

JUNIORS *in Action*



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Nancy Clark, President



What Did We Do?

SUSAN CARLSON

We presented our Club at the Dighton Arts Festival at Araujo's on Saturday, November 4th. We invited kids and adults to write a special thank you card to our veterans in remembrance of Veteran's Day.



Joyce Clark then delivered all the cards to the Brockton VA Hospital.

Thank you to Nancy Clark, Cindy Burch, Thelma McCaffrey, Joyce Clark, Susan Carlson and Denise Wheeler for coming out to work our table.

Our club donated food items for our Thanksgiving Basket that was delivered by Dolores Costa to St. Vincent DePaul for those less fortunate than us.

Thank you to Joan Curran for inviting us into her home on Saturday, November 17 to hold our 2012 Membership Brunch.



We enjoyed meeting several potential new members; Ann, Gina, Philomena and look forward to our new guests becoming members of our club.

Our annual *Pie and Coffee* fundraiser was held on Sunday, November 18 at the VFW in Taunton. We had more homemade



pies than we could have eaten in a week. All were delicious and a big thank you goes out to those Juniors who shared their culinary talents with us and our friends and family.



We raised over \$1,300.00 which is earmarked toward Heifer Int'l and Shot@Life. The baskets were a hit as usual.

Upcoming Speakers

At our December meeting we will learn about a Chinese Cultural Program. Our guests are from the "Shen Yun Performing Arts" organization from Arlington, MA.

They will share with us a presentation, so be early for our meeting for this 20 minute

informative and educational presentation.

Plan to attend our January meeting to meet Taunton's City Councillor, John McCaul who also hosts a local radio show and local TV show. Our club just might be a topic for an upcoming FYI show!

Upcoming Events

Be ready to cast your *vote during our Annual meeting* for our new officers for our 2013 board.

The Annual meeting will take place following our December business meeting.

Remember our *Holiday Party* is on Monday night, December 10 at Bella Roma

restaurant on Broadway in Raynham. If you haven't paid for your dinner (\$16) yet, please be sure to see Joanna Alden. Happy Hour starts at 6:00 and dinner at 6:30. We will be enjoying a buffet dinner in the new Coliseum Room. After dinner will we have our installation of the 2013 Board Officers.

Our *annual report writing* meeting will be held at Denise Wheeler's house on Thursday, January 3 at 6:00. If you chair a committee, please put this date on your calendar. With the experience of those on our Board, you'll have your report written in no time.

Mark on your calendar for our *new location* for our monthly business meetings starting in January. We will be meeting at the *Silver Platter* restaurant in the Bristol - Plymouth Technical School on County Street in Taunton. Parking is abundant in a fully lit parking lot. We will have the luxury of sitting at tables which will create more intimate meetings.

DATES TO REMEMBER	DEC 3 BUSINESS MEETING	DEC 10 HOLIDAY PARTY	JAN 7 BUSINESS MEETING	JAN 28 BOARD MEETING
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December 2012

Sun 25	Mon 26	Tue 27	Wed 28	Thu 29	Fri 30	Sat 1
2 BIRTHDAY WISHES LUMINARIES AT DENISE WHEELER'S	3 JR. BUSINESS MEETING AND ANNUAL MEETING AT THE ARBORS AT 7:00	4	5	6	7	8
9 First Day of Ha...	10 HOLIDAY PARTY AT CAFE BELLA	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25 Christmas Day	26	27	28	29
30	31	1 New Year's Day	2	3	4	5

December Hospitality	January Hospitality	February Hospitality
Cheryl Carlos (C)	Pat Cedeno (C)	Judy Riley(C)
Joanna Alden	Denise Wheeler	Francesca Perry



Who's Who?

Thelma McCaffrey

- ✿ Born In Taunton, MA
- ✿ Lives In East Taunton, MA
- ✿ Charter Member since 1950
- ✿ Hobbies are painting, knitting, ceramics and gardening

THELMA'S EARLY YEARS

Thelma Elizabeth Peirce is the wisest and eldest of 8 siblings born in the 1920's. She lived through the Great Depression with her family in East Taunton. They had chickens, pigs and Golden Gurnsey cows.

and when it curdled it was given to the cows. They sold the cream. Thelma was



responsible for washing the 47 disks in the milk separator and the milk bottles.

Thelma has the family milk separator from her youth and it now serves as a pedestal for her house plants.

After graduating from Taunton High School,



Thelma went to work at the Carol Cut-Rate cosmetic store in downtown Taunton.

Thelma and her girlfriends would frequent the Wampanoag Room (the 2nd floor in what is now Pub 76) on Saturday nights; drink wine and listen to Ray Jones play the piano and sing. He sang songs like 'O Dear What Can The Matter Be?' and customize the lyrics to those young ladies who came to listen to him.

THELMA'S FAMILY

It was at the Wampanoag Room that Thelma met Bill McCaffrey who was serving in the US Air Force during WWII. Bill became an accountant and was known for his great sense of humor. They married on July 3, 1948 and have 4 children; Cheryl,

Billy, Chuckie and Shawna and 7 grandchildren. Bill passed away in 2004.

THELMA'S COMMUNITY SERVICE

Thelma has been and still is involved in numerous organizations including teaching sewing at Girls Inc. for 10 years, a member of the County Street PTA, On The Town Club, Coyle Mother's Club as president, Cassidy Mother's Club, Dighton Garden Club, the Taunton & Raynham Juniors since its inception, and the Taunton Art Association.

She is an accomplished artist with her paintings in oil and water color decorating the walls of her home.



