



Juniors in Action



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Our Board Members

A past President – Robin Gendron, Vice President – Cindy Brogan, Joyce Clark - Recording Secretary, Judy Ackerman - Corresponding Secretary, Nancy Clark – Treasurer
Nancy Martin - Auditor, Edith Edlund – Director

October Meeting: The president of the month was Cindy Leonard. It was a zoom meeting on Monday



October 5th. A total of 14 members joined the meeting along with 2 guests.

Celebrating Domestic Violence Month we had

guest speakers Jim and Cheri Rice from Biker's Against Child Abuse. Presentations like this are how they are able to spread their mission and get the word out about who they are. Bikers Against Child Abuse or (BACA) is a charitable worldwide volunteer motorcycle organization which is built from the 1% of the legitimate biker community. Their intended purpose is to empower abused children. BACA was founded in 1995 in Provo, Utah by B John Paul "Chief" Lilly. The organization states that it "exists with the intent to create a safer environment for abused children". The parents or guardians of victims of abuse are the ones who first contact BACA. The club then confirms that the authorities have been contacted before meeting with the family in order to see what the situation is and if it is something they can get involved with. They do not get involved in domestic issues. Referrals from outside established agencies are reviewed by the system before the BACA responds with any type of contact. The group claims that it asks child to adopt them, aiming to



develop an extended 'family' with the child. After contact is established, two bikers — one male, and one female — who may or may not live near to the child, act as primary contacts for the child and their family. The two bikers then visit the family in the two months after first contact about every 2 weeks on an ongoing basis and notify the BACA child liaison of any specific needs the child might have.

They are available for the child 24/7 just a phone call away. Members may also attend court proceedings for the children or escort them to school or errands. BACA members may only escort children to court if the judge permits it. They would surround the child facing the child, empowering them. According to the organization, the members can help the child's legal guardians to navigate the child-welfare system and how to file different legal documents such as restraining orders and guardianship documents. The organization is known for holding 100 mile runs and poker runs for fundraising. They are in 17 countries around the world and are 4 million strong. We voted to donate \$50 to their local organization. They have since sent a thank you note for the donation. For those of you who weren't able to attend the meeting I have attached a link to an 8-minute video that explains who they are and what they do.

<https://youtu.be/tuF3WqJUMKc>



A proclamation presented by Mayor Shauna O'Connell to our club for our 70th year celebration was picked up and read by Robin Gendron at the meeting.

What Has Happened This Month?



2nd. Just inform Nancy Clark our Webmaster so the person will receive the zoom link.

The GFWC New England Region Conference this year was a zoom meeting. No one from our membership attended.

The GFWC of Women's Club of

Massachusetts was a combined meeting with the Juniors and 54 in attendance.



Attendees were either on zoom or at headquarters in Sudbury. The theme was "The Spirit of Change is in the Air" and showed how Massachusetts Clubwomen show their spirit through commitment to moving forward and meeting anyway we can. Robin Gendron and Joyce Clark were in Sudbury for the conference and will we report on it at the zoom meeting on Monday.



This month our club donated 28 bags of clothing to the GFWC of Massachusetts Savor Fundraiser. Joyce Clark and Robin Gendron drove to the state office in Sudbury to deliver them.

Nancy Brown brainstormed with an idea for the October rent relief and her idea helped to raise

\$277. The winner was Cindy Brogan who received a bottle of wine, flowers and candy.



To celebrate Advocates for Children Week Nancy Brown

asked the membership to donate diapers, wipes and baby clothing for a family at Family resource. Our membership once again came



through with donations of both money and in-kind donations. Since she started this endeavor the family has been moved to a community outside of Boston so Nancy delivered 4 packages of diapers, 10 containers of wipes and 12



sanitary napkins to Birthright. Fernanda Pereira is the volunteer there that accepted the donation.

Nancy still has \$115 to donate. She will be asking the memberships for input at the zoom meeting on Monday for

where you would like the money raised to be donated or how it should be used since the members who donated it wanted it to go towards an abusive family.

Joyce Clark along with her husband once again put our club membership drive sign up on Winthrop Street for the month of October, Junior Membership Month. Invite a friend to join our zoom meeting on Monday November



Nancy Clark and Nancy Martin attended on zoom. It included two speakers Ashley Bendiksen who spoke on the topic for Domestic and Sexual Violence Awareness and Prevention through her experiences. She will be offering a workshop for those interested the link is: www.ashleybendiksen.com/parentworkshop.

The second speaker was Stephen Sycks along with guest Mary Beth Cashman on the topic of Birth Defects, who talked



about how the March of Dimes helped with the premature birth of her daughter. Our club donations delivered by Joyce Clark and Robin Gendron included 23 baby books, 6 boxes of protein bars, 3 boxes of oatmeal packages, one box

containing 18 packages of trail mix and 1 box containing 27 cheddar crackers. Nancy Martin raised \$210 for the Ricky Gomes Scholarship with a bead game. The conference raised \$730 with the bag and basket raffles and the Savor clothing



drive.

Scholarship Update: From Apponequet High School they sent a thank-you note and the recipients of the scholarships. They chose to split the money and give two scholarships for \$250 each: Felicia McCarey and Jailyn Medeiros both from Lakeville.

COMMITTEES:

ADVOCATES OF CHILDREN—Robin Broberg – October 25-31 was GFWC Advocates for Children Week, as stated in this Newsletter Nancy Brown collected from the membership and delivered our donation to Birthright.

ARTS AND CULTURE—Kathy Sampson – We need someone to make a garden flag for GFWC junior contest, anyone willing?

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH –Emily

Weiland- Make sure you get out and vote, Women fought hard for our right to vote - use your voice.

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 – October meeting program BACA, see 8 minute video link.

