



Juniors in Action



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Our Board Members

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

On Monday June 8th from 1-4pm members came



together for our June Social at Joyce Clarks House in Berkley. Everyone brought their own chairs, drinks and

snacks. Joyce had some available for those who forgot theirs or wanted more. Members in attendance donated \$5 gift cards for Dunkin Donuts, Mac Donald's, Wendy's, Cumberland's, etc.. A total of 25 cards were collected totaling \$125. Nancy Brown delivered them to Morton Hospital to be given to the first responders. Everyone wore masks and stayed at least 6 feet from one another. It was a great social event. We played a



game called Headbandz. Members talked about what they have been up to and their feelings about covid-19. It seems most have been doing a lot of cooking and baking. Many



members have been zooming with clubs, church groups and friends and are staying healthy by walking every day. Some grandparents are babysitting while others have yet to see their grandchildren. Those that are working are doing so from home. Members brought bags of clothes and Joyce delivered a total of 7 bags of clothes from our club to GFWCMA in Sudbury who is having a fundraiser using SAVERS. Joyce also sold club bags for \$5.

Several of our members have been busy crocheting for the



GFWC International Project. Vel Bleau, Jane Pacheco and Joyce Clark made and contributed to the project for Military Families 93 hats, 5 blankets and 12 receiving blankets. Thanks to these members for completing and donating the items from our club. Job well done!



On Wednesday August 26th club members celebrated Women's Suffrage, the 100th Anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment honoring the suffragists who fought diligently for the 'right to vote' for all women in place of a visit to Virginia where our brick representing our club has been placed. An 'Iced Tea' outdoor mini luncheon with cucumber, cream cheese and egg salad sandwiches along with tea and lemonade was served. It was held at Nancy Brown's house and the women in attendance wore white and donned purple **VOTES FOR WOMEN** sashes. As a sign of the times they were presented with masks and a bead kit donated by Nancy Clark to make mask holders. Members left to right: Jane Pacheco, Vel Bleau, Robin Gendron, Nancy Clark, Cindy Brogan, Nancy Martin, Edie Edlund, Suzanne Kaye, Joan Stevens, Joyce Clark, Cindy Leonard, and Nancy Brown.



It has come to our attention through a request for money from the



Girls, Inc. and the Boys & Girls Clubs that they intend to have their camps this summer. We had

decided these groups weren't going to be able to have their camps and didn't send them the \$250 each that we budgeted. In the mean time we spent \$100 for the hospital D.D. cards and \$25 for the teacher that Robin Broberg recommended. Our treasury Nancy Clark has sent each a club a check for \$100 which has been approved within the budget.

In May we sent seven schools \$500 for scholarships. I have sent follow up letters



requesting the names of the recipient since we were unable to attend award nights this year. I have only heard back from three. I know with covid-19 this year many high schools have not been open. The responses were: Bristol Plymouth – Gabrielle-Rose Dusten, Somerset – Kaleigh Visbaras, Bristol Agricultural – Sage Miranda.

The virtual board meeting took place on August 31st with presiding president Denise Wheeler.

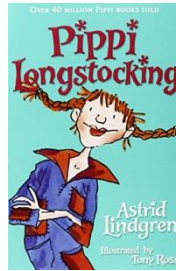
This year we will be celebrating 70 years as a club. We hope to celebrate this important fact during the October meeting run by Cindy Leonard. Joyce Clark is working on the organization of this special event and looking for help. Please let her know if you are willing to help. Note we have one member Thelma McCaffrey who has been a member since the very beginning.

Starting in November we hope to have Robin Gendron back as our club president.

The September 28th board meeting will be a zoom meeting run by Cindy Leonard starting at 7:00pm, let her know if you wish to be included, so the link will be sent to you. The Centennial Suffrage Tea has been rescheduled for May 16, 2021.

The Junior Jumpstart was done as a zoom with only board members invited. It was recorded and can be viewed using the following You Tube link: <https://youtu.be/INIB9ofSCjQ>. It is also on the GFWC Junior Membership website in the Events tab.

Member Susan Carlson has had a new



granddaughter. In keeping with our tradition of Book-a-Baby we have sent a copy of the requested book "Pippi Longstocking" in honor of Astrid Helen Graves born on April 27th to Susan's daughter Lori Shanko. Due to COVID 19 closings Lori will donate the book to her local library in Virginia Beach when they reopen.

Committees:

ADVOCATES OF CHILDREN—Robin Broberg – Nothing at this time.

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 – 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. See the last page of the newsletter; 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- no update at this time.

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

ENVIRONMENT – 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 – Share new ideas which could be done during Covid-19.

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. Try to keep track of letters and cards that you send or receive. When we return to our meeting routine it

will be interesting to know how many people were uplifted by you, or how many times you were uplifted receiving cheerful messages to renew your spirits.

