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JUNIORS IN ACTION

GFWC Greater Taunton Woman's Club MEMBER OF THE GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS



Dates to Remember

March 4 March Business Meeting Silver Platter, 7 p.m.

Hospitality: Susan Johnson & Grace Doel

March 25 Board Meeting Panera in Raynham, 4 p.m.

April 1 April Business Meeting Silver Platter, 7 p.m.

Hospitality: Nancy Martin & Joyce Clark

> May 3-4 GFWC Massachusetts Annual Convention Marlboro, MA Signups coming soon

March Meeting News You Can Use

The meeting's highlights will include a new member installation and guest speaker Lynne Stader.

Jam-Packed February Meeting



In January we wore **red** for heart health month! Some other highlights:

- > We installed our newest member, Ericka Gendron!
- > We made blessing bags to be distributed to the homeless in Brockton.
- > We renewed our sponsorship of the East Taunton Little League.
- > Clubwoman **Cindy Leonard** gave a talk about gut & brain health.
- > Leadership Chair Nancy Martin presented the Clubwoman of the Month award to Nancy Clark.
- > Health & Wellness Chair Fran Perry shared her homemade cough syrup recipe made out of honey and onions!
- > We nominated Edie Edlund for the Marilyn Perry Award, for the outstanding work she does both in the club and in the community, and Nancy Martin for the Martha Michelewich Clubwoman of the Year award. Linda Brosseau will be our 2024 LEADS candidate.
- > We learned the theme of our May Tea: Alice in Wonderland's Mad Hatter Tea Party. Stock up on heart-themed items for the Queen of Hearts table!
- Sarah Brink won drawing for the Kindness Wheel. The \$59 donation will go to St Jude Children's Hospital.

GREATER TAUNTON WOMAN'S CLUB NEWS

Third Generation Member Kitchen Healing



Clubwoman Ericka Gendron was installed in February, following in the footsteps of her mother, Club President Robin Gendron, and her grandmother Pam Di Lorenzo (McElroy).



Fran Perry shared her recipe

for a cough remedy made

out of nothing but honey &

an onion. Fran will bring a

kitchen cure every month1

Leadership Award



Nancy Clark won our Leadership Award for her work in formatting all 13 club reports to GFWC MA headquarters. She chose the Matthew Mission Food Pantry as her charity.

March 2024 Program

March: Lynne Stader, GFWC Women in the Military: Then and Now

Lynne's presentation "Women in the Military: Then and Now" will pays tribute to the contributions of women in service to our nation's military, from the Revolutionary War to present. Entertaining and informative, Lynne's program highlighting changes in opportunities for women will honor Women's History Month 2024, recognizing women who lead change.

Lynne Stader has been a GFWC Woman's Club member for over 35 years ar among other contributions, served as State President at General Federation Women's Clubs of Massachusetts 2017-2020.



Taunton Diversity Network Community Champion Award

Our members showed up in style at the 2024 Taunton Diversity Netowrk Sneaker Ball, where member Cindy Brogan won a special award for her dedication to communty improvement.

In addtion to the award, members enjoyed dinner, dancing and a night of friendship!









COMMITTEE REPORTS

Advocates for Children - Robin Gendron No report

Arts - Edie Edlund No report

Civic Engagement and Outreach - Cindy Brogan Vote in the Presidential Primary on March 5!

Communication and Public Relations - Nancy Clark Please send any news articles or flyers about the club that you would like to share to Nancy. A new committee will be formed in the March meeting

to create video testimonials for our website.

Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Awareness -Linda Brosseau No report.

Fundraising and Development - Diane Huling Save the Date, our Tea this year will be Sunday, May 19! The tea committee is chaired by Linda Brosseau and Mary Barrett.

Education and Libraries - Nancy Martin Scholarship letters have been sent to all eligible schools.



JOIN IN! Five Clubwomen are attending the Prison Book Program in Quincy on Saturday, March 9 from 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. Connect with Emily if you'd like to come as well. The mission of Prison Book Program is to support people in prison by sending them free books and reading materials that meet their specific needs and interests.

Environment - Denise Wheeler Please bring these items to the March meeting to be re-used / re-purposed:

Newspapers Cereal Boxes Shoe Boxes

Health and Wellness – Fran Perry The Many Benefits of Avocadoes: Avocado is a super food packed with vitamins and minerals, and it's a healthy fat with no cholesterol! You can substitute it for butter when baking brownies and cupcakes. This is a gift for cholesterol sufferers like me! Did you know you can freeze avocados? Peel, slice and cube an avocado, then place it on a cookie sheet in the freezer. After a few hours, put the cubes into freezer bags to enjoy any time. Be well my friends!!

Leadership – **Nancy Martin** The February Leadership Award will be presented during our club business meeting!

Legislation and Public Policy – Emily Weiland Support Global Childhood Immunizations with Shot @ Life – their *Advocate to Vaccinate* drive begins on March 20. You can read more and find an easy way to reach your representatives at the GFWC Legislative Action Center website: <u>https://www.votervoice.net/GFWC/home</u>

Membership - Joyce Clark Let's celebrate our members who have February birthdays: Vel Bleau, Joan Curran, Ana Kearnan, Judy Floor and Linda Brosseau

Women's Hi story and Resource Center - Nancy Brown No report.