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What's New?'s Paper

Upcoming Meetings and Events

Mar. 2: regular meeting at The Arbors, 7 p.m.

Mar. 2: Dr. Seuss' birthday

Mar. 8: daylight savings time begins, 2 a.m.

Mar. 17: Happy St. Patrick's Day

Mar. 30: board meeting at The Arbors, 7 p.m.

March's Meeting

Our speaker for March's meeting will be Norma Pimenta. She lives in Taunton and has written the book, *Smiling Eyes, a Cheerleading Coach's Personal Victory*.

Following a bizarre tragedy that defies logic, and a second chance at life, Norma, who was barely noticed in a family of nine, chooses to prove her worth emotionally, mentally and physically through her accomplishments in coaching cheerleaders, and then succeeds in completing an inspiring novel of triumph.



After weeks of hospitalization and a year of therapy, she was able to walk again, but left with a facial paralysis that became her prevailing crutch. Norma says, "I am that woman, and although I cannot smile completely, my eyes do, or that is what they tell me." For more information about Norma, see www.normapimenta.com.

Hospitality

March 2

Judy A. (C) and Cheryl C.

April 6

Sharon W. (C) and Susan S.

May 4

Joanna (C) and Nancy C.

Don't forget:

Secret Pal Gifts!

Rent Relief for March:

Joanna A.

Submit Articles to Editor: Nancy Clark
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Reminders for March's Meeting

Samaritan House: sample size toiletries - shampoo, conditioner, lotion, toothpaste, toothbrushes

Education: a paperback dictionary or thesaurus

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 Soup



February Meeting

Members filled Valentine Hershey Kiss bags for the local nursing homes. We deliver the bags just before Valentine's Day each year.

The club also donates boxes of chocolates and Valentine's to the Veteran's Hospital in Brockton.

Report Writing

Joyce and Nancy C. participated in the report writing workshop at GFWC of Massachusetts Headquarters in Sudbury on February 7th. They completed both the state general and juniors reports for the Education Department.



"Hearts o' Fire" Tea

Our annual tea fundraiser was a great success. There were plenty of goodies to go along with the many varieties of tea and all had a great time.

After expenses we \$1,091.22, all for student scholarships.

International Affairs:

- We are continuing to collect children's books for nomadic schools in Kenya. For ideas of the types of books to collect check them out on our website at:
http://gfwctauntonraynhamjuniors.com/Club_Reminders.aspx.
- 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:

- 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.bakeforthe cure.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.
- We have 9 club members who have registered for the "Step for the Roses" walking program. All steps count toward health improvement but we want to aim for 6,000 steps a day to begin with and gradually increase to GFWC's goal of 10,000 steps on most days of the week.

Education:

- Bring a paperback dictionary or thesaurus for the *Prison Book Program*, www.prisonbookprogram.org.
- Support our libraries: The *Friends of the Taunton Public Library's* monthly book sale is March 14th 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.

Conservation:

- See our website at http://gfwctauntonraynhamjuniors.com/Club_Reminders.aspx to see the list of items we are collecting to recycle.
- Go to www.freecycle.org/ to donate or swap items you no longer want.  Freecycle 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.

- Help protect the rainforests! Every time you buy a  Tropicana product you can go to www.tropicainrainforest.com and enter the unique # code on your container. For every code entered, they will preserve 100 square feet of rainforest.

Membership:

- March birthdays: Thelma McCaffrey 13th, Joan Curran 19th, Paula Richards 20th, and Sharon Joseph 25th when you see them, wish them a Happy Day!
- Don't forget to wear your club shirt to meetings and events if you have one.
- Bring money if you've ordered a club vest.
- Special offer from T-Mobile ends March 31st
- When ordering from Amazon.com GFWC gets a percentage generated to them every time you click on the affiliate link.
- Celebrate March with "Green" trivia questions
- Please bring in the "Traveling Journal" if you have it
- **Contratulations** to Susan Shanko (or is that Carlsen now?) who married Dana Carlsen last month. They are now back from their Cancun honeymoon!

Arts:

- Congratulations to those "Smart About Art" in February: Nancy C., Sharon W., Cheryl C., Nancy B., Debbie B., Jane P., and a surprise e-mail from MaryAnn Pierce!
- Answer: Opra Winfrey was the famous person who is a major advocate for literacy and the first female African -American billionaire.

