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October Meeting: Everyone was asked to wear purple, teal or both to the meeting to show support for Domestic Violence Awareness Month. A total of 62 bras were collected to bring to the annual conference to support the freethegirls.org along with 7 pairs of shoes for the Soles 4 Souls. Members were encouraged to bring guests to the meeting for the illusionist which was being used as a membership drive. For each guest a member brought to the meeting the member received a ticket to a raffle, the prize was a \$25.00 Gift Certificate to Target. The winner was Nancy Brown. At least 5 new guests attended the meeting. A vote was taken for the venue for the Holiday Party, Lorenzo's won again. It will be December 10th at 6:00pm.



a powerful message: "Register and Vote" at a rally in New Bedford, Massachusetts; before the 2008 Presidential election, where she produced a live elephant and a live donkey, (the two party mascots) "out of thin air!" The illusionist impressively delivered the non-partisan message that YOUR VOTE IS

MAGIC! and prompted a large voter registration. She is well known for imaginative, unique programs and illusions. Lyn's personal philosophy: is "With Enough Determination, Anything is Possible." At our meeting she showed us a video presentation that contained many visuals that enriched her story, including photos of the animal "stars" and the preparations for the illusion, whimsical political cartoons; and an absorbing review of the successful woman's suffrage movement. Master Illusionist Lyn Dillies stars nationwide in venues such as the Magic Castle in Hollywood, New York City's Lincoln Center, and high schools. Her performances leave audiences delightfully spellbound and inspired by her special brand of magic and tribute to the American voter.

THE PROGRAM FOR THIS EVENING: Lyn Dillies - Illusionist and Author of: "Your Vote is Magic"



performed several magic tricks and explained how she performed one of them. Then she explained how she used illusions to bring in the topic of women suffrage and

the importance of voting to teach high schools students about their importance. She sold and signed copies of her book based on the groundbreaking illusion she conjured up to deliver

September 28th-30th; 109th GFWC of Women's Clubs New England Region Conference: Took place at the Grand Summit Hotel at Sunday River Resort in Newry, Maine. Six club members attended the event: Nancy Clark, Nancy Martin, Robin Gendron, Joyce Clark, Nancy Brown and Joyce Curran. The

conference started with a cocktail hour in GFWC Massachusetts President Lynne Stader's hotel room with wine and cheese, crackers and snacks. We socialized with all the GFWC of Massachusetts members attending the conference in our cowgirl attire. It was followed by a gathering, a greeting in the Grand Ballroom with all those attending the conference.



The opening of the conference began at 7:00pm with a processional by the NER board and special guests. Greetings were given by President Mary Baird followed by dinner. This was followed by the entertainment, a Blue Grass group called the Racket Factory. Then a contra- dance caller named John McIntire and his wife, led members in dance for an hour. It was a lot of fun and enjoyed by all, dancers and observers alike. This was followed by the Maine State Night Reception on the Moonstruck Patio where we



enjoyed making and eating s'mores by the fire pit and watching members play corn hole. Saturday

started with the Presentation of Colors by the American Legion of Bethel, Maine. The theme of the conference was "Children First." The greeting by Marian St Claire, GFWC President-elect highlighted the "**7 Grand Initiatives**". These include: **1000 clubs to do a service project on Martin Luther King Day, January 21st, 2019; Plant 1000 trees on Arbor Day, April 26, 2019; donate 1000 pairs of used shoes to "Soles 4 Souls; donate 1000 Dr. Seuss books by March 2020; 1000 members join the Legislative Action Center; 1000 projects devoted to "Women in the Military"; and 1000 members donate \$1000 to the Capital Campaign.** This was followed by the Suffragist Hat Contest. There were three categories; the money collected went to the GFWC



of Connecticut towards their contribution of the Turning Point Suffragist Memorial. Mary Kemp then



talked about the "Children First Program". We were given information about the program, how 1 in 6 children is hunger deprived in the region of which this program is in Maine. We were encouraged to start similar programs in our areas, to help nurses in our schools to provide snacks, and a lifetime of success for the students. Money was collected in quantities of \$5, \$10 and \$20 with raffle tickets given for the contributions and prizes awarded.

