



Juniors in Action



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Social June 13, 2016 Orchard of Hawaii 201 Bedford Street Lakeville, MA

Our Board Members

Lynne Jorge, President – Mary Barrett, Vice President – Joyce Clark, Recording Secretary
JoAnn Matthews, Corresponding Secretary – Vel Bleau, Treasurer – Nancy Martin, Auditor
Cindy Leonard, Director

What Did We Do In May?

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Monday, May 2nd: At our meeting Chris Barratta

Director of Transportation and Student Services of Taunton Schools came to talk to us about the Nature and Me Program. He verified that Taunton students

have been attending the program for about 20 years and how the students have benefited from

the program. We presented him with a check for \$1200 to use for students in need who attend the

program from the seven elementary schools. He thanked us and remained for the program presented on "Stress Release" conducted by our own Judy Ackerman.

The theme of her program was "Transform Your Life One Positive Thought

at a Time." She had the membership do some stretching exercises and talked about

self care and gave some psychological tips. The May refreshments were provided by



Nancy Brown, Cindy Leonard and Joan Curran. A visual presentation was made by Nancy Martin of the GFWC Annual Conference April 23rd in Newton and President

Lynne Jorge read the list of awards our club won including the overall award of the Silver Bowl. We had sparkling cider to toast the hard work our club has done to raise money and for

our contributions to the community throughout the year. Celebrating Teacher Appreciation Month Joyce Clark presented 11 members who have been involved with the education of children sometime in their lifetime with a floral arrangement. Nancy Brown presented the leadership award this month to Jane Pittsley for all her hard work organizing the Foxwood trip which profited our club with \$926.03.





Saturday May 14th: Nancy Brown and her fundraising

committee did an amazing job with the "Paris Theme" for the May Spring Tea. Every table



reflected the theme with nothing spared from china cup and saucers to tea bowls and Eiffel towers. The food was all finger food with a



French flair made by the membership. The presentation of the hall

with lighting, pictures, and displays decorated with beautiful silk flowers was amazing. The time and energy that went into the planning and implementation of the event was



astounding. It was a beneficial fundraiser for the club raising \$825 in ticket sales, \$488 in a basket raffle organized by Joyce Clark and Denise Wheeler, \$80 in a 50/50 raffle, and \$107 on ribboned floral pins of multiple colors created by Eddie Edlund for Domestic Violence bringing in a total of \$1352.22 in profits.

Sunday May 15th: The GFWC of MA Annual Meeting was held at Seacrest Hotel in Falmouth.

Members Lynne Jorge, Nancy Clark and Joyce Clark attended. The conference included the voting of officers and the installation of the 2016-2018 officers of which



four are junior members.

Sunday 30th: Our club is taking part in the Memorial Day Parade for the first time. Mary Barrett is chairing the committee. Our president has written letters requesting donations to local stores and has received at least 10 packages of water to be given out with our club name and website attached. We will be walking with our banner along the parade route and passing out water and hopefully talking to future club members along the route!

Flower Power Fundraising: Edie spent a lot of time with the Flower Power fundraising people at the International Convention in Memphis. She thought this would be a good fundraiser for our club. She brought the idea to the executive board and got permission to bring it to a business meeting to propose it to the full membership. Once agreed upon Eddie then took off with the idea and organized it for the month of March. The club made a 50% profit on everything we sold and GFWC in Washington got an additional 5%. We sold nearly \$1100 with \$55 going to GFWC in Washington, and us a profit of about \$572. The money raised is going to be utilized for female veterans. Edie has contacted Richard Leahy from Brockton to get a list of what the 2 groups of Female vets need the most.

Relay for Life: Our club is once again organizing a Relay for Life Team with Team Captain Denise Wheeler. Progress is being made to cure cancer; this is good news, but obviously, there is more to do. I hope you'll help us to support our team during the Relay for Life this year! Please go on the relay for life website and donate to our team today.

Scholarships: The first award night was May 18th at Bristol Plymouth High School. It was attended by Lynne Jorge and Joyce Clark who assisted in the presentation of the award to Cortney Arraiol. The Dighton Rehoboth award night is May 31st and will be attended by Vel Bleau and Nancy Brown. The award is being given to Bobby Mae. The award

night for Taunton High school is June 2nd and will be attended by Lynne Jorge and Nancy Martin and the award is being presented to Erin Sutermeister. The Bridgewater/ Raynham award is being given to Erin Boynton. The awards night is June 1st. All the award recipients have been invited to the June Social on June 13th, where we hope the membership will get a chance to meet and talk with the four young ladies.

Presidents Project – Members continue to volunteer at Matthew Mission 25:40, located in the basement of First Parrish Church in Taunton, Monday through Thursdays. Supporting the Mission is Lynne’s President’s project during her Administration. Members help Mark Cook and Steve serve homeless community members who come in for coffee and refreshments, some of them show up just to chat. With Mark Cook’s guidance, this organization has the ability to provide housing assistance, electricity and oil assistance, to provide transportation to and from appointments, to distribute much needed clothing and food items and to provide assistance with reaching out to other organizations if their services are needed. Our community is indeed a better place because of Mark and this group of kind and generous people. The mission will be closed for the summer June to August and will reopen in September.

Committees:

ARTS – Nancy Clark – Coloring night 1st and 3rd Thursdays at the Art Association.

