



# Juniors in Action

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President – Robin Gendron, Vice President –Emily Weiland, Recording Secretary - Joyce Clark, Corresponding Secretary - Judy Ackerman, Treasurer –Sarah Brink, Auditor –Cindy Brogan, Director – Nancy Martin

The **September 12<sup>th</sup> Business Meeting** was well attended by our membership; members were welcomed back and were able to catch up with one another. The meeting started off with a **beads game** for fun. Members put their



hands on their heads or derriere. A coin was tossed: if heads came up and your hands were on your touché you gave up a set



of beads, if tails came up and your hands were on your head you lost a set of beads. The game continued until there was only one member standing with beads and they became the winner. The winner was Gail Knowles who received a fall gift from the club.

**Edith Edlund** demonstrated how to make elephants out of towels for members to make at



home and bring to the next meeting. Nancy Clark offered her home to assemble “Towel Elephants” as a social event with Ediths’



help. Members who got together on September 19<sup>th</sup> were: Edith Edlund, Joyce Clark, Nancy Clark, Cheryl Carlos, Vel Bleau, Cindy Brogan, Diane Huling, Nancy Brown, and Judy Floor. Nancy Clark, Cindy Brogan and Judy Floor started rolling tampons into the facecloths and tied them with Ribbon. Later these were hidden between the Elephants legs which created the tail. Cindy Brogan and Edie Edlund filled bags with



numerous items such as soaps shampoo, combs, toothpaste and brush, razors and lotions. Once Edie showed members how to make the “Towel Elephants”, Diane Huling and Cheryl Carlos took charge of folding and shaping the elephants. Great job ladies! Judy Floor, Vel Bleau, Joyce Clark and Nancy Brown showed their talent stitching the

Elephants together. Once the elephants were done



google eyes were put on them and bagged with the personal items. Fun was had by all. Excellent Teamwork! As Arts

and Culture Chairman Edith wants to thank everyone that came and made the project fun and a great success. The club plans to donate them to the Taunton Diversity Network, who is sending a representative to speak with us at the October Business Meeting. Along with the elephants there are toiletries for teenage girls.

President Robin Gendron made a report on the

**International Conference** in New Orleans and the awards that our club received.

**Nancy Brown as Women's History and Resource Center Chairman**



wanted to start our new year with focusing on 'us'. We may not be famous, or celebrities, or have accomplishments or endeavors published, broadcasted or talked about by the world, but we are part of the history of womanhood. Mothers, whether biological, or adopted, have taught us, influenced us and been

part of our lives and our history throughout the ages. She wanted us to remember the roles they played then, and now, leaving their marks for the good on each one of us, and in return leave our mark on the next generation. We

will continue making history through GFWC. Members recognized the women behind the women who were responsible by bringing a photo of their mom or the woman who was a mom to them, to the September 12th



Business Meeting. The photos were displayed on a poster board and some members shared stories about them. Each member who brought a photo received a remembrance token.

**Rent relief** was won by Joyce Clark. A total of \$81 was collected. Thank you to everyone who contributed. She will bring the prize for the October rent relief.

**Denise Wheeler Environment Chairman** shared her expertise on what and how to recycle items. Once again she brought items she has collected to share with the membership.



**Emily Weiland** our liaison with the **Food Pantry** wants to thank everyone who brought a donation of sugar to the last meeting, it brings her great joy to come away from our meetings with a trunk full of donations. Once again Emily is asking members to be "Sugar Mommas" for the month of October. For those who wish to attend the **"Fill the Pantry Fundraiser"** on Tuesday, September 27 at the Riverhouse Restaurant , here is the link to sign up:

[https://firstparishtaunton.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1426902?fbclid=IwAR3st89aTgA9oQBxS77Si9FYm\\_HHV3F\\_3qCKwPVuh2R2-x6wuUY8oAGkEok&fbclid=IwAR3st89aTgA9oQBxS77Si9FYm\\_HHV3F\\_3qCKwPVuh2R2-x6wuUY8oAGkEok](https://firstparishtaunton.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1426902?fbclid=IwAR3st89aTgA9oQBxS77Si9FYm_HHV3F_3qCKwPVuh2R2-x6wuUY8oAGkEok&fbclid=IwAR3st89aTgA9oQBxS77Si9FYm_HHV3F_3qCKwPVuh2R2-x6wuUY8oAGkEok). Or, you can just email Emily to be added to the guest list and you can pay her later. No pressure at all to attend, but we'd love to see you there. It will be a fun night.

**The GFWC New England Region 113<sup>th</sup> Conference** was this past weekend: 11/23 to 11/25. The GFWC of Massachusetts was well represented.