After lunch Marian St Clair talked about "Growing Forward" that by looking at old photos reminds us about the continuum of how life persists and diminish. We now need to make a difference over time, look ahead in medicine and technology not backwards. We need to increase our membership, seek out the young with collaboration and plans to grow forward.

Presentations were then made by **committees; Domestic Violence** stressed how those who being violated attempt to leave 7 times before they actually leave. They talked about **Martin Luther King Day** and the **White Ribbon**; which signifies a pledge to never commit, condone or remain silent about violence against women and girls. The **Go Forward with Confidence State Scholarship**, and the **GFWC Purse Project**; purses uniting resources to successfully end violence against women. Discussion was conducted about **which 2 legislative actions out of 5** we want to pursue as a Federation. The 5 legislative actions were:

Miranda's Law, Land and Water Conservation Fund Permanent Reauthorization, Improve Data on Sexual Violence Act, Printed Gun Safety Act, and Stop School Violence Act. The **Advocates for Children Bullying** has become a national problem, she encouraged us to work within our clubs and

local schools on anti-bullying programs. She also stresses how **living with mental illness** needs addressing. Saturday evening the theme was "Sail with Me". Following dinner and a talk by Mary Ellen Brock, GFWC President on increasing membership the theme is **20/20**; 20% growth by 2020 is the goal. She talked about ways to increase the membership and the future of GFWC. The entertainment for the night was Junior Fun Night, where members took bets on Gilligan Islands' Characters, who would get off the island first by roll of a pair of dice. The money collected once again going to the Suffragist Memorial. This was followed by cocktails and snacks in the GFWC of Massachusetts Jrs suite. Sunday morning breakfast was followed by a memorial tribute to deceased members of 2017-2018. Tributary speeches were given about those deceased members who have inspired us with their dedication and contributions by fellow members. This was followed by speaker Heather Johnson and Chelsey Carrier about **the Skowhegan Food Backpack Program**; a program she started 4 years ago in a community where 82% of the students get free lunch. She explained how they identify the neediest and how they get the students to pick up backpacks for a weekend with nonperishable food. Through Mary Kemp and her collection at the conference they were able to collect and donate \$300 to the cause. State presidents made their reports on their programs which covers programs devoted to Ending Human Trafficking, Hunger, Women Veterans, Mental Illness, Membership, and International Programs. At the close of the conference an invitation was made by the GFWC of New Hampshire for next year's NER conference in Nashua, New Hampshire at the Radisson, the theme "Neighbors Helping Neighbors."

On Tuesday Oct 2nd: Members Cindy Brogan, Joyce Clark, Edie Edlund,



Cindy Leonard, and Jane Pacheco got together at Joyce's house to decorate foam pumpkins for the patients of the Taunton Nursing Home. On Tuesday, October 9th they were delivered.

During the Month: A basket donation for Dighton Breast Cancer Walk was made by our club, initiated by Nancy Brown. Our club also donated two baskets to the Dighton Firefighters for the cancer walk.



A visit was made by Nancy Brown and Edie Edlund to **Penelope Place** to assist in the completion for the Grant being given by GFWC of Massachusetts initiated by Lynne Stader. The money would help them purchase a new refrigerator and a few other things they are in need of. They also made note of the small things that our club could assist with. Penelope's Place offers



emergency shelter for families and individuals fleeing domestic violence. Penelope's Place is a 5+ bedroom domestic violence shelter that provides survivors

with safety, security, and comfort. In addition to being a warm and welcoming home, they provide comprehensive, coordinated care for survivors of violence and their children. They offer innovative, creative, and collaborative solutions to assist families in improving their health and well-being, breaking the cycles of violence, and ensuring their future stability.



Saturday October 20th: GFWC of Women's Clubs of Massachusetts Junior Membership Fall Conference, was

attended by 7 members; Joan Curran, Joyce Clark, Nancy Brown, Robin Gendron, Cindy

Brogan, Nancy Clark and Nancy Martin. It was at the Knights of Columbus in Westborough and

hosted by the GFWC Marlborough Juniors Woman's Club. The



membership was asked to dress in Patriotic or Emblematic attire. Your members were all dressed appropriately. Our club donated 62 bras for Free the Girls, 7 pairs of shoes for Soles 4 Souls, 24 books for the Dr. Seuss book donation, 24 pairs of white socks for veterans, 2 club baskets, and bought and donated a book to "Leave a Mark for Good".