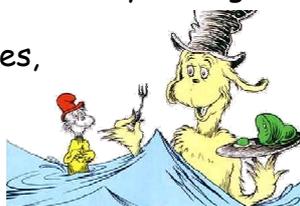
Question for March: Celebrate Women's History Month! *This is a 2-part question and you must have both answers in order to qualify.* Name the 3 persons depicted in The Boston Women's Memorial and the artist that created it.

- Good Luck! Call 508-345-5320 or email audree11@verizon.net
- Don't forget to bring your "Fancy Hat" art picture for the display board. We had a wonderful display with fabulous creativity of "High Heel Shoes!" March theme is "Design Your Own Handbag"-remember to pick up your template to design and create!
- We celebrate READ ACROSS AMERICA in honor of Dr. Seuss' birthday March 2nd. Please take time to read a story to a child. Jot down what story you read and who you read it with include a photo if you'd like bring it to the March meeting we'd love to hear about it!

Read Across America Poem

You're never too old, too wacky, too wild,
To pick up a book and read with a child.
You're never too busy, too cool, or too hot,
To pick up a book and share what you've got.

In schools and communities,
Let's gather around,
Let's pick up a book,
Let's pass it around.



There are kids all around you,
Kids who will need
Someone to hug,
Someone to read.

Come join us March 2nd
Your own special way
And make this America's
Read to Kids Day.

- Those of you planning on entering the GFWC photography contests or the art contest, be sure to bring them matted to this month's meeting so Nancy C. can take them to March's Club Institute.
- Participate in the GFWC collaboration with PBS/Masterpiece which will show *David Copperfield* March 15th and 22nd. Read the book and see the movie!
- Visit the Boston College's McMullen Museum @ Chestnut Hill to view "The Book As Art " Exhibit, Feb. 14th to May 31st - free parking/Free admission. For directions and more info go to: http://www.bc.edu/bc_org/avp/cas/artmuseum/

Fundraising:

- Sadly, **shaws** is no longer accepting new organizations for their receipt program. We will be donating the receipts we have collected to *Our Daily Bread* soup kitchen at St. Thomas Church. We have signed up for **shaws** Neighborhood Rewards program and as soon as we get our *Neighborhood Rewards* number, you'll get instructions on how to sign up.
- Continue to make brownies for Denise to sell at school.

Publicity: Send all info to Nancy B.



READERS' PHOTOS To submit, send quality photo

SUBMITTED PHOTO

A bounty of bears

Denise Wheeler, GFWC Taunton and Raynham Juniors director, delivered 62 stuffed bears Feb. 17 to Tori Silvia at Taunton Federal Credit Union. The bears will be given to Taunton Emergency Management Systems for distribution by EMTs to children in emergency situations for comfort. Above, Tori Silvia, left, poses with Denise Wheeler and her son Zachary Wheeler.

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GFWC holds conference at Sturbridge

TAUNTON - The GFWC Taunton and Raynham Juniors attended a joint Mid-Winter Conference of the GFWC of Massachusetts General and Junior Membership at Old Sturbridge Village, in Sturbridge Saturday, Jan. 24.

During the meeting the assembly participated in a hands on workshop writing letters to children for Incredible Kids Day, and also listened to Keynote speakers, the Honorable Anne Gobi, State Representative 5th Worcester District on Making a Difference, and Fidelity Investments Certified Financial Planner Joseph Hanley.

Entertainment provided was a performance of "The Gossiper," portrayed by Katie Hill. Her portrayal of a nineteenth century clubwoman was to demonstrate her ability as "a Fate Reader" engaging members in having their fortunes told. Several in attendance became willing volunteers.

The meeting continued as Junior State Membership Chairman T Jablanski, honored Junior Women's Club members who have served GFWC for 25 + years with certificates, silver pins and floral bouquets. Honorees from the Taunton and Raynham Juniors were Nancy Brown, Joyce Clark, and Joan Curran.

<http://thesunchronicle.com/articles/2009/01/30/taunton/4316073.htm>



The GFWC Taunton and Raynham Juniors watch "The Gossiper," played Katie Hill as the "Fate Reader."