

JUNIORS' IN ACTION



GFWC TAUNTON AND RAYNHAM JUNIORS
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UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

April 2 **Business Meeting** at The Arbors at 7:00 pm. Come see photos of a cultural trip to Cambodia. See page 4.

April 28: GFWC Juniors Annual Membership Conference in Patriots Place

April 30: **Board Meeting** at The Arbors at 7:00 pm

May 26: Jrs. Craft Fair Day in Dighton

HOSPITALITY

April 2012: Cindy Brogan(C) and Cindy Burch

May 2012: Jane Pittsley (C) and Gail Delgado

Monthly Prize contributor for April:
Nancy Martin

March Happenings

At our March business meeting we learned how CCI's *One Team, Two Heroes: Canine Companions for Independence* successfully helps disabled people by providing trained dogs free of charge. The dogs are paired to the right person to help them in every day tasks.

We also enjoyed watching Nancy Brown's presentation on her Honduras Mission trip. Nancy's group of 12 built, cleaned, learned about and helped, supported and encouraged those whose live on very little and have access to minimal medical necessities. It's amazing the difference a few people can make to others who have very little.

Our Foxwood Fundraiser Trip on March 24th was another success, thanks to Denise Wheeler and Jane Pittsley for organizing. Junior members and their guests enjoyed donuts and muffins donated by Colonial Donut Shop in Taunton. Delicious!!! There was also a free raffle for all patrons. Thanks to all that contributed towards the raffle. We also received a free Keno ticket and food vouchers. While some of us pulled the slot handles, others enjoyed the sites and shops. On the way home we all had a free snack. We didn't have a full bus but, we did raise approximately \$200.00. Spread the word about our next casino trip will be in August. See you then!



FOXWOODS FUNDRAISER TRIP

Here's the gang hoping to come home richer than when they woke up.



SPRING HAS SPRUNG!

Enjoy the magnificent early Spring weather and the beautiful flowers.



TAUNTON LIBRARY GETS A VISITOR

The Cat in the Hat (Nancy Brown) makes a surprise visit to kids at the Library during Read Across America week.

SAVE THE DATE: APRIL 1, 2012

The GFWC of MA Artist's Tea and Awards Day will be on Sunday, at the VFW in Medway from 1:30 to 4:00.

SAVE THE DATE: APRIL 28, 2012

The GFWC of MA Junior Annual Conference will be held at Patriot's Place in Foxboro, MA. More details to come.
Everyone is welcome to this fun and informative event.

SAVE THE DATE: MAY 26, 2012

The Juniors' Craft Fair Day is on Sat., May 26^h from 9 am to 1 pm at the Dighton Town Pavilion on Rt 138 in Dighton.
More details and sign up to follow. See Jane Pittsely and Denise Wheeler for more information.

SAVE THE DATE: JUNE 4, 2012

We will start planning for our Spring Social. This is a great event to volunteer for, so raise your hand to help.



National Library Week April 8-13



In appreciation of our Libraries, and those who serve us there, we are planning to present trays of Chocolate Covered Strawberries to the five surrounding town Libraries to say **Thank You**.

Members agreed at our March meeting to contribute a small donation towards the purchase of strawberries and chocolate. On Tuesday, April 10th Vel Bleau, Joyce Clark, Nancy Clark, Deb Brennan, Susan Carlson and Joan Curran will meet at Nancy Brown's at 10 am to prepare these treats. If anyone else is available and would like to help out, please join us!

We will hopefully deliver to Taunton, Raynham, Berkley, Dighton, and Rehoboth Blanding Library that afternoon.

Recipe of the Month

Submitted by Joan Rainville Curran

This recipe was handed down to me from my Mom. My sister calls it the 'Canadian Soup' and I have always called it 'Peasant Soup'. However at a family reunion in Canada, I learned that our Canadian relatives call it **'The Soup'**.

We had about 300 Canadian relatives and 100 American relatives at the reunion, of which most knew of this soup. It was overheard at the reunion that this was 'my Mom's soup' from many people. Apparently, this was a traditional family soup that has been passed on to many. It's easy, fast and delicious. Try it.

1/2 Cup finely chopped celery leaves (from the inner stalks)
1/2 Cup finely chopped carrots
1/2 Cup finely chopped onion

Sauté above ingredients in butter.

Add 3 to 4 Cups of broth (or alternatively, water with boullion)
1 Can of tomato soup
3/4 Cup of broken up pieces of spaghetti.
Pepper to taste

COMMITTEES

Home Life - Denise Wheeler

- ☞ Samaritan House and Main Spring House need paper towels, napkins, plates, plastic wrap/bags and aluminum foil.
- ☞ Pride Inc is requesting board games and craft supplies (see website) for their dayhab center.
- ☞ Raynham Food Basket is in need of boxes of cereal.
- ☞ St. Vincent dePaul is requesting canned goods.
- ☞ We are collecting spare change for A Women's Concern.
- ☞ Winslow Farm is in need of flashlights, D batteries and other items listed on their website.

