



Juniors in Action

GFWC of Taunton and Raynham Juniors

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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

A wonderful **Daisy Tea** was held at the GFWC MA Headquarters. Tables looked lively, food yummy and the company delightful! Our members Joyce Clark, Robin Gendron, Grace Doel helped to prepare, present and man the food detail! We thank them for representing our club at this GFWC State event.



Cameron White. The **“Meet and Greet”** included a video presentation about our club, presentation of the scholarships by President Robin Gendron and Education Chairman



This year GFWC Taunton Junior Woman's Club donated \$3500 in **scholarships** to seven area students. Applications were sent to twelve public high schools and colleges/universities in the Taunton region where our club has at least two members. They include Taunton, Bridgewater, Norton, Dighton, Lakeville, Rehoboth, Freetown, Assonet, Raynham, Brockton, Berkley and Somerset. We received thirty-seven applications. Through a committee of six members chaired by Nancy Martin: members: Cindy Brogan, Nancy Brown, Robin Gendron, Emily Weiland and Joyce Clark the applications were scored and the top seven recipients were selected. The recipients along with their families were invited to our membership drive get together on Monday August 8th at the Silver Platter Restaurant, Bristol Plymouth High School. The recipients include: Kaci Leonard, Corinne Hathaway, Kayla Pratt, Natalie Fredericksen, Samantha Crowley, Michelle Aminova and



Nancy Martin, homemade treats and the filling of backpacks for children from the JRI Foster Care and Adoption Agency by scholarship recipients and potential new members.

August 27th was **GFWC Massachusetts Leadership Day.**

Members Joyce Clark and Robin Gendron were in attendance. Robin Gendron was a speaker at the event, highlighting leadership qualities.



Our club celebrated our **June Social** this year with a night of bowling, food, friendship and fun on Monday June 6th at Ryan's Amusements in, Raynham. The night began with a competitive game of



candlepin bowling followed by dinner at the Jockey Club, which is inside Ryan's



Amusements. Those who didn't wish to bowl came later for dinner. Each member paid for herself

and was able to order from the regular menu. The scholarship recipients were announced to the membership.

Update from the Prison Book Program: An email received by the Education Chairman stated that as of July 20, PBP had filled 8,870 orders from incarcerated readers, keeping on pace to meet their ambitious goal of sending 15,000 book packages in 2022. As always, this is 100% attributable to the enthusiastic, committed volunteers who attend the sessions and to the incredibly generous supporters who donate books and money to keep them going. THANK YOU! The COVID-19 backlog is gone! Requests from July are being picked now. Most requestors are getting their books within 60 days of requesting them. PBP has recently become an approved sender of books to 13 new federal prisons: 5 in California, 2 in Illinois, 1 in Michigan, and 5 in Texas. This is due to super-volunteer Mike Wood's diligent efforts. They can now say that PBP serve 49 states. Volunteer-led efforts to update and expand the National Prisoner Resource List have come to fruition! Thanks to Theresa Lam and Jonathan Wong, who painstakingly looked up every listing in the previous NPRL and corrected and updated each one, and especially to Julie Streeter, who reformatted the NPRL in Microsoft Publisher and added art, Sudoku's and many new resources! The NPRL has grown from 8 to 12 pages; all chock full of great supports for people in prison and their loved ones.

The **Turning Point Suffragist Memorial** in Lorton,



Virginia is completed. A thank you was sent via Facebook thanking us: GFWC Taunton and Raynham

Junior Women's Club for our contribution.



The **GFWC international Conference** took place this year in New Orleans. Our president Robin Gendron and member Nancy Clark were in attendance along with several members from other GFWC Massachusetts Junior Membership clubs. Our two members will share information with our membership during the September meeting.

Two more backpacks were dropped off at **Morton Hospital** by Ana Kearnan with items donated by members at the last few meetings. They are kept in the emergency room for homeless and runaways who come



to the hospital that need treatment and have nothing to keep their items in. The final results of the **Authors' Tea** are in: thanks to Nancy Brown and her committee we were able to raise

\$1504.90.