Her father would milk the cows and the milk would then be put into a milk separator which the

skim milk would be filtered through one spigot and the cream through another. The children would be served the skim milk as would the pigs



Committees

ARTS Susan Carlson

Art Trivia is back for December! Start thinking of who might be our Woman As Art at our December meeting.

CONSERVATION Denise Wheeler

We **recycle!** See our website for a list of all items, including dead batteries.

Darlene continues to collect for the Central Square Congregational Church in Bridgewater 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.

We are collecting men's clothing for Taunton charitable associations.

EDUCATION Nancy Clark

Donate a paperback dictionary, Spanish/English dictionary or thesaurus for the Prison Book Program. For more information on this program, go to www.prisonbookprogram.org.

Bring books to swap or that can be donated to Friends of the Library.

FUNDRAISING Jane Pittsley

Please donate mugs, specialty tea bags, tea pots and **large** baskets for our raffles, and fall, spring, summer and Halloween items.

Monthly Prize Contributor
The winner of our monthly prize drawing, will be the contributor of the next month's prize.

HOME LIFE Denise Wheeler

Save Toiletries for Samaritan House and Main Spring House.

Save board games and craft supplies (see website) for Pride Inc. dayhab center.

Save cereal for Raynham Food Basket.

Save canned goods for St. Vincent dePaul.

Save your spare change for A Women's Concern.

Save flashlights, D batteries and other items listed on Winslow Farm website.

INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH Cindy Brogan

Bring pens and pencils for a catholic mission in India. Save stamps and Christmas cards for India Missions. Our pig, Cha-Ching is filled, but we will continue to collect this year. We will be collecting for Shot @ Life, our focus project for GFWC of MA Jrs this year.

LEADERSHIP Nancy Brown

Congratulations to Joan Curran for receiving the Leadership Certificate at our November meeting. Great job Joan!

MEMBERSHIP Dolores Costa

Happy Birthday to You!

Darlene Brown (3), Deb Brennan (19), Joyce Clark (21), Nancy Clark (24) and Susan Carlson (30).

We want to hear your feedback concerning our monthly Secret Pals

program vs a new program we have in mind. The new Secret Pals program will be explained at our meeting. If there is interest in continuing this fun activity then we will ask each willing participant to complete an application to enroll. We hope you will join in the fun. Dolores will explain how the proposed new Secret Pals program will work to all the members.

PUBLICITY Nancy Brown

Please view your local cable station in Taunton and Berkley for our club ads and take a photo of the ad on screen.

Please save newspaper articles concerning our club when you see them and give to Nancy Brown or Nancy Clark. Most recently submitted article is for our upcoming Plant and Yard Sale.

We received newspaper, online and cable coverage for our Pie and Coffee.

PUBLIC ISSUES Open

We will be collecting items for Hurricane Sandy victims. The First Parish Church in Taunton are filling 2 trucks to deliver to the victims.

We are still collecting teddy bears for TEMS and items for our troops in two bins at the Taunton Public Library.

PROGRAMS Joanna Alden

Our guest speakers for our December meeting will be from the "Shen Yun Performing Arts".

January's guest speaker will be our local TV and radio host John McCaul.

GFWC News & Notes

GFWC Holiday Open House



The holidays are a time that evokes warm memories of friends and family. International President Mary Ellen Laister invites you to celebrate the holidays during our annual GFWC Holiday Open House on Wednesday, December 5, from 3:00-5:00 p.m. at GFWC Headquarters in Washington, D.C. RSVP by phone at 1-800-443-GFWC (4392) or email at GFWC@GFWC.org.

Personal Wellness Survey



Personal health and wellness are important for everyone. How do you make this a priority in your life? Please take a few minutes to answer this personal wellness survey at:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/FLS3B9Bo>

Tell us about your habits, routines, and what's important to you. Your answers will be used for an article in the January+February issue of *GFWC Clubwoman Magazine*.

Juniors' Committees - What Do They Do?

There are 7 Standing Club Committees: Ways & Means, Programs, Newsletter, Yearbook, Hospitality, Sunshine and Publicity.

In addition, we have 6 Community Service Program Committees created to carry on the work of the GFWC of MA and the GFWC Department Committees. These Committees are: Arts, Conservation, Education, HomeLife, International Outreach, and Public Issues. Leadership, Communications & Public Relations, Fundraising and Membership are GFWC Advancement Areas.

Our monthly Newsletter will focus on one of these Committees each month and I encourage each of you to join one or volunteer to Chair a Committee.

Let's understand what the Fundraising Committee is about . . . The Fundraising Community Service Program is designed to generate non-dues revenue to help support club, district, and state projects and initiatives. Our club's main support is for local high school scholarships. We have numerous fundraising events throughout the year to fund our scholarship program. Some examples of our very successful fundraisers are our Valentine's Tea in February, our casino bus trips in the spring and summer, our Coffee and Pie in November as well as our Plant/Yard sale, our Craft Fair, our Pancake breakfast held at Applebee's and our Women's Entrepreneurial events. At each of these events, we have our famous basket raffle and a lottery scratch ticket give away.

Our members and friends volunteer their time and effort by passing out flyers, selling tickets, contributing to the raffle baskets and creating the baskets, selling raffle tickets and setting up and cleaning up at each of our events. Everyone works very hard and has fun at all our successful fundraisers.



Submit Newsletter articles to Susan Carlson at susansvin@yahoo.com or call 508 828 8066.

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MEETING NOTES

Mark Twain Wisdom

"Dream as if you'll live forever, live as if you'll die today.
Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things
you didn't do than by the ones you did do.
So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor.
Catch the trade winds in your sail.
Explore. Dream. Discover."