Conservation - Denise Wheeler

- ☞ We recycle! See our website for a list of all items, including dead batteries. www.gfwctauntonraynhamjuniors.org/conservation.aspx
- ☞ Have stuff you no longer want? Go to www.freecycle.org to donate your stuff. All postings must be for free. This is a non profit, grassroots organization to give and receive for free in their own town. Let's keep our unwanted stuff out of the landfills and give to those who can reuse.
- ☞ Darlene's church continues to collect clean, used blankets hats, gloves, mittens, socks, hooded sweatshirts, scarves, mittens (preferably large), small duffle bags and soap for needy families. She is also collecting yarn except fun fur or eyelash to have Birthright baby sets. Denise is collecting eyelash and fun fur yarn.
- ☞ Nancy Martin continues to collect men's clothing for a homeless shelter.

Membership - Vel Bleau

- ☞ ***Happy Birthday to You!*** Denise Wheeler April 3 - Nancy Brown April 5 - Fran Perry on April 5
- ☞ March attendance was 79%.
- ☞ We will be installing Fran Perry at this month's meeting as last month Fran was involved in an automobile accident and was not able to attend the March meeting. Welcome Fran!

Public Issues - ***OPEN***

- ☞ Bring teddy bears and other stuffed animals for the Taunton Emergency Management System that we are collecting for the Taunton Federal Credit Union.
- ☞ We are still collecting items for our troops in two bins at the Taunton Public Library.

Publicity - Nancy Brown

- ☞ If you get the newspaper (Taunton Gazette and Raynham CALL) please comb it for any news of the club, and save the entire page so we have the date and newspaper heading. Bring it to the meeting or give it to Nancy Clark. We need hard copies for the press book.

Also please check the local Taunton or Berkley cable for our ads. If possible, photograph the ad on TV. All our ads run on the three cable stations.

Articles and pictures can be seen online in the Taunton Gazette, Silver City Bulletin and the Raynham CALL. I appreciate your help in watching for any club news.

International Outreach - Nancy Clark

- ☞ Bring pens and pencils for a catholic mission in India. Save stamps and Christmas cards for India Missions.
- ☞ Our pig – Cha-Ching, has been filled but we will continue to collect for Heifer for this year's donation.

COMMITTEES

Arts - Susan Carlson

- 🔊 Congratulations to our 9 winners of our March Funny Bones Trivia.
- 🔊 This month's clues are as follows: She was born as Caryn Elaine Johnson in New York City November 13, 1955, and raised in Manhattan's Chelsea neighborhood, the daughter of Emma (née Harris), a nurse and teacher, and Robert James Johnson, Jr., a clergyman. She has been in TV shows such as Soapdish, Star Trek, and Hollywood Squares. She has acted with Billy Crystal, Robin Williams, Jean Stapleton, Winona Rider, Angelina Jolie, Patrick Swayze and Demi Moore.

Trivia Questions: 1) Name the comedian actress, 2) In what movie did she play the psychic character named Ode Mae Brown in 1990? 3) Name the current Talk Show she co hosts. 4) What character did she play in Sister Act?

Education - Cindy Brogan

- 🔊 Donate a paperback dictionary, Spanish/English dictionary or thesaurus for the Prison Book Program. Join us for our next trip to Quincy to help package up these donated books. For more information on this program, go to www.prisonbookprogram.org
- 🔊 Book Swap - Recycle that book you just read to another Junior member.

Leadership - Nancy Brown

- 🔊 As the Leadership Chairman I will be implementing some of the GFWC recommended leadership tools. I will present a Certificate of Recognition to one or two Club women each month at our Business meeting.

There is a leader inside all of us. You may not think you are a leader; but someone may be good at giving assistance when and where needed, another is adept at delegating, while another has great organizational skills. Then there are those who can listen and encourage others while helping to build another's self confidence, while others truly step up to lead and guide in a more outward manner.

It's important we recognize that glimmer inside you that others see, which might lead to a burning flame, by offering our kudos to you. Everyone may not be the head, but everyone is capable of showing leadership skills in the little things they do as contributing members of this organization or in the community.

This month I have chosen two women who are always eager to help, and are an asset to the Taunton and Raynham Juniors, but most recently have stepped forward to challenge themselves showing their leadership skills. Please attend the April meeting to congratulate these ladies. They will be showcased in the May Newsletter.

Fundraising - Jane Pittsley

- 🔊 Joyce and Denise are accepting items to create Fall, Spring, Irish, and Easter baskets for our upcoming fundraisers and events. They are in need of Large Baskets to fill.

Programs - Joanna Alden

- 🔊 We will be shown a slide show on a bird watching and cultural trip to Cambodia at this month's Business meeting. See beautiful photos of the Anghor Wat temple, the Meking River and Phnom Penh. I'm sure we will learn a lot from this presentation. Don't miss it.

Community Improvement - Nancy Clark

- 🔊 We will make plans to dedicate our benches at Boyden this Spring.

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