The **Program** for the month of September is a speaker from Ride 22, which support fallen veterans and first responders. October will be a speaker from the Taunton Diversity Network.

The **Dighton Arts Festival** will be at Arujo's Farm in Dighton on November 11th. We have been given a table to do something with the children that visit our club table. We will need volunteers to help man the table. If you can volunteer an hour or two of your time please contact member Nancy Clark: NClark45@gmail.com.

The club **Christmas Party** is scheduled for December 10th. If you would like to chair or be a part of the planning committee please contact President Gendron.

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 give the same item each time we have a regular business meeting (vs different items each month). This will keep things simple and also really help them consistently stock a much-needed item.



We'd like to ask club members to bring in sugar each month. Any size / brand (one lb bags preferred). We have been labeled the "Sugar Mommas".

COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC RELATIONS– Judy Floor –Let her know if you see any club articles.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT – AWARENESS AND PREVENTION: - Emily Weiland- No Report

EDUCATION AND LIBRARIES – Nancy Martin - Prison Book Program is starting up again. Joyce Clark is looking for dictionaries, thesaurus and newish soft covered books and puzzle books. You must preregister in advance if you plan to attend a volunteer night.

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 –Additional Bingos, raffle lottery tickets, soup and sandwich, more information coming next month.

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 – "Come to our September Meeting to hear about the Legislation/Public Policy 'GFWC Scavenger Hunt'."

MEMBERSHIP – Joyce Clark – If you haven't received your 2022 yearbook please see 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- Greetings Ladies, it's good to be back. As your chairman for the Women's History and Resource Center I wanted to start with focusing on 'us'. We may not be famous, or celebrities, or have our 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. Let us remember the roles they played then, and now, leaving their marks for the good on each one of us, so that now it is our turn to leave our mark on the next generation. We will continue making history through GFWC. Let's recognize the women behind the women who are responsible. Please bring a photo of your mom or the woman who was a mom to you, to the September 12th meeting. It will be displayed and returned to you at the end of the evening. (No frames please. A photocopy or print will suffice. (If you are in the photo too, all the better.) Each member who brings a photo will receive a remembrance token. We are the history makers!

Member Birthdays

Judy Ackerman

Amanda Fata



What to bring to the meeting September 12th

Trial size personal care products

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

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

A photo of your mom or the woman who was a mom to you, may include yourself

What's Happening Within our Club?

- Our next Business Meeting is September 12th at 7:00pm Silver Platter
Hospitality: Anna Kearnan & Gail Knowles
Rent relief Gift: Provided by Robin Gendron
- General Federation of Women's Clubs New England Region 113th Conference: September 23rd to
25th Radisson Hotel Providence Airport
 - Dighton Arts Festival November 6th at Araujo's Farm
 - GFWC Massachusetts Fall Meeting
October 29th at The Publick House in Sturbridge, MA
 - Soup Sampler sometime in December: will include Christmas Raffle Baskets
- Club Christmas Party December 12th : Lottery Raffle Ticket winners picked at the party
 - Homeplate Fundraiser: TBA

Newspaper Articles

GFWC - Meet and Great Evening - August 8, 2022

Posted Saturday, July 30, 2022 12:00 am **EVENT DATE** Monday, August 8, 2022 **EVENT TIME** 12:00 AM

CONTACT Joyce Clark, Membership Chairman at 508 823-4482

CATEGORIES

News, Scouts & Civic Organizations, Community Events

A Membership Meet and Great Evening with GFWC Taunton and Raynham Juniors is scheduled in the Silver Platter Restaurant at Bristol Plymouth Regional Technical High School at 207 Hart Street, Taunton on Monday, August 8 at 6:00pm

It's time to open our doors again - Members please invite a friend or two to join us for an evening of camaraderie and information.

All women 18 or older are invited to explore all that the club has to offer as a volunteer organization.

Our members are in this and surrounding communities as well as nationally and internationally.

We will be filling back to school backpacks that night.

During the evening light refreshments will be served.

There will be a membership display table with books, photos, newsletters and Clubwoman magazines.

If interested in attending, please contact Joyce Clark, Membership Chairman.

VOLUNTEER

