



# Juniors in Action

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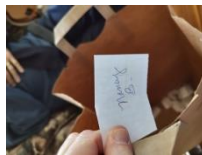
President – Robin Gendron, Vice President –Emily Weiland, Recording Secretary - Joyce Clark, Corresponding Secretary - Judy Ackerman, Treasurer –Sarah Brink, Auditor –Cindy Brogan, Director – Nancy Martin

**The goal of the newsletter, since no member can be involved in every activity, is to inform our membership of our club activities. Please send info to the newsletter editor when you are involved with something representing our club.**



**Our members have been busy serving our communities during the months of March and April!**

Our winner for **April rent relief** is none other than Cindy Leonard. Congratulations! Cindy. As you can see, Nancy Brown's husband drew the name. Thank you everyone for your donations to help with our storage fees. We collected \$53. **March rent relief** the winner was Nancy Brown, Nancy Clark was our gifter and she donated a Marshall's Gift card and two GFWC Tea towels. Thank-you Nancy. A total of \$41 was collected. Membership Chairman Joyce Clark inducted a **new member** Linda Brosseau



from Norton. Make a point to introduce yourself and make her feel welcome. This month **Cindy Brogan** came up with an idea to start plants for the



spring and donate them to the Boys & Girls Club. During the meeting everyone was involved



in making 22 planter bags. Cindy Brogan and Robin Gendron delivered the flower growing packets to the Boys/Girls Club. **Nancy Brown** WHRC Chairman had a creative idea where



she sold a bag of puzzle pieces for \$2 each until they were all sold and raised \$40 from the sale of the puzzle pieces which will be sent to GFWC headquarters in Washington DC. When complete it will be sealed and framed. The names of everyone who contributed will be listed on the back and we will present it to GFWC MA Junior Membership Director Katie



Robey for our GFWC Headquarters in Sudbury. This was a fun project and hopefully kept us focused on the important contributions made by women throughout history, especially since it pictures twenty of those influential women. Our club picture will be added to the back of the puzzle. During the March meeting members help put the puzzle together, several members remained after the end of the meeting to finish the puzzle. Our club voted to make a **Ukrainian donation** of \$50 to Save the Children, it was a unanimous vote. Sarah Brink our treasurer will send the donation. **By-Law changes** were discussed and presented by Emily

Weiland Chairman of the By-Laws committee to be voted on in April. The biggest discussion was about the club name change. All the By-Law changes were accepted at the April meeting, but the club name change was voted down by a written vote. Emily Weiland collected over the last two months cans of tuna and packages of pancake mixes and syrup for our club donation to the **Food Pantry**. The **Raynham Historical Society** presented 'Women of '76' on Saturday April 2, at 2:00 p.m. at American Legion Hall in Raynham. Admission was free so several club members made it a club outing for WHRC organized by WHRC Chairman Nancy Brown. The program consisted of meeting five women who witnessed and in some cases, changed the course of the American Revolution. Club members who attended received a free gift. Nancy Brown made a

report on the outing at the April meeting. Tuesday March 22, 2022 Robin Gendron, Joyce Clark, Nancy Brown, Emily Weiland, and Nancy Clark donated their time at the **Prison Book Program** in

Quincy for two and a half hours picking and packaging



books. The club also donated a wagon full of books. We have been supporting this program as a club for many years with books and time. Member **Ana Kearnan** dropped off **care bags** for Morton to Julie Masci, which she will post on the Morton site. These were made with contributions by club members. Thank-you everyone for your donations.



April 12<sup>th</sup> our club had a fundraiser a **Soup Sampler** chaired by Joyce Clark and Diane Huling. The cost was \$12 per person. Those in attendance were able to sample as much 10 soups, sandwiches and desserts as they wanted.



There was a raffle consisting of 10 baskets and 3 gift cards. It took place at the West congregational church on Winthrop street from noon to 2:00pm. We totaled over \$1000 at this event, \$679 on the soup sampler and \$382 on the raffle. It well was planned and a wonderful afternoon had by all in attendance.