AWARENESS AND PREVENTION: - Amanda Fata- Read books or articles on Domestic Violence or be part of Ashley Bendiksen's workshop, link in newsletter.

EDUCATION AND LIBRARIES – Nancy Martin- Looking for new Children's Book for Citizens for Citizens again this year. If you have some you would like to donate call me, Nancy Martin and I



will come pick to pick them up. We are reaching out to elementary schools in our area to zoom readings in characters. Join the ESO GFWC Facebook Bookclub! The Prison Book Program has opened again, so Joyce Clark will be organizing a visit soon.

ENVIROMENT – 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.

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

Cindy Brogan. Cindy will be providing the raffle for November with a \$25 gift card from



Target as the prize.

Remember that \$1 is our usual donation, but you can send whatever you like, and your name will go in the drawing. Last month our membership donated \$277, let's try to do it again! Send your donation to, Nancy Brown 261 Hart Street Dighton, MA 02715. The deadline for mailing is Nov. 13th, and we will draw the winning name on the 15th. You may also drop it off in her mailbox at any time. Nancy will send a reminder email to everyone on the 13th. Robin Gendron has contacted Savor 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.

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.

LEADERSHIP – Paula Gasparoni and Joan Curran -
No report at this time.

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
to contact members and Joyce Clark has been
visiting those that are shut ins.

WOMENS HISTORY AND RESOURCE

CENTER– Nancy Brown- The Program for
this month will be a brief salute to
Eleonore Roosevelt.



MEETING INFORMATION

The November Meeting will be a Zoom Meeting on Monday November 2nd 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!

Since we have tabled our fundraising activities until 2021 there is no income coming into the club in any form other than through our monthly Rent Relief, but we still have obligations (our storage unit rental alone costs \$57 a month). We also want to help in the community when we can. Cindy Brogan has donated a \$25 Target gift card and Nancy Brown has taken the initiative to collect the money and deliver it to the winner Help our club. Send your donation in any amount by November 13th to Nancy Brown 261 Hart Street Dighton, MA 02715. The drawing will be on November 15th.

Program: Paul Clifford, Visitor Service Supervisor at Borderland State Park in Eason, MA, graduated from Franklin Pierce College in New Hampshire with a degree in Environmental Science. He will speak about



Blanche Ames, Renaissance Woman, 1878-1969-progressive woman and how she and her husband Oakes Ames bought the land in 1900 to preserve nature. She was a vocal suffragist, who wrote Creto and did aquatic power to Thoreau for environmental justice.

Happy 70th Anniversary to us, the GFWC Taunton and Raynham Jr. Woman's Club! I would like to honor a founding member who is still an honoree member of our club at the age of 95 and as of last year was still attending club meetings and events. She joined and helped to create the club in 1950, 70 years ago at the age of 25. As a member she

1964, Corresponding Secretary
During the club year from 1965
total of 1,455.6 hours. During
craft parties, art nights and
anymore but she always buys



held several positions: she was the Director from 1962 to 1965, and the vice president from 1966 to 1967. to 1966 Thelma had the highest number of volunteer hours, a her years of membership she has assisted and participated in club outings. She may not help with setting up events loads of raffle tickets and always seems to come home with a

few baskets. Whenever in Thelma's presence you might notice her knitting away, she keeps her mind and hands busy by knitting dish cloths, I think she must have knitted 5000 by now. It may seem at times like Thelma isn't listening to you, but beware she has a great sense of humor and when you least expect it she will catch you off guard and zing you. You may not even realize it, because you may take her seriously, never take a word Thelma says too seriously! She is honest to a fault, old school not tech savvy, she is one of the few members we still send hard copies to of the newsletter and agendas. Thelma is very good hearted. She still tends her garden, and often gives members cucumbers, zucchinis, tomatoes; and let's not forget the strawberries and blueberries. Even her pussy willows have been transplanted into many junior members'

backyards due to her generosity; definitely a woman of many talents, who has shared them with us all. I hope I live to the ripe old age of 95 and continue to be as active as Thelma and to be honored with friends who are willing to take me places I need to and want to visit. Thelma has said that she doesn't want to miss a thing, and I don't think that she has! Some superlatives that I would use to describe Thelma would be to say "that she is a sentimental, honest, humorous, generous, intellectual, a state your mind kind of woman" that I admire and most of our members aspire to be!

Happy Birthday to members whose birthday is in November:

Robin Gendron Paula Gasparoni



What's Happening?

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

Next zoom Business Meeting meeting November 2nd

Next Zoom Board Meeting is November 30th

Annual Meeting is December 7th (Board Members have your letters ready to submit)

Holiday Party December 14th at Home Plate

if you wish to attend any of the above meetings, notify Nancy Clark so you will receive the link.

One of our members Nancy Brown has published a children's book: "Freckles" which is available for purchase.



Would you like to run for a position on the Executive Board?

President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, or Auditor

Please inform Edith Edlund – Director of GFWC Taunton & Raynham Juniors

Thinking of members who may need a card from members:



Darlene Brown
Joanna Alden
Thelma McCaffrey

Joan Curran



Happy Thanksgiving

From your editor

Nancy L Martin



Publicity

From the Taunton Gazette

Local author speaks at women's club meeting

Local author Don Sampson was a guest speaker at the GFWC Taunton and Raynham Junior Women's Club's September meeting which was held outside at the USMC League Hall in Somerset. Sampson is a resident of Dighton and has written his first book titled "The Scarecrow King," a children's picture book. He talked about the process of writing



COURTESY PHOTO

Cindy Brogan and Don Sampson at the GFWC Taunton and Raynham Junior Women's Club's September meeting.

and producing a published book. He answered members questions and sold copies of his hardcover book.

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Wicked Local Bridgewater

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