Presentation of Colors was done by the Assabet Marine Corps JROTC Color Guard. The conference started with a welcome by the GFWC Marlborough Junior Woman's Club President Brenda Geary and Federation Greetings by Jen Nowak, Director of Junior Clubs, Donna Shibley, 1st Vice President and Counselor to Junior Membership and Lynne Stader, GFWC of Massachusetts President. Reports were made on GFWC International Convention the LEADS Seminar and in St. Louis Missouri, the GFWC Board of Directors Meeting in Richmond Virginia and the New England Region Conference in Newry Maine. This was followed by a wonderful Suffragist Presentation by Martha Michalewich. Her speech was about "What Would You Tolerate for the Right to Vote." She highlighted how members of the federation have influenced women's rights since 1848. Some of the many inequities woman suffered under the legal and political systems included no voice in the laws, no independent rights after marriage, no custody of children in case of divorce, no right to a college education, no opportunity to enter most professions, and no right to vote.

The speech ended with emphasis on the 100th year anniversary of the 19th Amendment in 2020. It was a very energizing speech, hopefully enticing everyone to get out and vote on November 6th. Mary Kemp once again talked about the Snack Sack Project as she did at the previous conferences. Lunch was followed by several service projects,



from writing cards to packing cookies for veterans. A total of 121 cookie bags would be delivered to Fisher House, 160 star packets were made to distribute to veterans, 133 cards were signed to be given to veterans for Veterans Day and 220 pairs of socks were folded for the veteran's hospital. The guest speaker Nicole Canella talked about how Dorian Murray inspired her to write a nonprofit book to get his message to the world, the Rhode Island boy who took social media by storm, with thousands of people across the globe posting photos and messages of support with the hashtag "#DStrong." Dorian certainly earned that descriptor, with toughness woven into almost four years of treatment for rhabdomyosarcoma, a pediatric cancer that was diagnosed when he was 4. "The needles, the meds, everything he had to go through. "It was a lot to take," the boy told CBS affiliate WPRI. In December, after a checkup indicated cancer cells were in his spinal fluid, Dorian and his family made the decision to stop treatment just after the New Year. Dorian told his dad he had a goal. As his mom tells it, Dorian said he wanted to be famous on "the bridge in China." "He meant the Great Wall of China," Melissa Murray said. "But we knew that would be hard with



the long travel and everything." So, Dorian adjusted his goal. "I'm just thinking before I go to heaven to try to be famous as much as I can," he said. What followed was a social network tidal wave. A couple of posts on Facebook, a few more on Twitter, and before his family and friends knew it, the world responded to the hashtag #DStrong. "It's like my little logo thing," Dorian

explained. "You have to like stay strong for D."



Thousands joined in the spirit of that within a few days, from the New England Patriots' Rob Gronkowski -- who visited with Dorian to strangers touched by his spirit around the world.

"I've gotten Paris, Japan, Switzerland, Italy, they're just saying to keep fighting," he said. "They believe in me. And it's just really nice to know that so many people have my back for me." Nicole DeRosa Cannella captured the beliefs and ideas of Dorian D-Strong Murray that have enabled him to share his strength with other children and their parents who are facing the challenge of serious illness so that they too might become D-Strong. A report was made that 813 books and 85 DVDs, 62 Dr. Seuss books, 70 shoes, and 500 bras were collected and \$1013 was raised for



Turning Point at the conference. Our club won for the Hooray for USA Most Practical Basket, the best percentage of members to register for the Legislation Action Center Challenge. Nancy Clark won the Dr Seuss basket, which she plans to donate to our education project. Nancy Brown won an award for her photograph. Lynne Stder announced that six grants will be awarded, Brockton's Penelope Place that our members assisted in the completion of the grant will be awarded \$400. The



conference for those that attended said it was informative and an enjoyable day.



Committees:

ARTS – Nancy Clark – November 4th the Dighton Arts Festival from 9:00AM to 3:00PM. There is a need of crayons, markers, and Christmas stickers to use at the festival.



Start taking pictures for GFWC Photo Contests. Create a something in teal and purple for March 15th contest.

COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC RELATIONS - Nancy Brown – Looking for someone to take over this committee, please talk to Nancy Brown if you are



interested. 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 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.

