



Juniors in Action



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

On Monday June 12th our club had our annual **June Social**. Cindy Brogan was nice enough to offer her house for the social event! Members brought



appetizers, food and dessert. Drinks were plentiful and included Sangria!!

The night was comfortable; members were able to spend most of the night outside. Kelly Campbell, Cindy's daughter provided all the supplies to make and paint signs and under her guidance at least twelve members made one. It was fun therapy. The club provided the \$10 for each member to



participate. Nancy Brown provided the entertainment with the WHRC contest from June. Winners received a bag of microwave popcorn for guessing the junior who matched the descriptions presented that members sent to her starting in April. The



winners were Linda Brosseau (3 times!), Robin

Gendron, Nancy Martin, Denise Wheeler, Fran Perry, Edie Edlund



and Cindy Brogan. The club gave Cindy and her daughter Kelly a thank-you plastic travel beverage tumbler, and low and behold Kelly showed us her over the door vinyl pocket shoe carrier which she uses to store her many tumblers for easy access. What a great idea Kelly!



Rent relief reminder: members can mail Nancy Brown a donation anytime between now and September 11th or bring it to the Sept.11th Business meeting. The



drawing will take place at the meeting and Nancy Clark will provide the gift.

Once again Ana Kearnan collected from members items needed for **T.R.U.E Diversity** and made a delivery. This month she was made aware of strong needs for

the following items that are for our local shelters: underpants and socks for girls, boys and women. They are requesting new packages only. We thank members for helping our club to make a difference in our community through your ongoing effort & donations of feminine hygiene products.

June 20th twelve members including some spouses representing our GFWC Greater Taunton Woman's Club contributed \$100 each to the fundraising dinner for **Matthew Mission Food Pantry** that took place at the RiverHouse restaurant. There were



raffles that our club donated a basket to, and several members bought raffles

tickets. Thank-you members for your participation.

After much planning our GFWC Greater Taunton Woman's Club first ever **Friendsgiving** took place



on Sunday August 6th at the PACC in Taunton

from noon to 3:00pm. The event was organized to thank those for giving back to the communities they serve. Appreciation to our members, their

families and friends was shown through a wonderful afternoon of food, entertainment and social interaction.

Recognition was given to our thirty-seven supporting organizations that regularly support our club consisting of nonprofit organizations, restaurants,

churches, schools, florists, bakeries, veteran associations, super markets, small family businesses,



newsrooms and on-line information specialist. One hundred thirty-six invitations were sent out; with a little

over one hundred people were in attendance. The event included a small history and video presentation about our clubs involvement in the thirteen communities we serve. Entertainment was provided by a local ukulele group the "Unlikely Strummers"



directed by Cindy Miller who put a smile on everyone's

face while those in attendance were singing and dancing along. Food was provided by DeAvila's



Catering service along with homemade desserts by club members. Invited speakers who support our club by attending our fundraising events



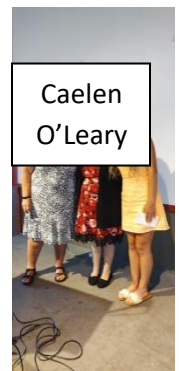
spoke about our club's support within the Greater Taunton region included: Massachusetts Representative Carol Doherty, Mayor Shauna

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Carol made a



donation to our club for all we do of \$100. Present were 3 of our 7 scholarship recipients: Victoria Rego, Katherine Ashley and Caelen O'Leary who each received a \$500 scholarship. The event was concluded with 2 door prizes donated by the membership, and everyone present received a bow boxed pen with our club name and website. A presentation of flowers and a gift card was presented to Nancy Martin, chairman of the Friendsgiving event for all her dedication to this event.



September Business Meeting. Bring permanent black markers if you have any.

EDUCATION AND LIBRARIES – Nancy Martin – I know there have been some new grandchildren born, please notify me so we can award our Book-A-Baby Program.

