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February Meeting: Our guest speakers were Phillip Duarte and James Le Frame. The Pathways Initiative started in January 2017. The goal is to establish multi-use paths along the Taunton/Dighton River that can be used by walkers, bikers, and runners. The Friends of the Taunton Pathways, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization created to aid the mission and goals of the Taunton Pathways Committee. They are working together to improve bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure in Taunton and surrounding communities in order to promote a healthier and safer community for residents and visitors of all ages and abilities.



In 2017, its first year in existence, the Taunton Pathways Committee accomplished a great deal: they established long-term partnerships with Mass in Motion and SRPEDD, created detailed maps of the Taunton

River Trail route and potential phases, met with various elected officials and department heads to update them on their plans, conducted a walk-through of part of the route with Mayor Hoye and the City Engineer, applied for and received a \$1500 grant from the Taunton River Stewardship Council, assisted Mass in Motion in creating a Walking Brochure for the City of Taunton, established a significant social media presence,

Tabled at events hosted by other organizations, Hosted their own events, participated extensively in the Master Plan process, attended conferences, conducted a Community Bike and Pedestrian Survey, and established the Friends of the Taunton Pathways, Inc.. In addition to running the Silver City Farmers' Market, Mass in Motion has also conducted walking audits to establish safe walking routes in Taunton, and it facilitates the Bristol Commons Community Garden. Mass in Motion Taunton is a proud sponsor of Taunton Pathways. The speakers feel if they could get community organizations to form committees and utilize the pathways in support of its' continued growth, they could gain more money in the form of grants. Our club has decided that starting in April we will attempt to organize a day each month to walk as a club in this endeavor. The club donated a check to help with their endeavor for \$100.



Members were asked to wear red clothing to our business meeting to support American Heart Month, where the nation comes together, igniting a wave of red from coast to coast. This annual groundswell unites millions of people for a common



goal: the eradication of heart disease and stroke. The club voted to donate \$60 to the support the animal rescue league which in turn will use the money to buy one dozen roses for nursing home residents for Valentine's Day.

Joyce Clark Membership Chairman talked about



our Headquarters in Sudbury the location of the GFWC of MA and the Memorial

Forest. She shared a pamphlet about

the headquarters with those in attendance.



We had a new member installed. Her name is



Susan Kay, please take some time to introduce yourself to her.

a talk about Elizabeth American suffragist, activist, abolitionist, figure of the early rights movement and contributions to rights. She ended her



Nancy Brown gave Stanton an social and leading women's her women's talk with her

fundraising activity for our contribution to Turning Point. Nancy Brown and Robin Gendron will collect cans or the credit you get from turning in cans. So bring your cans, receipts or money to the next meeting! Nancy Brown will continue to pass the Turning Point can so continue to bring your change. Last month the international Chairman Cindy Brogan collected \$18.51 for Heifer.

The Fashion Show Committee voted to contribute the money raised toward our Presidents Project, The Turning Point. The Fashion Show will take place at the same venue but this year the sponsor will be the Little Black Dress, who has agreed to donate 15% of



their sales to the club and include a donation of a \$50 gift certificate to their store.

Members brought pictures for the GFWC calendar contest.

The membership voted on their favorite and Denise Wheeler



won with her picture of the praying mantis. For anyone interested in arts contests, attached are all of the forms for submitting photographs to GFWC of Massachusetts and the form for the Teal and Purple Contest. The Creative Arts Waiver is a fillable PDF at

<https://www.gfwc.org/wpcontent/uploads/2018/06/Creative-Arts-Waiver.pdf>. The "World in

Pictures" is the contest with "scenic," "living things," and "abstract" as categories. Be sure to bring your photos to our March Meeting and give them to Joyce Clark who will be taking them to Sudbury.

What we did this month: Our club provided a Valentine's Day themed basket valued at \$100 for Benjamin's Chili Cook-off which raised funds for families in financial need due to caring for terminally ill



children. Club Vice President Robin Gendron joined Stacy Travis-Mills, the organizer of the event in memory of her son Benjamin Mills, for the tasty fundraiser. Robin Gendron also posed with Scott Caddy, Michael Caddy, Mitch, and Roger Gagnon who were participants in the cook-off. Our Junior Woman's Club also helped with donations of two gift baskets to DECA at Bristol Plymouth High School who were raising funds for Homes for the Troops. Denise Wheeler delivered twelve more bags to the Triangle House in Rockland.



Committees:

ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN: White Ribbon Day is March 1st, first Thursday in March. White Ribbon Campaign was created by a handful of Canadian

men in 1991 on the second anniversary of one man's massacre of 14 women in Montreal. They began the White Ribbon Campaign to urge men to speak out against violence against women. It is the largest effort in the world of men working to end men's violence against women. It relies on volunteer support and financial contributions from individuals and organizations. After only six weeks preparation, more than one hundred thousand men across Canada wore a white ribbon. Many others were drawn into discussion and debate on the issue of men's violence. **Brett Ploude Memorial Fund** is hosting its 4th Annual Talent Showcase on Saturday April 13th, All proceeds will go to support efforts to combat teen/youth suicide and depression and to promote the study of technology. I hope to attend and hope members will join me. Keep the date in mind.

