



GFWC Taunton and Raynham Juniors

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What's New's Paper

Upcoming Meetings and Events

Feb. 1: Monthly meeting at The Arbors, 7:00 p.m.

Feb. 6: Report Writing Workshop at GFWC of Massachusetts Headquarters in Sudbury, MA

Feb. 7: Valentine Tea at The Arbors, 2-4 p.m.

Feb. 12: Lincoln's Birthday

Feb. 14: Happy Valentine's Day!

Feb. 22: Board Meeting at The Arbors, 7:00 p.m.

Feb. 22: Washington's Birthday

Hospitality

Feb. 1
Sharon Joseph (c) and
Judy deAbreu

Mar. 1
Kim McMann (c) and
Joanna Alden

Apr. 5
Susan Carlson (c) and
Darlene

May 3
Joan Curran (c) and
Denise Wheeler

Don't forget:

Secret Pal Gifts!

February Meeting

At this month's meeting members will be filling Valentine Hershey Kiss bags for local nursing homes. Members should bring 2 bags of Hershey Kisses (red and silver) and Valentine cellophane bags if you have any.



Valentine Tea



Ladies, continue to sell your tickets for our *Valentine Tea*. We will have a sign-up sheet at the meeting for setup, serving, and cleanup for the tea. Those that will be helping to set up should be at The Arbors at noon. We're sure to have plenty of goodies to go along with our tea and, of course, our famous Basket Raffle.

Reminders for This Month's Meeting

Samaritan House: men's and women's white socks

Education: a paperback dictionary, thesaurus, or Spanish/English dictionary

Pride Inc.: Craft Supplies (see website), board games

Main Spring House: bar soap

Taunton Emergency Management System: Teddy Bears or brownies for Denise to sell.

Raynham Food Basket: canned green vegetables

Wear red for "Women's Heart Health" at Monday's meeting! (February 5th is women's heart disease awareness "National Wear Red Day." – we will be taking pictures.)

Rent Relief for February:

Sharon J.

Submit Articles to Editor: Nancy Clark
tauntonraynhamjrwomen@yahoo.com

January Meeting

Chris Angers, a manager/advanced financial advisor for Ameriprise Financial Services, presented "Strong Women, Powerful Financial Strategies" at our meeting.

The talk was both interesting and very informative. He explained to us how our stage in life should influence the way we invest our money and emphasized how important it is to start saving early even if it is only a small amount.



Installations

Kelley performed her first installation as Membership Chairman as we welcomed Vel Bleau to our club. Vel was unable to attend the December meeting because of a death in the family. A big welcome to Vel!

Because several could not attend our Holiday Party where officers are usually installed, we also had the installation of officers at our January meeting. Rhonda Gardner stood in for Nancy Martin who could not attend.

(From left to right: Kelley Campbell, Cindy Brogan: president, Nancy Clark: recording secretary, Sharon Joseph: corresponding secretary, Nancy Brown: treasurer, Rhonda Gardner for Nancy Martin: auditor, and Denise Wheeler: director)



Mid-winter Conference

Nancy B., Joyce, Vel, Sharon J., and Nancy C. attended this year's Junior's Mid-winter Conference at the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, MA.

Besides an informative meeting, we had a fun filled and active day where we either made Valentine's for veterans, teacher survival kits, arm cozies, or Cheerios mittens

At the end of the meeting Donna Shibley, our state director, made her annual presentation of the "You Are a Shining Star!" trophy to our own Nancy C.



Homelife:

- Darlene is collecting yarn of any type except fun fur or eyelash for a lady she knows who can make baby sets for *Birthright*.
- Denise is collecting men's and women's sweaters for a local homeless shelter.
- Kim McMann is collecting coupons (any coupons). They cannot be expired. Please bring any you have to this month's meeting.
- *ACH Foods*, which includes the Spice Islands, Karo, Argo, Mazola, and Fleischmann's brands, will donate 25¢ to "Susan G. Komen for the Cure" (breast cancer) for each proof of purchase submitted online. The submission address is: <http://www.bakeforthecure.com/Register.aspx>. Be sure to keep track of the products you register for next year's reports.



Conservation:

- See our website at <http://gfwctauntonraynhamjuniors.org/Conservation.aspx> to see the list of items we are collecting to recycle. The destinations for the items are now listed on our website.
- Go to www.freecycle.org/ to donate or swap items you no longer want.  is a grassroots and entirely nonprofit movement of people who are giving (& getting) stuff for free in their own town. It's all about reuse and keeping good stuff out of landfills.
- Darlene's church is still collecting clean used blankets, hats, gloves, mittens, socks, hooded sweatshirts, scarves, thick socks, mittens (preferably large), and small duffle bags, and soap for needy families.

Membership:

- 50% were in attendance at the January meeting. Let's see if we can get 100% attendance at this month's meeting!
- Want to keep in touch with members? Check out our partnership with T-Mobile, designed exclusively for GFWC members to provide discounted wireless mobile service and equipment. To find out more, call 866/464-8662 or visit gfwc.org and go to Member Center link for Affinity Programs & Benefits.
- Don't forget to wear your club shirt or vest to meetings and events if you have one.
- When ordering from Amazon.com, GFWC gets a percentage of your purchases every time you click on the affiliate link.