CONSERVATION – Denise Wheeler – Denise is collecting used batteries and newspapers for recycle and men and women’s shoes. Christ’s Closet is interested in donations of boys, men’s and infant clothing. See Denise for a new list of conservation collections.

EDUCATION – Nancy Martin – Donate a paperback dictionary or thesaurus for the prison book program. During the meeting Joyce Clark will organize a date to help out at the Prison Book Program

FUNDRAISING – Denise Wheeler - The next casino trip is August 11th. Jane is looking for small gifts to give as prizes on the trip (no chocolate, please). Joan Stevens still has a few Dinner for Two Books for sale.

HOME LIFE – Nancy Brown – Samaritan House is requesting toothpaste, toothbrushes shampoo and soap. Pride, Inc.: board games and craft supplies (see website) for their dayhab center. Raynham Food Basket is requesting cereal. St. Vincent DePaul: two or more canned goods. Prime Time: Would like to have 100 or 300 piece puzzles, small tissue packages and crackers and cookies and craft items.

HOSPITALITY – Mary Barrett – Thank-you for providing refreshments for May’s hospitality to Nancy Brown, Cindy Leonard and Joan Curran. This month is the June Social, no refreshments are needed. September’s refreshments will be provided by Judy Ackerman, Nancy Clark and Dolores Costa.

INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH – Cindy Brogan – Remember to get your flu, pneumonia or shingles shot at Walgreen’s they donate a shot for each one purchased. Bring your change for the pig for Heifer.

LEADERSHIP – Nancy Brown – Go on the GFWC of Massachusetts Junior Membership site and get to know your new officer“ We can’t get a president or officer. We need more members to step up.” Maybe the answer for some is that their leaders need to step back and make room for new leaders. Have you been in your position for 5, 10, 20, years or more? Perhaps it’s time to let go. Let go of... **Outcomes** – Allow things to unfold differently than you imagined. The way you see the outcome determines what it will mean to you, not the outcome itself. **Fear** – When you are afraid, you project thoughts, attitudes, and beliefs onto people and situations creating serious leadership blind spots. **Knowing** – When you let go of knowing you create room for learning. Otherwise, you are stuck.

Proving – Trying to prove to someone else that you are “worthy” or that you deserve “respect” is a bottomless pit. **Importance** – Needing people to need you is not healthy. It leads to creating problems that only you can solve. **Comparison** – Be true to yourself and stick to the path your heart has given you. Your journey is unique. (S. Mabry, 2015, *Letting-Go Leadership*) I have found that one of the hardest things about leadership is learning to let go, discerning when the people under your care are ready to stand on their own. It’s often much sooner than you could ever imagine. (Miller, 2015, *Leadership Means Learning to Let Go*) Sometimes good leadership is knowing when to let go and let others grow. After reading this I realized that we are doing our best to follow this rule. We have an influx of new members, which means new potential leaders. They will allow the older members to step back a bit ,but be helpful consultants and guides. Newer members bring in fresh ideas. Our job is to encourage, support, and of course to let go when necessary.

MEMBERSHIP – Joyce Clark –The club is looking into having a membership drive outing sometime during the summer or early fall.

NEWSLETTER – Nancy Martin – If you do something representing our club during any given month please forward information about it along with pictures to MRMartin947@aol.com

PUBLICITY – Nancy Brown - Club events will now be posted on AmericanTowns.com. Please continue to check the newspapers, online as well as the cable stations.

PUBLIC ISSUES – Robin Gendron – flags

PROGRAMS – Joanna Alden – Contact Joanna with ideas for future meetings. September will the reading of the by-laws and the September speaker is Cathy Potter from Liberty Union.

PUBLIC POLICY & LEGISLATION– Nancy Clark – Go onto our website and register! Notify Nancy when you register and forward responses from representatives and senators to her too. The new issue is the Big Trucks.

YEARBOOK - Nancy Clark – If you did not receive one see Joyce Clark. Members can print all or parts of the yearbook from the website.

WHRC – Nancy Brown – Our history book is done up to 1992, the project is still in progress.

Upcoming Events

Memorial Day Parade May 30th

MassSTAR June 3rd to June 5th

Register for our Relay for Life Team - Relay for Life June 10th to 11th

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GFWC International Convention – Baltimore, MD June 25th to June 29th

Casino Trip to Mohegan Sun August 11th

New England Conference September 29th to October 2nd in Rhode Island

GFWC of MA Junior Fall Conference – October 21st to the 22nd in Worcester



Happy Birthday from your fellow club members!

Judy Ackerman

Mary Barrett

Joanna Alden

Cheryl Carlos

Nancy Martin
Joan Stevens

JoAnn Mathews

Our next board meeting will be Monday, August 29, 2016, 6:30 pm. at B.P. Silver Platter
Next business meeting is September 12, 2016; 7:00pm at B.P. Silver Platter

Enjoy the summer!
"We Will See You in September"



President's Corner

June is one of my favorite months of the year for many reasons.

We've desired longer days and warm sunshine, those days have arrived! Let the BBQ's begin!

There are several days to celebrate this month,

all of them special in their own right to those celebrating them.

On Father's Day, we celebrate and honor of our Fathers, Husbands, Grandfathers, Brothers and Uncles, both living and past. They will forever hold a place in our hearts.

I hope this month brings you reason to rejoice with your loved ones in peace.