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- Congratulations to Denise Wheeler and Robin Gendron for having the most correct matchups in the Who's Who quiz about our members. They were each awarded WHRC Who's Who mini chalkboard clips. The WHRC BIO for September is Suffragist Kathryn Lincoln (1895-1974)

Since the Programs have been changed by GFWC International and there is no hospitality and program committees I have decided to include a new section to our newsletter called:



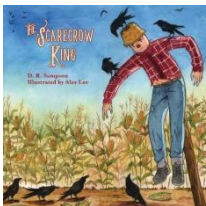
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MEETINGS

Meeting Information

The September Business Meeting will take place Monday September 14th at the USMC League Hall at 265 High Street in Somerset starting at 6:30pm. It will take place outside with good weather and be run by Denise Wheeler. Bring your **chairs and your own snacks and drinks, no sharing**, therefore there is no hospitality this month. Please **wear** your masks. There is no Wi-Fi available so we cannot zoom.

We will have **Mr. Sampson** as our guest speaker. He will talk about the process one needs to fulfill to produce a children's book. He will have his hard cover book "The Scarecrow King" available for purchase as well. Don



attended Salve Regina University in Newport, Rhode Island and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Administration of Justice Degree. Writing has always been a passion of his, and after serving as a Correction Officer for twenty-one years he decided to return to his dream of writing stories. He enjoys traveling to Scotland, England, and Walt Disney World. In addition to writing, his interests



include everything paranormal, archeology and reading anything he can get his hands on with these topics. He has worked in a haunted prison and has lived in a semi-haunted home. We hope to video tape the presentation and put a copy on our Facebook and Web Page. Hope to see you there.

Joyce will be collecting bags of clothes from members for the fundraiser GFWCMA is having using SAVERS. They are collecting items such as shoes, bedding, towels, belts, bedding, and clothing. Also hats, mittens, scarves, ties, socks, purses, wallets, backpacks, bags and jewelry. No hard items like metal pots and pans or any glassware. Joyce has already dropped off a total of 13 bags from our club. Bring any items you have to the September meeting on the 14th. GFWC MA are also collecting snacks for mothers such as Trail mix , single serving , oatmeal, packaged nuts, high protein bars, and dried fruit. This is for the combined Fall Meeting in on October 24, 2020. It would be greatly appreciated if you would bring such items to the meeting in September. Joyce will be taking orders at the meeting for anyone wishing to order the international 2020-2022 pin.

Newspaper Articles

In view of the coronavirus, the Junior Woman's Club members are stay safe and practice social have been conducted via Zoom recently, members donated \$100



GFWC Taunton and Raynham adapting to the new rules to distancing. Monthly meetings and members receive a monthly what's happening. Most in Dunkin' Donuts cards to

Morton Hospital for their nurses and doctors to show our appreciation for their dedication in taking care of the sick during this pandemic. Nancy Clark presented the cards to hospital representative Julie Masci. Members Nancy Clark, Cindy Brogan and Nancy Brown recently volunteered at First Parish Church in Taunton, helping to distribute 339 masks free of charge to anyone who needed them. They also delivered 39 masks to Marion Manor Nursing Home. The club will hold its June Social June 8 and will be practicing social distancing while gathering together outdoors. All members are invited to attend but not obligated. Attendees are asked to wear masks, bring a chair and a bag lunch. They will gather to celebrate the club's accomplishments in 2019. The GFWCMA Junior Spring Conference was cancelled, but awards were still presented to the winning clubs. The GFWC Taunton Raynham Juniors received the Division II Silver bowl, along with certificates for other projects as well as photography winners. To view the photos, visit GFWCtauntraynhamjuniors.org. The club donated \$3,500 in scholarships to several local high schools, and anticipates holding fundraising events in the future to continue to provide needed funds to assist the students and to help local charities.

August 26, 2020 marked the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment. Members gathered to celebrate. A group photo was published in the Taunton Gazette along with other new sources.

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Submitted Photo

GFWC Taunton and Raynham Jr. Woman's Club members, from left, Jane Pacheco, Vel' B'leau, Robin Gendron, Nancy Clark, Cindy Brogan, Nancy Martin, Edie Edlund, Suzanne Kaye, Joan Stevens, Joyce Clark, Cindy Leonard and Nancy Brown.

Club celebrates 19th Amendment

The members of the GFWC Taunton and Raynham Jr. Woman's Club celebrated the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment honoring the suffragists who fought diligently for the right to vote on Aug. 26.

An 'Iced Tea' outdoor mini luncheon was held at the home of one of the members, and the women who attended wore white and donned purple "Votes for Women" sashes. As a sign of the times they were presented with masks and a bead kit to make

mask holders.

The GFWC Taunton and Raynham Jr. Woman's Club will hold their next business meeting on Monday, Sept. 14, at the USMC League Hall in Somerset and welcome local author Don Sampson as their guest speaker.

Happy Birthday to members whose birthday in September:

Judy Ackerman

May Njeri

Amanda Fata



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.

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

August was "National Women's Suffrage Month"

Here are a few reminders of heroic women that have come before us!

<https://www.atlasobscura.com/articles/librarians-horseback-new-deal-book-delivery-wpa>

<https://www.thelily.com/100-years-ago-these-congresswomen-broke-barriers-but-their-legacy-is-a-cautionary-tale-for-today/>

<https://facebook.com/events/s/women-of-color-lighting-the-wa/619643012245037/?ti=as>

If you haven't registered yet for Box Tops for Education go to the following site and follow the instructions:
register as a member of GF WC of Taunton with your name!



Box Tops for Education (BoxTopsforEducation@emails.BoxTops4Education.com)

Enjoy Halloween, face painting pumpkins with your family and apple picking!

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