Public Affairs:

- Bring teddy bears for the Taunton Emergency Management System being collected by the Taunton Federal Credit Union.
- The new date for "Federation Day at the Statehouse" is March 29th. Consider inviting your senator or representative to lunch that day!

International Affairs:

- Denise is requesting that you clean out your junk drawers for any used pens and pencils to be donated to a Catholic Mission in India.
- Improve your vocabulary and donate rice to the *United Nations World Food Program*. Every time you get an answer right at <http://www.freerice.com/>, 10 grains of rice are donated. Keep track of the number of grains of rice that you have donated!
- Keep filling your *Heifer International* boxes. We hope to have them all filled by the end of the month!



Arts:

- **No smarties for January:** Unfortunately, no one answered our art trivia question this past month, so Jane has decided to pose the same question for February – there is a **really interesting** answer, so check it out for this month!
- **Question for February:** What material did artist Andy Brown use to create a portrait of Queen Elizabeth II?
 - Use *GoodSearch*, <http://www.goodsearch.com/>, to find the answer and designate GFWC as your charity. If you do not have a computer, you can visit your local library for internet access
 - If you've never used a computer, this is a good opportunity to challenge yourself and learn how ~ invite a friend to help!
 - Good Luck! **Call Jane at 508/822-5437 or email her at flower57@comcast.net.**
- **Photography Contests:** If you have a photograph you would like to submit to *GFWC International* for the "Year in Pictures" contest, bring it to this month's meeting. We will have to vote on one photograph to send. If you have photo entries in other categories, give them to Nancy C. or Nancy B. to take to Club Institute on March 4th.

Education:

- Bring a paperback dictionary, thesaurus, or Spanish-English dictionary for the *Prison Book Program*, www.prisonbookprogram.org.
- Support our libraries: The *Friends of the Taunton Public Library's* monthly book sale is February 13th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- **Book Swap:** Finished reading a good book? Bring it to our meeting and swap with another member.

Leadership:

- We will be voting on our new Standing Rules and By-laws at this month's meeting, so be sure to peruse them. The rules and by-laws were emailed on January 11th to those with email, but we will have printed copies for everyone at this month's meeting.
- We will be nominating club members for the Marilyn Perry Leadership Award and the Martha Michalewich Clubwoman of the Year Award at this month's meeting. Here's what these awards are all about:
 - **Marilyn Perry Leadership Award** – "This award is given to a clubwoman who demonstrates outstanding leadership qualities and abilities, and uses them to benefit both her GFWC club and her community. She is an active leader in community organizations and/or projects (e.g. church, charities, schools, government) while maintaining positions of leadership within GFWC or within her GFWC club.
 - **Martha Michalewich Clubwoman of the Year Award** – "This award is the clubwoman who has gone above the call of duty for her club. She is the clubwoman who almost always says yes, takes on the roles both as a follower and leader, represents her club in the most positive light and always promotes the club and its activities. (Unlike the Marilyn Perry Leadership Award, this award recognizes work done with and for the club.)
- Jane Pittsley has accepted the nomination for Vice President of our club. We will be voting on her nomination at this month's meeting. However, she would like for someone to step up and replace her as Arts Chairman. Any volunteers?

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Changing of the guard

New officers for the General Federation of Women's Clubs Taunton and Raynham Juniors were installed recently for the 2010 term. Shown above left, are Cindy Brogan, President; Nancy Clark, Recording Secretary; Sharon Joseph, Corresponding Secretary; Nancy Brown, Treasurer, Rhonda Gardner standing in for Nancy Martin, Auditor, and Denise Wheeler, Director. The club also installed two new members, Vel Bleu of North Dighton and Rhonda Gardner of Middleboro. A \$500 grant was received from Reebok through club member and Reebok employee Susan Carlson to benefit the club's Community Improvement program. Shown above right are Joyce Clark, Nancy Brown, Cindy Brogan, Susan Carlson, Denise Wheeler and Nancy Clark. The Junior Women's Club begins their 2010 fundraising campaign with a Valentine Tea to be held on Feb. 7 from 2 — 4 p.m. at the Arbors on County Street Taunton. Tickets are \$10 and \$5 for children. The next business meeting is scheduled for Feb. 1 at 7 p.m. at the Arbors. For information on the club or to purchase Tea tickets call (508) 823-6004.

Gazette article about January's meeting.



Tea announcement on Dighton Cable Channel 9



Tea announcement on Taunton Cable Channel 15

Silver City Bulletin

Silver City Bulletin online article about January's meeting

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The club also received a \$500 grant from Reebok, through club member, and Reebok employee, Susan Carlson to benefit the club's Community Improvement program. It will be used for spring plantings and maintenance to the Fragrance Garden at Boyden Bird Sanctuary.

The Junior Women's Club begins their 2010 fundraising campaign with a Valentine Tea to be held on Sunday, February 7th from 2-4 pm at the Arbors, County Street Taunton. Tickets are \$10 and \$5 for children. Their ever popular basket raffle will follow with proceeds to benefit scholarships and local charities. The next business meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 1st, 7 pm at the Arbors. Women 18 or older are welcome. For information on the club or to purchase Tea tickets call 508 823-6004.



Reebok Grant check is received by the club's president. From left are, Joyce Clark, Nancy Brown, Cindy Brogan, Susan Carlson (Reebok), Denise Wheeler and Nancy Clark

Our events are now also being announced on *Hometown Talk Radio*, WVBF 1530 AM