



Juniors in Action

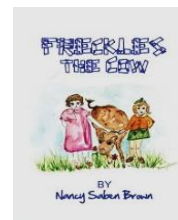


GFWC of Taunton and Raynham Juniors
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Our Board Members
 President – Robin Gendron, Vice President – Cindy Brogan, Recording Secretary - Joyce Clark,
 Corresponding Secretary - Judy Ackerman, Treasurer - Nancy Clark,
 Auditor - Nancy Martin, Director - Edith Edlund

November Meeting:

It was good to see so many on Zoom especially Darlene who is recovering from major surgery. She looks beautiful and we pray for her continued recovery and Joan who was voted to become an Honorary Member. There was a discussion about returning the slate of officers to a one year position due to the fact that most of the present officers willing to run would do so at the present time of covid-19 for only one year. A unanimous decision was made by the board to amend the rules and make the positions for one year for this year with a discussion to revisit again next year. Once this was agreed upon, the present board agreed to run again for the 2021-2022 year. The rent relief was provided by Vel Bleu and raised \$150 towards our storage expense. An Honorary Member donated \$250 to our club which is immensely appreciated by our club. The winner of the rent relief was Paula Gasparoni. Joyce Clark continues to sell bags with our club name on them for \$5 and has brought in another \$40 this month. Membership is done this year, please try and get friends to come to one of

our zoom meetings. Nancy Brown read her new published book "Freckles the Cow", it was cute. Nancy pointed out how the book is about her family and how she hired an illustrator but drew some of the pictures herself. She explained how her book has been published and is



available for purchase. Nancy Clark, our webmaster has agreed to update the yearbook and put it on our website in a password protected area. The WHRC woman of the month was Jan Brett. Jan Brett born December 1, 1949 is an American illustrator and writer of children's picture books. She is known for colorful, detailed depictions of a wide variety of animals and human cultures ranging from Scandinavia to Africa. Her best-known titles include *The Mitten*, *The Hat*, and *Gingerbread Baby*. She has adapted or retold numerous traditional stories such as the Gingerbread Man and Goldilocks and has illustrated some classics such as "The Owl and the Pussycat". The

Annual Meeting was conducted, board members had submitted their reports to the president and sent to members before the meeting so members could review. They were accepted at the annual meeting. The current board was re-elected for the 2020-2021 year.

What has our membership done this month?

We were pleased to gift our president with the December Advent Basket of food for the holidays dropped off and collected by Joyce Clark at Robin's house on Christmas Eve. Again this year a donation of 75 books and toys were collected from our membership by Education Chairman Nancy Martin and donated to Citizens for Citizens. The June



Gendron distributed decorated individually boxed cupcakes. A group photo was taken in front of the Christmas tree and everyone was on their way home by 8:00 pm smiling

and wishing each other a Merry Christmas.

COMMITTEES:

ADVOCATES OF CHILDREN—Robin Broberg – A message from GFWC of MA President Donna Shibley: she invites Junior Membership to participate in a fundraiser for Domestic and Sexual Violence Awareness and Prevention via Usborne Books & More. There are two parts to this fundraiser:

1. You can order books through the link - it is directly tied to our fundraising.

<https://r10441.myubam.com/1888776>

2. You can also join the Facebook group by letting Donna know via Facebook that they wish to do that. If you aren't friends with her, then you can become one and she will let you know the details.

Either way, people can order these high quality books, which will get shipped

directly to them and all GFWC MA proceeds from this fundraiser will be used to purchase books for children in domestic violence shelters.

ARTS AND CULTURE—Kathy Sampson – We need someone to make a garden flag for GFWC Junior contest, anyone willing? Flags can be created using any materials you choose. Flags should measure 12" wide and 18" long, contest began at Combined Fall Meeting. Completed Garden Flags should be brought to Combined Annual Meeting in 2021. Winning flags may be displayed in the new garden or around Headquarters.

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH—Emily Weiland/Cindy Brogan- Small businesses everywhere are struggling to keep their doors open you can help by doing your shopping locally.

Social was at Home Plate Restaurant. There were 11 members present; those present had a nice time.

A zoom of the event was attempted but only 1 member

got through before the connection was discontinued. A raffle was conducted to raise money for

Wreaths Across America. Members not present sent money ahead of the date to Nancy Brown. A total of \$85 was collected and Treasurer Nancy Clark bought 3 wreaths on the "Wreaths Across America" website with the money. Joyce Clark won the Wreath Raffle and decided to give back the wine basket to raffle again at another time. Nancy Brown won the Snowman themed basket. Joyce Clark Membership Chairman presented five year pins to Lauren and Mary Ellen Founds

and perfect attendance awards to a few members. As a favor, each attendee received a holiday tumbler filled with candy and Judy Ackerman and Robin



COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC RELATIONS—

Nancy Brown –Please save newspaper clippings. We have been published in the Brockton Enterprise Wicked Local and Gazette along with the Rehoboth Reporter. Go online to the BUZZ Raynham for the full coverage. If you do something representing our club during any given month, please forward information about it along with pictures to MRMartin947@aol.com and Nancy Clark our webmaster. If you haven't gone on the site, use your free time to browse through our clubs' Facebook and Website.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT –

AWARENESS AND PREVENTION: - Amanda Fata-see Advocates for Children

EDUCATION AND LIBRARIES – Nancy Martin- Reach out to a friend and share a book this winter. Nancy Brown is donating one of her books for "Book-A-Baby for Thelma McCaffrey's great granddaughter.

