



# Juniors in Action



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## Our Board Members

A past President –Dense Wheeler, Joyce Clark - Recording Secretary,  
Judy Ackerman - Corresponding Secretary, Nancy Clark – Treasurer  
Nancy Martin - Auditor, Edith Edlund – Director

### September Meeting:

The president of the month was Denise Wheeler. It was on Monday October 5<sup>th</sup> at the USMC League Hall, 265 High Street in Somerset. The meeting was outside. The small number of members brought their own



snacks, drinks, chairs, jackets, and bug spray. Mr. Sampson was the guest speaker.



He talked about the process one needs to fulfill to produce a children's book. He sold his hard cover book "The Scarecrow King" to members and answered questions

The monthly drawing and the Rent Relief gift was donated by Cheryl Carlos. Only seven dollars was collected.

A thank-you was received from both Girls Inc., and Boys & Girls Inc.

An update on scholarship recipients, we have received word the Dighton High School recipients were Emerson Maccarone and Sarah Arnold. Two

scholarships were given because the recipient from the previous year never claimed her scholarship so they reissued it again this year. We have



received a thank you from Sarah Arnold.

### COMMITTEES:

**ADVOCATES OF CHILDREN**—Robin Broberg – October 25-31 is GFWC Advocates for Children Week.

**ARTS AND CULTURE**— Kathy Sampson – Drawing and painting for children and adults

is a nice activity during self-distancing. Sending homemade cards to veterans and those in nursing homes is a great idea.

**CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH**—Emily Weiland- Because of the pandemic, households have until September 30 to make sure they are counted in the US Census. The Census helps decide how tax funds are shared across the country, and how many elected officials each state will have in the US House of Representatives. There has been confusion in the immigrant community about filling out the census. Please encourage all your neighbors to fill out the census. The Immigrant Legal Resource Center is a useful source of information, and provides resources in both English and Spanish. The Census can be filled out online. Don't forget to vote in the upcoming election. Request an absentee ballot.

**COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC RELATIONS**— Nancy Brown – We were mentioned in the last News & Notes about what we did for the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment of Women's Rights. Please save newspaper clippings. We were 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- October is Domestic Violence Month. Wear purple as often as you can and pins given out during previous years. When people ask why you are wearing them explain why. Bring Awareness!

**EDUCATION AND LIBRARIES** – Nancy Martin- Continue to read to your children and grandchildren. We are reaching out to elementary schools in our area to zoom readings in characters.

**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 – **Send your money to Nancy Brown for Rent Relief Raffle!**

**HEALTH AND WELLNESS** - Nancy Brown- You can continue to save tissues, crackers and cookies, small hand sanitizers, 100-300 piece puzzles, novelty key chains, etc. to be used as Bingo prizes at Prime Time when we get back to normal. Keep track of letters and cards that you send or receive.

**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.

**WOMENS HISTORY AND RESOURCE CENTER**– Nancy Brown- The Program for this month will be a brief duo salute to Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Amy Coney Barrett; two women of strength, intelligence and courage of the 20th and 21st Century.

#### **MEETING INFORMATION**

**The October Meeting** will be a Zoom Meeting on Monday October 5<sup>th</sup> 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, lets try to communicate a little more!

**The WHRC Program** this month will bring recognition to a great past leader Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Amy Coney Barrett.



**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. Nancy Brown has taken the initiative to donate gifts for a rent relief raffle since she won for the month of September. The prizes will be a bottle of wine (your choice of red or white), a beautiful tricolored mum and a surprise. The winner will get all three. For every dollar you send, your name will be placed in the drawing. Be generous. Send \$1, \$2, \$3, \$5 or \$10 dollars. Help our club. Send your donation in any amount by October 12th to Nancy



Brown 261 Hart Street Dighton, MA 02715. The drawing will be on October 14th and Nancy Brown will deliver your winnings to you on October 15th.

**Happy 70th Anniversary** to us, the GFWC Taunton and Raynham Jr. Woman's Club! During this time of covid-19 the board feels that we couldn't do justice with a celebration at this time so we hope to celebrate next year our 71<sup>st</sup> year!



**Happy Birthday to members whose birthday is in October:**

**Edith Edlund** 🍰

### What's Happening?

Combined Fall Meeting on October 24:

Limited to 25 attendees in person at our Headquarters building at 245 Dutton Road in Sudbury, Not limited to the number of Zoom attendees. Since funds are down if you want to attend the zoom conference you must pay the registration yourself. Nancy Clark has sent you the link but will do it again this month. If you cannot attend the meeting in person or on zoom you can contribute to the different fundraisers they are having.

The New England Region Conference is also a zoom meeting October 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>.

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

Next Board zoom meeting is October 30<sup>th</sup> if you wish to attend notify Nancy Clark so you receive the link.

Stay safe

Enjoy Halloween and Thanksgiving within your families

Let's hope the weather stays nice enough to enjoy outside activities



See you on Zoom Monday the 5th at 7:00p.m.