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 and soda tabs.



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: -Joyce Clark/ Nancy Martin – Also the center in Brockton for women Penelope's Place is looking for new/slightly used sweatpants and sweatshirts or sweat suit sets and a dehumidifier.

EDUCATION – Nancy Martin & Kathy Voller– So far our club has donated almost 3000 books to Lynne Staders' "More Than Words" book collection. Bring books to the monthly meetings. Join the Facebook virtual book club @GFWCMAjuniorsbookclub, the new book has not yet been announced. Bring new or slightly used Dr. Seuss books.



FUNDRAISING – Cindy Brogan- Lottery Raffle, this time 1st place is \$600 worth of \$2 lottery



tickets or \$500 cash, a second prize of \$250 and a 3rd prize of 100. Prize will be awarded at the membership Christmas Party. Tickets will cost \$10 each, 3 for \$20, sell by the December 10th Christmas Party.

HOME LIFE – Nancy Brown-Packaged crackers or cookies, tissues, hand sanitizer, Gold Bond foot powder mini, and fleece blankets. What can we do for “Adopt a senior?”

HOSPITALITY –November is Mary Barrett and Nancy Martin. December is Joanna Alden and JoAnne Matthews.

INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH –Cindy Brogan- Continue to get all shots at Walgreens to help the “Shot for Life” Program. Souls 4 Souls is looking for new or gently worn shoes. The Heifer Pig will be back this month, bring your change.

LEADERSHIP: - Paula Gasparoni and Joan Curran –. Think about applying for LEADS.

MEMBERSHIP — Joyce Clark/Jane Pacheco



-Encourage friends and new people you meet to come to a meeting.

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. 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- “Wild Hearts for Heroes Program”.

PROGRAMS- Joanna Alden – Joan Curran will make her presentation in November

PUBLIC ISSUES –Cindy Brogan – Our new GFWC Junior Director Project will be helping and bringing forth recognition to veterans. One of them being “Wreaths Across America” taking place on December 15th. Our club will be donating \$45 to “Wreaths for America” cost of 3 wreaths.

PUBLIC POLICY & LEGISLATION– Nancy Clark –Each member needs to sign up again in the Legislation Action Center. If legislature responds to your email about that specific topic, forward their response to Programs@gfwc.org and to Nancy Clark webmaster@nclark.net. Here is the promised email address to forward replies from GFWC's Legislation Action Center:

GFWCMAlegislation@gmail.com. **WEBMASTER** – Nancy Clark – If you haven’t gone on the site yet, visit the site and register for “Call to Action”.

WHRC – Nancy Brown-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 and return it. Two are presently on loan to Susan Johnson and Paula Gasparoni. The committee is looking for ideas to help raise money to purchase a brick for the 2020 memorial brick.

YEARBOOK– Nancy Brown & Nancy Clark –Have been distributed. If you do not have yours see Joyce Clark.



What should you bring to the November meeting?

Crayons, markers, and Christmas stickers
Dr. Seuss Books, children books, any books
Sweatpants, Sweatshirts & Sweatsuits
New or gently worn shoes: Sole 4 Souls



Happy Birthday to members: Robin Gendron Paula Gasparoni

Up Coming Events

Dighton Arts Festival, November 4th

Next Business Meeting November 5th

Next Board Meeting November 26th

December 1st, Lights On Hosting Reading with Mrs. Santa at Hometown Furnishings 5:30-8:00pm

Business Meeting, December 3rd, Silver Platter 7:00pm

Christmas Party December 10th, at Lorenzo's

Dues \$30 by December 3rd

Report Writing, TBA

Chicken Dinner at American Legion a Saturday Night TBA, Cost \$15 a ticket

For Sale by Members:

All new, Ikea White porcelain Bathroom sink, sq. bowl 31 ½ X 19 ¼ X 2 3/8.

Comes with faucet still in box and pipes. Plus Vanity- partially assembled.

Must pick-up too heavy for Edie to lift. \$75.00 or BO.

Call EdieEdlund @ 774240-515 or 508-510-3046

Large metal coffee table with thick beveled glass top in great condition.

Has lower shelf to place slate pieces, none of which are cracked or broken.

Asking \$50 but am open to any offer.

Please contact Mary at 508--824--8265 or email chippy.5@hotmail.com

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