President Robin Gendron and Recording



Secretary Joyce Clark attended the whole weekend and will fill the club in on what they attended and share information they received with the club at the October Business Meeting. Nancy Clark, Cindy Brogan, Diane Huling and Nancy Martin attended the Saturday day events. Since I attended I will share my experience. The day started with the processional of Regional Officers, and the Warwick Police Color Guard. Our President Robin Gendron led the Pledge of Allegiance. The theme of the conference was "Ocean 22" and the Regional President Libby Wiers theme for the next 2 years is "Moving Ahead with Big Dreams". There were proclamations read to the GFWC



given by Rhode Island local mayors, senators and congress persons. Presentations by Committee Chairman were given and several handouts were shared, most with the new "Bling" concept. Many of the presentations were well given and received. As Director of our club I will share the handouts with our club chairman. Lunch was good, as well as the speakers especially GFWC President-elect Suellen Brazil. Robin spoke as a member of the GFWC Leadership Committee representing Massachusetts about her LEADS experience in New Orleans. I hope all members get a chance to attend a GFWC conference someday; it gives one a bigger picture of GFWC.

Our club received notification that GFWC of Massachusetts received our \$50 donation for "Children of Literacy".

Thank-you to Joyce for running **3 yard sales** that raised \$271 with items from the donations of Walter Skilling.

Joyce Clark along with Denise Wheeler has bought a table to sell **homemade items** on October 15<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-2:00 at Berkley Commons with the proceeds going to our club. If you have any

handmade articles you would like to donate; knitted, crocheted, cards, decorations, etc. please bring them to the meeting on Monday. If you would like to help sell they could use the help!

#### **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 – A social event is in the planning: a 50's night honoring Olivia Newton John and Breast Cancer is in the works.

**CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH** – Cindy Brogan – The Matthew Mission Food

Pantry would like to request that the Club members bring sugar again this month, any size / brand (one lb. bags preferred).

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

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT – AWARENESS AND PREVENTION:** - Emily Weiland- For October, we are requesting all members wear purple for Domestic Violence Awareness month to the Business Meeting.

**EDUCATION AND LIBRARIES** – Nancy Martin – the Prison Book Program asked us to share with our members who have visited the program to vote for the name of the a book commemorating 50 years of the Prison Book Program send your choice to [Kelly@prisonbookprogram.org](mailto:Kelly@prisonbookprogram.org). The choices are: A Radical idea: 50 years of Prison Book Program, From the First Sentence: Prison Book Program at 50, Inside/Outside: 50 Years of Prison Book Program, Books as Connection: Prison Book Program at 50, or Read this and Pass It On: 50 Years of Prison Book Program. I sent my vote in hope you do the same!

**ENVIROMENT** – Denise Wheeler – New items: used CDs for classroom art projects. 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 website.

**FUNDRAISING AND DEVELOPMENT** – Diane Huling – Our club is selling lottery raffle tickets again this year. Cindy Leonard is chairing this fundraiser.



Tickets were given out at the September meeting; if you didn't get any you can get tickets at the October meeting. This fundraiser is to raise money for our educational scholarships. We pull the winner December 12th at our

annual Christmas party. You have a choice to get the \$500 worth of sealed lottery scratch tickets or the cash. Thank you in advance for your support. Price is one for \$10 or three for \$20. Plenty of time to sell, sell, sell! New this year, the member who sells the winning ticket will receive \$100.

**HEALTH AND WELLNESS** – Anna Kearnan – Get out and walk!

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

**LEGISLATION/ PUBLIC POLICY** – Nancy Clark – with local and state legislators running for office, it's the perfect time to get a photo with a current legislator and post it on Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram with the "#GFWCadvocacy"/tag. There has been a new legislative alert: Online platforms have fueled the extreme and unprecedented proliferation of child sexual abuse material. Law enforcement has repeatedly warned that children are groomed, enticed, exploited, trafficked, and abused online through platforms we use every day. This has only increased during the COVID-19 pandemic. In 2021, 29.3 million reports of child sexual abuse material were made to the Cyber Tip line hosted by the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC), the nation's

clearinghouse and comprehensive reporting center for all issues related to the prevention of and recovery from child victimization. Technology companies have the photo DNA technology, but have not had the accountability. This legislation provides a pathway forward. Advocates believe that removing technology companies' immunity from civil and criminal liability for third party content on their platforms will result in a dramatic decrease in online child sexual exploitation. It is time to work with technology companies and encourage them to do the right thing – Stop Online Child Sexual Exploitation! **If you have not received this reapply to Call for Action!**

**MEMBERSHIP** – Joyce Clark – Three yearbook corrections: Sarah Brink: 508-644-5308, Linda Brosseau: 508-952-2186, Joanna Alden 306 Carver Street.