Sunday April 10<sup>th</sup> the **Scholarship Committee** met at Education Chairman Nancy Martin's house to read and score the 18 applications our club received. The top seven applicants will receive a \$500 scholarship. The names will be announced at the June Social, followed by a meet and greet sometime this summer to meet and talk with the recipients. The committee will be organizing the event, more to come in the next newsletter. The committee will also meet to discuss any changes needed to our club scholarship application. If any member has suggestions or would like to join the committee contact Nancy



Martin. On April 18th at 10:00 at St Nicholas of Myra Hall the **Authors Tea Committee** met to assemble tea gift bags. Keeping with theme of April being **Autism Month** the Program for the April Meeting featured member Ana Kearnan, a mother of a autistic child. She spoke from the heart about how bringing up a child with autism has its challenges. People with autism perceive the world differently but her goal has been to allow her son to be himself as much as possible. Her son is now 26 years old. Anna belongs to group called CAR which has a fundraiser walk on April 30th. The club voted to donate a basket or two to the fundraiser along with a \$100 donation. During the same meeting Vice President Emily Weiland created a **"Getting to Know Each Other" Bingo** card game. The goal was to let members get to know one another better since several new members have joined our club over the last few months A few members visited Honorary member **Thelma**



**McCaffrey** who just turned 97 in Maine. They said she was in good spirits. There was a special event for outgoing GFWC Massachusetts President **Donna Shibley**. Several of our members representing our club attended the event. The combined **Annual**

**Convention** was April 29<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> in Natick Massachusetts. Several members attended the event. Our clubs won some awards. I will let our president Robin Gendron share the news with you at the May Business Meeting and will report on the awards in the next newsletter. We did very well with our **Saver's Fundraiser**. Thanks to Robin Gendron, her family and Denise Wheeler for running this fundraiser. We were able to raise \$463.20.

#### **COMMITTEES:**

**ADVOCATES OF CHILDREN**—Robin Gendron – continue to collect trial size personal care products

for JRI Foster Care and Adoption Agency-the President Project.

**ARTS AND CULTURE**—Emily Weiland—think about entering GFWC art contests.

**CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH** —Cindy Brogan– The Matthew Mission Food Pantry would like to request that the Club members give the same item each time we have a regular business meeting (vs different items each month). This will keep things simple and also really help us consistently stock a much-needed item. We'd like to ask club members to bring in flour or sugar each month. Any size / brand (one lb bags are fine).

**COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC RELATIONS**— Judy Floor –Let her know if you see any club articles.

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT – AWARENESS AND PREVENTION:** - Amanda Fata-No Report

**EDUCATION AND LIBRARIES** – Nancy Martin - Prison Book Program is starting up again. Joyce Clark is looking for dictionaries, thesaurus and newish soft covered books.

**ENVIROMENT** – Denise Wheeler – New items: used CDs for classroom art projects. Denise has paper lists of items for recycling that our club collects. Just ask her and you shall receive!

**FUNDRAISING AND DEVELOPMENT** – Cindy Brogan –Authors' Tea in May

**HEALTH AND WELLNESS** - Nancy Brown- 300-500 piece puzzles, crossword puzzle books or any kind of puzzle books, board games, tissues No peanut butter crackers. Ana Kearnan is considering doing a walking club during the week starting in May. She was wondering if anyone would want to walk with her at BP on Wednesdays at 5:00pm for an hour. They would go at a slow pace.. Please let her know if you are interested to start 5/4 at 5pm. Meet at the Silver Platter. Remember walking and essential to good health especially for women. Strengths bones, muscle tone, your heart benefits as well as helps reduce Anxiety and improves

depression. The Program for May will be assembling packages for nurses week.

**LEADERSHIP** – Paula Gasparoni—Think about being a committee chairman. Be prepared to vote for Leadership Awards

**LEGISLATION/ PUBLIC POLICY** – Nancy Clark – New members: if you haven't signed up for legislative

action center bring your smart phones and we can sign up together!