ARTS – Nancy Clark –Start picking your pictures for GFWC Photo Contests, landscapes in black or talk to Nancy Brown or Nancy Clark. If anyone is interested in submitting a Teal and Purple item for the Arts Contest for GFWC MA Annual Meeting, pieces are due by March 15th at Headquarters. All items submitted will be donated & auctioned off at Annual Meeting. Funds raised will be for the Domestic Violence Grants at Fall Meeting. Joan Curran has already contributed one of her creative fabric prints, Joyce Clark is knitting a baby's outfit and Nancy Clark is painting a picture.



COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC RELATIONS - Nancy Brown – Please continue to save any articles that you may see anywhere. When clipping any article makes sure you include the header that has the paper's name, page number, and date of said article. Be aware that our events and announcements are also run on Cable TV, on-line and Facebook.



CONSERVATION – Denise Wheeler – Collecting newspapers, puzzles, board games, empty ink cartridges, fabric, yarn, old cell phones, eye and reading glasses,



small jewelry boxes, coffee cans, old batteries, embroidery floss, used eye glasses with cases, metal and plastic coat hangers, holiday cards and soda tabs. Arbor Day is coming clubs are encouraged to plant trees.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: - Nancy Martin/ Joyce Clark – The center in Brockton for women Penelope's Place is looking for new/slightly used sweatpants and sweatshirts or sweat suit sets. Triangle House is looking for women's clothes.



EDUCATION – Nancy Martin/Joyce Clark –Bring books to the monthly meetings for the “More Than Words” book collection and Prison Book. **It's scholarship time!** If you have a daughter or granddaughter who is a graduating senior and attending college next year, apply for the Ricky Gomes Scholarship and all the other scholarships available through GFWC. Go on the GFWC of Massachusetts Junior site for the listing. If you have any questions contact me, my daughter applied for and received a \$500 scholarship and I know from being the Education Chairman making the selections for few years that very few students apply so your chance of receiving a scholarship is very high. Also if you are a member and you yourself are going back to school you may apply for the Ricky Gomes Scholarship too!



FUNDRAISING – Cindy Brogan – There is going to be chicken dinner fundraiser on March 30th.



HOME LIFE – Nancy Brown- Prime Time wish list: Individually wrapped snack size; raisins, cookies, chips and crackers.

Please note that they now have someone with sensitivity to peanuts. They also need puzzles; 100-300 pieces, **LARGE** pieces. They are also looking for a volunteer to lead a monthly sing-along. So if you play guitar or piano, and enjoy making others happy, and have a few hours a month to give please call Sheila at 508 669-6272



HOSPITALITY – Robin Gendron - March is Sarah Brink and Fran Perry.



INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH –Cindy Brogan- Souls 4 Souls is looking for new or gently worn shoes. The Heifer Pig is back, bring your change. March 8th is International Women’s day.



LEADERSHIP: - Paula Gasparoni and Joan Curran – Think about applying for LEADS.



MEMBERSHIP —Jane Pacheco/Joyce Clark - Encourage friends and new people you meet to come to a meeting.



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. Reminder members can place up to three ads a month in the Newsletter for free. Deadline for submissions is one week before each meeting.

PRESIDENTS SPECIAL PROJECT: Edie Edlund- Raise money for Turning Point. Our club wants to purchase our own brick supporting Women Suffrage and also make a contribution to the GFWC of Massachusetts Junior Club brick. We hope to assist those members who wish to attend the ceremonial weekend of the 100th celebration.



PROGRAMS- Joanna Alden – None

PUBLIC ISSUES –Cindy Brogan – Our new GFWC Junior Director Project will be helping and bringing forth recognition to veterans.

PUBLIC POLICY & LEGISLATION– Nancy Clark –Each member needs to sign up again in the Legislation Action Center. If legislature responds to your email about that specific topic, forward their response to Programs@gfwc.org and to Nancy Clark

webmaster@nclark.net. Here is the promised email address to forward replies from GFWC's Legislation Action Center: GFWCMAlegislation@gmail.com.

WEBMASTER – Nancy Clark – If you haven’t gone on the site yet, visit the site and register for “Call to Action”.

WHRC – Nancy Brown- This month is Women's History Month and I will be speaking about Gerda Lerner, the ' Mother' of Women's History.

Remember that we have our club's history book, Fashion Show book, and 125th GFWC Anniversary book available for loan. See Nancy Brown to check them out.

YEARBOOK– Nancy Brown & Nancy Clark – If you have any changes in your home address, telephone number or email address; please send changes to your information for the new yearbook before it goes to print.

What should you bring to the March meeting?

Clothes for Women, Men and Children

Bring photos for the calendar contest

March 1st is the deadline for entering the GFWC of MA “Teal and Purple Contest”

Books of any kind hardcover and paperback

Sweatpants, Sweatshirts & Sweatsuits: Penelope House

New or gently worn shoes: Sole 4 Souls

Change for Heifer

Change for Turning Point

New members of picture of themselves for the poster board



Happy Birthday to members: Vel Bleau Thelma McCaffrey Joan Curran

Up Coming Events

Business Meeting, March 4th B.P. 7 p.m. Silver Platter
Board Meeting March 25th at B.P., 6:30 PM , Silver Platter
Chicken Dinner at American Legion a Saturday Night March 30th, Cost \$15 a ticket
The Tea May 19th

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