ENVIRONMENT – Denise Wheeler – She is in need of newspapers, Styrofoam trays meats are wrapped, grocery plastic and cloth bags, shoe boxes, old batteries, old crayons, cereal and granola bar boxes flattened, shoes, clothes, broken jewelry, watches, yarn, fabric, ribbon, cardboard form notepads, eye/reading glasses, baskets, front of greeting cards, soda/beer can tabs, old markers, egg cartons for stem projects. Denise has paper lists of items for recycling that our club collects: just ask her for a copy; it is also on our club website.

Our club donated a **basket** to the Taunton Animal Shelter Fundraiser and Downtown Art Jam, where our president Robin Gendron represented our club as a volunteer.

The **Executive Board Meeting** took place at the LA Familia WRestaurant on Wednesday August 30th to



discuss the upcoming business meeting and overall topics to the end of the year. Thanks to President Robin Gendron for organizing and taking care of everything for the meeting.

COMMITTEES:

ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN—Robin Gendron – Presidents' Project – No Report

ARTS AND CULTURE—Edith Edlund – No Report

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH –Cindy Brogan –Decoration of a Christmas Tree for Araujo Farm Fundraiser in November with a “Snowman Theme”. Bring your snowman donations to this month or next month business meeting or contact Denise Wheeler to drop off your donations.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC RELATIONS— Judy Floor –If you run an event please forward an article to Judy with pictures attached separately.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT – AWARENESS AND PREVENTION: - Emily Weiland – For Domestic Violence month which is October we will be making purple pinwheels during the

FUNDRAISING AND DEVELOPMENT – Diane Huling – Our club will be having our annual Soup and Pie Sampler fundraiser on Saturday, October 21, 2023, from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m., at the Winthrop Street Baptist Church hall, 39 Winthrop Street, Taunton, MA. Members will be providing homemade soups, sandwiches, and pies for people to sample and enjoy. Members start thinking about what you would like to contribute. A sign-up sheet will be shared at the September business meeting. We will also be raffling off our popular gift baskets, along with gift cards to local businesses and restaurants if you don't cook/bake maybe you would consider donating to the raffl . Tickets are priced at \$15.00 and will be distributed during the meeting to sell or by calling Diane Huling, 508-728-7823 if you will not be at the meeting. We will also be selling tickets at the door the day of the event. All proceeds will be used to provide our student scholarships and support of local charities. We look forward to seeing you there!!

HEALTH AND WELLNESS – Ana Kearnan – No Report

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

LEGISLATION/ PUBLIC POLICY – Nancy Clark –Go to the Action Center and support: Online Sexual Exploitation of children. If you haven't done it yet sign up for Legislative Action Center. If you need help signing up please contact Nancy Clark.

MEMBERSHIP – Joyce Clark –A copy of the yearbook is on our website. Nancy Clark keeps it updated. Joyce has purchased pens with our new club name on them for both old and new members.

WOMENS HISTORY AND RESOURCE CENTER– Nancy Brown – No Report



Member Summer Birthdays

Judy Ackerman

What's Happening Within our Club?

Next Business Meeting is September 11th at Silver Platter BP at 7:00pm
Bingo for the Food Pantry, November 17th at the VFW Hall 82 Ingell Street, Taunton
Next Executive Board Meeting is September 25th at BP at 6:00pm
New England Region Conference in Connecticut weekend of September 22nd
Trunk-or-Treat: TAB
Soup Sampler October 21st at Baptist Church downtown Taunton: 12-2pm
Dighton Arts Festival@Araujo Farms November 4th weekend
Bingo for our club, November 26th at the VFW Hall 82 Ingell Street, Taunton
December 11th Christmas Party: Looking into the Fireside Restaurant
Holiday Themed Pancake Breakfast December 9th
After the first of the year a movie night: proceeds going to a council on Aging, TBA
A presentation about our club to Senior Girl Scouts and their moms: TBA



What to Bring to the September Meeting

Flour, sugar, pancake mixes and syrup for the Food Pantry
Underpants and socks for girls, boys and women. They are requesting new packages and Feminine Products
Money for Rent Relief
Permanent markers for projects