**MEMBERSHIP** – Joyce Clark – If you haven't received your 2022 yearbook please see Joyce Clark. Two yearbook corrections: Sarah Brink: 508-644-5308, Linda Brosseau: 508-952-2186.

**WOMENS HISTORY AND RESOURCE CENTER**—Nancy Brown- No report.

**Happy Birthday To  
Judy Riley      Cindy Brogan**



### **What to Bring to the Business Meeting**

Trial Size Personal Care Products for JRI Foster Care and Adoption Agency

Flour, sugar and Peanut Butter for the Food Pantry

Dictionaries, Thesaurus and newish soft covered books or comic books for the prison Book Program

Toilet Paper Rolls for the Authors Tea

Items for Primetime

### **What's Happening Within our Club?**

Author's Tea May 15th 1-3p.m at St. Nicholas Hall

Our next Business Meeting is tonight May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00pm Silver Platter

June Social June 6th

August 15th (Back to School Backpack Drive/Membership)

Board Meeting August 29th B-P Silver Platter @ 6:00 p.m.

Business Meeting September 12th B-P Silver Platter @ 7:00 p.m.

### **Publicity**

**Gazette Article:**

GFWC Taunton and Raynham Jr. Woman's Club  
presents

### **'MEET THE AUTHORS'**

Tea



**SUNDAY**

**MAY 15, 2022**

**1:00 - 3:00 p.m.**

*Non refundable Donation*

**\$20.00 per person**

Tickets call Nancy 774- 218- 1456

or reach out to any club member

**WHERE:**

**St. Nicholas of Myra Parish**

**Center**

**499 Spring Street,**

**No. Dighton, MA**

**MEET 8 LOCAL AUTHORS**

\* **Popular Basket Raffle** Nancy Soben Brown, Nancy Carpin, Rosemary Fletcher,  
Michelle Gerosi Lombardi, Brian Michael, Janice Oliveira,  
\* **FREE Door Prizes** Ed Parkes, Don Simpson

To benefit local student scholarships and charities  
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## GFWC 'Meet the Authors' tea

The GFWC Woman's Club will be holding its annual "Meet the Authors" tea fundraiser, introducing eight local authors, on Sunday, May 15, from 1 to 3 p.m. at St. Nicholas of Myra Parish Center, 499 Spring St., North Dighton.

The eight authors are: Nancy Brown, Dighton; Nancy Carpino, Fall River; Rosemary Fletcher, North Dighton; Micheline Grossi Lombardi, Situate, R.I.; Brian Michaud, Somerset; Janelle Oliveira, Taunton, Ed Pacheco, Dartmouth; and Don Sampson, Dighton.

Tickets may be purchased by May 6, while available. A basket raffle and free door prizes are included. A non-refundable donation of \$20 per person will be to benefit local scholarships and other charities.

Contact Nancy at 774-218-1456 or any club member, or visit [www.gfwctauntonraynhamjuniors.org](http://www.gfwctauntonraynhamjuniors.org).



From left to right are GFWC Taunton and Raynham Junior Woman's Club Membership Chairman Joyce Clark, new member Linda Brosseau, and President Robin Gendron. SUBMITTED PHOTOS BY GFWC TAUNTON AND RAYNHAM JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB

## GFWC Taunton and Raynham Junior Woman's Club installs new member

From staff reports  
SA TODAY NETWORK

The GFWC Taunton and Raynham Junior Woman's Club recently installed a new member.

On March 7, membership-chairman Joyce Clark installed Linda Brosseau of Nor ton into the club.

The club also recently took part in several charitable endeavors.

They made soil/seed flower growing packets and hopped those off at the Boys & Girls Club of Metro South's Taunton clubhouse. Club members donated socks to the Prison Book Program in Quincy. Club members also donated gift packages containing Dr. Seuss books, ribbon, crayons and Dr. Seuss coloring pages to local schools.



From left to right are Cindy Brogan, children at the Boys & Girls Club of Metro South's Taunton clubhouse, and GFWC Taunton and Raynham Junior Woman's Club President Robin Gendron.