making sure your information is correct before it goes to print.

**WOMENS HISTORY AND RESOURCE CENTER** – Nancy Brown- No report.

### **Member Birthdays**

**Sarah Brink**

**Jane Pacheco**

**Emily Weiland**

### **What's Happening Within our Club?**

Prison Book March 7<sup>th</sup>

Next Business Meeting is February 6<sup>th</sup> at BP at 7:00pm

Next Executive Board Meeting is February 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm at BP

Bingo Fundraiser March 26<sup>th</sup> noon to 3pm: cost \$25 at the American Legion, food available starting at 11:00am

Combined Annual convention April 29<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> or May 6<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> at the Holiday Inn in Marlborough

Spring Tea May 21<sup>st</sup>

### **Here's a list of things to bring on Monday**

**Wear Red to the meeting for Heart Month!**

**Requests are not mandatory; only contribute if you are able**

Liquor, scratch tickets and Easter items for Bingo prizes

Feminine products

1lb sugars or instant oatmeal

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

Dr Seuss puzzles, puzzle books and flash cards: visit the Dollar Store

New / slightly used paperback books for the Prison Book Program

Denise is collecting coats, jackets, sweatshirts and sweatpants for children and adults