**WOMENS HISTORY AND RESOURCE CENTER**–

Nancy Brown- [W H R C](#)

[W Women... that's us.](#)

[H History... that's what we make.](#)

[R Resources... that's what we create.](#)

[C Center...that's where we collect it all.](#)

This month Nancy wanted to focus on women who make history but may not be historical. That's why she asked you to bring in a photo of your mom, or mom figure, to share a visual display included on the first page of the newsletter. These are average women who brought into this world, average women. "Us" They nurtured us, and left their mark on us so that we could do the same. Each generation of women leaves their mark on the next and sometimes they become famous, or infamous, but they are always a part of the history of women. These ladies listed below may not be famous in the world's view, but they were who we are now, the new history makers. Remember these women from yesterday's past and how we could not make history as members of GFWC without them. Thank you to these wonderful mothers whose life actions influenced us so that we may continue to make history in many different ways through our participation in GFWC. Some of these women are still with us making history while some have gone on to their reward, hopefully for a life well lived.

May I introduce:

**Moms and Juniors**

Hazel Hackett ... Darlene Brown

Shirley Ann Saben ... Nancy Brown

Santina Rano... Fran Perry

Caroline Johnston ... Robin Broberg

Kitty Gardner ... Sarah Brink

Pam McElroy ... Robin Gendron

Celia Alden ... Judy Ackerman

Fatima Gaspar ... Ana Kearnan

Phyllis Bernier ... Cindy Brogan

Eleanor Clark ... Nancy Clark

Dorothy Stanford ... Joyce Clark

Florence Youngberg ... Joan Stevens

Dorothy Leonard ... Grace Doel

MaryLou Weiland ... Emily Weiland

Elaine Coletta ... Linda Brousseau

Annette Lopes ... Denise Wheeler

Velma Caswell ... Vel Bleau

Their names will now be added as an insert to the GFWC Taunton and Raynham Junior Woman's Club's History Book. Thanks for sharing them with us.

## Member Birthdays

**Edith Edlund**

**Gail Knowles**



## What to bring to the meeting October 3<sup>rd</sup>?

**Wear purple clothing for Domestic Violence Awareness month**

Trial size personal care products

Sugar, any size / brand (one lb. bags preferred)

Dictionaries, thesaurus and newish soft covered books and puzzle books.

## What's Happening Within our Club?

- Our next Business Meeting is October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00pm Silver Platter
- Memorial Service for Thelma McCaffrey on Friday, October 14, at 10:30 am, at the Christ Community Church (North), 265 West Britannia Street, Taunton, MA.
- Our next Executive Board Meeting is October 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm Silver Platter
  - Hospitality: Denise Wheeler & Edie Edlund
  - Rent relief Gift: Provided by Joyce Clark
- October 15<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-2:00 at Berkley Commons homemade items for sale
  - GFWC Massachusetts Fall Meeting in Sturbridge
- **If you plan to attend bring a check for \$34 for the meal made out to our club, Registration is covered by the club.**
  - Dighton Arts Festival November 6<sup>th</sup> at Araujo's Farm
- A 50's night at Nancy Martin's House, with a viewing of "Grease" on Monday November 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. A \$5 entrance fee with proceeds going to Breast Cancer in memory Olivia Newton-John.
- Club Christmas Party December 12<sup>th</sup> : Lottery Raffle Ticket winners picked at the party
  - Homeplate Fundraiser: TBA
  - "Friends Giving" coming this summer

# Newspaper Articles

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## LOCAL

### GFWC Taunton Junior Woman's Club awards scholarships

From staff reports  
USA TODAY NETWORK

This year GFWC Taunton Junior Woman's Club donated \$5,500 in scholarships to seven area students. The recipients along with their families were invited to a membership drive get-together on Aug. 8 at the Sil-

ver Platter Restaurant at Bristol-Flymouth Regional Technical School.

This year's scholarship recipients include: Kaci Leonard, Corinne Hathaway, Kayla Pratt, Natalie Frederickson, Samantha Crowley, Michelle Aminova and Cameron White.

The meet-and-greet event included a video pres-

entation about GFWC, a presentation of the scholarships by President Robin Gredson and Education Chairman Nancy Martin, homemade treats and the filling of backpacks for children from the JRI Foster Care and Adoption Agency.

From your Editor: Nancy L. Martin

