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What's New?'s Paper

Upcoming Meetings and Events

Jan. 1st Happy New Year!

Jan. 5th Regular Meeting at
The Arbors, 7 p.m.

Jan. 24th GFWC of MA
combined Mid-winter
Conference at Sturbridge
Village

Jan. 26th Board meeting at The
Arbors, 7 p.m.

Feb. 2nd Regular meeting at
The Arbors, 7 p.m.

Feb. 8th "Hearts o' Fire" Tea at
The Arbors, 2-4 p.m.



Hospitality

January 5th

Denise W. (C) and Sharon J.

Don't forget:

Secret Pal Gifts!

Submit Articles to Editor: Nancy Clark
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January Meeting

Ryan Carney, a public relations associate of the Boston Better Business Bureau, will speak to us about scams and fraud at our meeting this month. She will give us tips on how to improve our consumer skills and alert us to some of the most common scams.

Ryan has a B.A degree from Regis College in communications and business management. Before joining the Better Business Bureau, Ryan was a college coordinator for the Bose Corporation.

Also at our meeting, Sergi, the Russian orphan whom we collected articles for in December, will be coming to meet us.

In addition, **don't forget** to bring your photographs for the GFWC calendar contest. We will be voting on the picture to submit.

Reminders for January's Meeting

Samaritan House: Paper plates, napkins, paper towels, plastic cutlery, plastic wrap, and aluminum foil

Education: a paperback dictionary or thesaurus

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

St. Vincent de Paul: 2 or more canned goods

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

Main Spring House: bar soap

Shaw's Cash Register Receipts: Our club gets 1% of your receipt totals



Installations

Welcome to Mary Reilly and Jane Pittsley, our two new members. Mary was installed at our Holiday Party while Audrey stood in for Jane, who couldn't attend.

Our club officers for 2009 were installed at our Holiday Party as well. Congratulations to all! We're looking forward to another great year.

Holiday Party

We all enjoyed the feast we had at our Holiday Party at Pub 76 in Taunton this year. Cheryl Carlos and Sharon Weatherford did an awesome job arranging it.

Besides the installations, awards were given for perfect attendance.



Our Holiday Tree

Our club donated \$75 to the City of Taunton to light one of the trees on the Taunton Green this holiday season.

People from miles around come to admire the holiday display and our club is proud to be a part of it.

International Affairs:

- We are continuing to collect books for the "Camel Bookmobile." For ideas of the types of books to collect check them out on our website at: http://gfwctauntonraynhamjuniors.com/Club_Reminders.aspx. Nancy C. mailed our first box of books this month. We sent 20 books.
- Denise is also requesting that you clean out your junk drawers for any used pens and pencils to be donated to a Catholic Mission in India.


Homelife:

- The "Main Spring House" homeless shelter in Brockton is asking for bar soap.
- 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>.
- Joyce has been knitting baby caps to donate to Morton Hospital and other hospitals in the area. Anyone interested in knitting or crocheting caps can find patterns at http://www.warmupamerica.com/Jul06_kit.html or http://www.bbc.co.uk/stoke/my_pages/babywear/hkp/012.shtml. If you slightly enlarge the pattern, the hats can be donated to *Helping Hands* and homeless shelters.

Education:

- Bring a paperback dictionary or thesaurus for the *Prison Book Program*, www.prisonbookprogram.org.

Conservation:

- See our website at http://gfwctauntonraynhamjuniors.com/Club_Reminders.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. To sign up for the Taunton group, go to www.freecycle.org/group/United%20States/Massachusetts/Taunton.  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 collecting clean used blankets, hats, gloves, mittens, socks, sweatshirts, scarves, thick socks, mittens (preferably large), and small duffle bags for needy families. Socks and small and large duffle bags are especially needed.

Community Improvement:

Our work at the Boyden Animal preserve is done for the season. We'll have to wait for spring to see the results of our work.

Membership:

- The Birthday Roll-up for January is: Judy de Abreu. Happy Birthday Judy!
- Wear club shirts if you have one.
- Perfect attendance awards were presented at the Holiday Party to Nancy B., Darlene B., Cheryl C., Joyce C. Denise, Nancy C. and Audrey. Congratulations ladies!

Public Affairs: Our club sent Holiday Cards to American service members, veterans and their families in the United States and around the world through the "Holiday Mail for Heroes" program. We mailed 33 cards.

Arts: Artsy Facts about snowflakes:

Did You Know . . . ?

The snow capital of the United States is Stampede Pass in Washington State. Each year, the average snowfall is 430 inches.

Billions of snowflakes fall during one short snowstorm

The largest snowflakes ever recorded fell in the state of Montana in the United States of America. The snowflakes were 15 inches in diameter.

- Congratulations to our December Smart Cookies: Cindy B., Judy D., Joanna, Audrey, and Cheryl.
- Answer: Wampum was made of quahog shells and used as money and later in jewelry.
- **Question for January:** What is the name of the photographer who is famous for taking images of snowflakes and publishing a book about them?
 - Good Luck! Call 508-345-5320 or email audree11@verizon.net
- **Don't forget to bring any photograph that you would like to enter into this year's GFWC Calendar Photo Contest.** The club can only enter one picture, so we will vote for the best picture. The size of the pictures must be 8" x 10" and they must be matted. However, you can bring your picture as is for voting.

"Hearts o' Fire" Tea: Tickets will be available for our annual tea at this month's meeting.

The tea will be on Sunday, February 8th at The Arbors from 2-4 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 12.

Fundraising:

- Save your *Shaw's Supermarket* receipts. *shaw's* will donate 1% of your expenditures back to the club.
- Continue to make brownies for Denise to sell at school.

Publicity: Send all info to Nancy B. *The Silver City Bulletin* is no longer being published, so if anyone has an "in" with any of the other papers, let Nancy know.

Hospitality for 2009:

January 5: Denise Wheeler (C) and
Sharon Joseph

February 2: Joyce Clark (C) and
Audrey Serrecchia

March 2: Judy Ackerman (C) and
Cheryl Carlos

April 6: Sharon Weatherford (C), and
Sue Shanko

May 4: Laretta Davis (C) and
Paula Richards

June : Social, TBA

September 7: Judy Riley (C) and
Nancy Brown

October 5: Kim McMann (C) and
Judy deAbreu

November 2: Joan Curran (C) and
Deb Brennan

December 7: Nancy Martin (C) , Nancy
Clark, and Mary Reilly



This poem was resurrected from the May 1963
issue of *Topics Magazine*

She who works with her hands
is a laborer
She who works with her hands and head
is a craftsman
She who works with her hands, head and heart
is an artist
She who works with her hands, head, heart and feet
is a Federated Clubwoman!

(Wallet size copies are available from Nancy Brown)