ENVIROMENT – Denise Wheeler –New this month our club is collecting Sweatshirts, sweatpants, coats and empty shoe boxes. Still 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. GFWC of Massachusetts Junior Board is looking for someone to chair this committee on the state level contact Katie Robey if interested.

FUNDRAISING AND DEVELOPMENT – Cindy Brogan – Thank you so much for the generous support last month to our Rent Relief raffle. The winner was

Paula Gasparoni. Robin Gendron has contacted Savers and they are willing to pay us \$500 for 100 bags of 33 gallon bags of clothes. Joyce Clark and Denise Wheeler have donated space to collect the clothes. Start collecting used clothes yourself from family members and friends and deliver them to Joyce or Denise and they will pick it up! They will be delivered to Savers on January 16th.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS - Nancy Brown- You can continue to save tissues, crackers and cookies, small hand sanitizers. Also looking for 300-500 piece puzzles, crossword puzzle books or any kind of puzzle books. No peanut butter crackers.

LEADERSHIP – Paula Gasparoni and Joan Curran - Now is the time to be thinking about who is our Marilyn Perry nomination. Don't forget to Apply to be the GFWC MA LEADS candidate details on the GFWCMAJuniors.org website.

LEGISLATION/ PUBLIC POLICY – Nancy Clark – Protect Our Postal Service Prevent online Sexual Exploitation of Children.

MEMBERSHIP – Joyce Clark – Joyce has been trying to keep in contact with members through texts and calls especially those members that are unable to get out. The board is planning to start a phone tree organized by Robin Gendron to contact members and Joyce Clark has been visiting those that have not attended Zoom meetings? We will be voting on the Martha Michalewich clubwoman of the year at February's meeting.

WOMENS HISTORY AND RESOURCE CENTER–

Nancy Brown- Thank-you Nancy Brown for doing such a great job last year bringing information to our club on remarkable women.

MEETING INFORMATION

The January Meeting will be a Zoom Meeting on Monday January 4th at 7:00pm. You will receive a link the day before or day of the meeting from Nancy Clark our Club Webmaster. Please try to participate. Due to the covid-19 virus our attendance at meetings outside and through zoom meetings has been low; let's try to communicate a little more!

Happy Birthday to Members: Judy DeAbreau 🎂

What's Happening?

The Centennial Suffrage Tea has been rescheduled for May 16, 2021.

Next zoom Business Meeting is January 4th at 7:00pm

Fundraiser

Clean out your closets and cupboards
For Taunton Raynham Junior Women's Club!

100 – 33 gallon bags

Fundraiser Dates:

11/17/2020 - 01/15/2021

WE WILL BE COLLECTING SOFT GOODS AND CLOTHING

We Are Collecting:

Clothes: men's, women's and children's
shoes, handbags, fashion accessories, belts, backpacks

Household Textiles:

blankets, sheets, towels, tablecloths, curtains

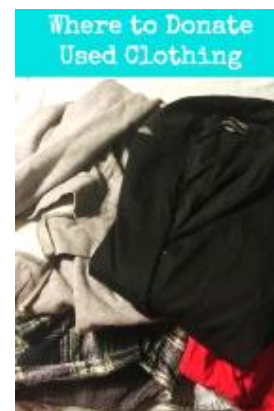
Small Household Goods:

kitchen items, decorative items, knick-knacks, toys and
games, small electronics.

Please box small household items.

Please gather clothes and household textiles in bags.

All items must be clean and in sellable condition



A few quotes shared from your editor to think about:

Everyone is ready for this year to be over—but turning to a new page on the calendar won't magically erase **all of the hardship that 2020 has brought**. The key to making 2021 a better year is going into it with the right mindset.

“It is your right to choose what you do and don't do, to choose what you believe in and don't believe in. It is your right to curate your life and your own perspective.” —*Lady Gaga, musician*

“One ought every day at least, to hear a little song, read a good poem, see a fine picture, and, if it were possible, to speak a few reasonable words.” —*Johann Wolfgang von Goethe, writer.*



Newspaper Article



BuzzAround Raynham

December 13, 2020

~ Building Community One Positive Story at a Time

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



The GFWC Taunton and Raynham Jr Woman's Club continues to help out in the community safely.

Recently club President Robin Gendron and Membership chairman Joyce Clark delivered turkeys and food to the Family Welcome Center at 50 Williams Street which was received by Carmen Maldonado community relations facilitator for the Taunton Public Schools, who distributed it to families in need for the holidays.

Member Nancy Brown also delivered a large box of assorted nonperishable grocery items to the Taunton Family Center. Assistant Emma Araujo accepted the clubs contribution which will help the five families in residence. Anyone wishing to make monetary contributions to help the Jr. Woman's Club continue to provide needed assistance may send their donations to GFWC Taunton and Raynham Junior Woman's Club P.O. Box 521 Raynham Center, MA 02768, Attention: Nancy Clark, Treasurer.

Women 18 or older are welcome to join and may contact membership chairman Joyce Clark at 508-823-4482 for more information. www.facebook.com/GFWCTauntonandRaynhamJuniors

