



# Juniors in Action



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Meeting Monday May 2, 2016 7:00pm Silver Platter at Bristol Plymouth

## Our Board Members

Lynne Jorge, President – Mary Barrett, Vice President – Joyce Clark, Recording Secretary  
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## What Did We Do In April?

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**Monday April 11<sup>th</sup>:** At our business meeting this month the **leadership award ribbon** was given to Mary Barrett for doing an outstanding job presiding as president during the March meeting in Lynne's absence due to an illness. The guest speaker

was one of our own, webmaster Nancy Clark. She reviewed with our membership how to maneuver within our webpage, how to manage the drop down menus and access the links that will bring you to other sites such as

Massachusetts Junior Women's Group. She also explained how one can send pictures to print to outside venues such as CVS and Walmart. Robin Gendron modeled our Arts Contest entry designed and made by Nancy Brown. She will be modeling at the GFWC of Massachusetts Junior Conference and at our Tea and Coffee in May.

**Tuesday April 12<sup>th</sup>:** The GFWC Taunton Junior Woman's Club made a surprise visit to our local libraries for National Library Workers Day: a day for library staff, users, and administrators to be

recognized and shown appreciation for the valuable contributions they make to their communities. For the fifth year the Taunton Junior Woman's Club members prepared trays filled with dozens of chocolate covered strawberries wrapped in cellophane as a thank you. Members Nancy Brown, Joyce Clark, Nancy Clark and Nancy Martin made special deliveries to the Dighton Public Library, Rehoboth's Blanding Library, Berkley Library, Taunton Public



Library and Raynham Library, bringing sunshine to their staffs on a very rainy April day. **Berkley:** CJ Reis, Circulation Assistant; Cynthia Quinn, Children's Librarian; Bill Schneller, Library Director; with club members Nancy Brown, Nancy Clark and Nancy Martin. **Dighton:** Jocelyn. Tavares, Library Director;



Lorie Van Hook, Children's Services; Britt Grealish-Rust, Circulation; members with club members Nancy Brown, Nancy Martin, Joyce Clark and Nancy Clark. **Raynham:** Eden



Fergusson, Library Director; Melissa Kimmer, Library Assistant; Jane Lang, Library Assistant; with club members Nancy





Clark and Nancy Brown. **Rehoboth:** Susan Robert, Circulation; Catherine Charbonneau,

Children's Librarian; Robert Elliot with club members Nancy Brown, Nancy Martin and Nancy Clark. **Taunton:** Marybeth Belanger, Youth Services Library Assistant; Gail Coelho, Technical Services; Robyn Bryant, Circulation Director with club members Nancy Brown and Nancy Clark.



**Friday April 1<sup>st</sup>:** Our club has once again shown our support for Domestic Violence by taking part in "The Pinwheels for Prevention Project" by placing several hundred pinwheels at 128 Winthrop Street for one month to show our solidarity against domestic violence in our community and throughout the world. Pinwheels for Prevention



started as a grassroots effort, and are customized throughout the country to fit the concerns of local communities. The most basic obligation is to

support the healthy development of our nation's children. All of our children deserve nurturing environments that support healthy brain development so they are prepared to learn in school, grow into productive, contributing adults and help their community, and our country, be prosperous and competitive in the global economy. When we invest in healthy child development, we are investing in community and economic development. Unfortunately, children are sometimes exposed to extreme and sustained stress like child abuse and neglect, which can undermine a child's development. The cost of not doing this is measured in increased costs for foster care services, hospitalization, mental health treatment and law enforcement, as well as loss of individual productivity and expenditures related to chronic health problems, special education and the justice system.

**Thursday April 21<sup>st</sup>:** Our club held a fundraising event to the Foxwoods Casino in Connecticut. The event was organized by Jane Pittsley. She was able to fill the bus with members, their friends, family members and people from the community and by working together with the Public Relations Chairman Nancy Brown who assisted with publicizing in local newspapers, online and cable stations. Dunkin Donuts on Broadway donated three dozen donuts and 3 dozen muffins and a Box of Joe. It was a successful event raising \$926. Thanks again to Jane Pittsley for doing such a great job.

**Friday April 22<sup>nd</sup> to Saturday April 23<sup>rd</sup> The GFWC of Massachusetts Junior Membership Annual Conference:**

The conference began on Friday night with "Junior Fun Night" attended by our members



Nancy Clark and Nancy Martin. Following a dinner in the hotel the fun began in the Director's suite, Rm 177, with cocktails and refreshments. We assisted in filling the bags with cosmetics

and toiletries, items for RIA House that service women who have been involved in human trafficking. Our club brought 20 items for this endeavor and assisted in filling over 25 bags. The night continued with a game of Jeopardy with categories reflecting Women in General Federation Junior topics. Nancy Clark and Nancy Martin were on the winning team due to the broad knowledge of team captain Director Diane McCurley. The Saturday conference day our club had 14 members in

attendance which began at 9:30 am with the Junior



Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance and a welcome speech about the history of the Newton area by Ellen Burns, followed by special introductions and greetings. Director Diane McCurley's speech was about embracing diversity, how volunteering can change you. She talked



about some of her experiences as director and said it was a "hell of a ride." Her administration fund raised a total of \$155,000. The morning speaker was from Youth Villages; a program that assists 18 year olds to adjusting out of the foster care system.



Romario was a 21 year old who spoke about how the program helped him to learn how to manage on his own by setting goals and making the transition to

adulthood by learning how to manage his money, handle responsibilities of everyday life and to be accountable for his actions. The program has helped him to develop a positive attitude and to be the best he could be, to believe in himself and fulfill his life of joy. He is getting his Associative Degree in Fashion Design and plans to continue towards a Bachelor of Arts Degree. He was a very entertaining speaker and was an excellent source of what the Youth Village hopes to accomplish. A check was donated by GFWC of Massachusetts Juniors to the program, which is the outgoing Director's Diane McCurley's project. The Keynote Speaker was Hank Phillippi Ryan a mystery writer



and an investigative news reporter for Channel 7. She talked how as a young girl she loved reading books like Nancy Drew, and yet went to college getting a degree in

Shakespearian Literature and not journalism. She explained how she got her first job as a radio reporter for an Indiana radio station by pointing out their station had no women in employment and was breaking the law, noting that was the only way she would get the job due to her lack of journalism degree and lack of writing experience. Her attitude encourages the saying "You never know unless you try." She wrote her first mystery novel at the age of 55, and has been a successful mystery writer ever since. She says you are never too old to accomplish the dreams you have, you can fulfill your destiny and you just need the "you

will if you want to" attitude. Her books have humor, snappy language, danger and are wonderful mysteries that will keep you guessing, the perfect combination of mystery and romance. Some of her books are "Face Time", "Air Time", "Drive Time", "Prime Time" and "What You See". She was an energetic speaker with a message. She sold her books and signed them during lunch. Lunch was a Caesar salad with chicken and shrimp,



minestrone soup, bread and cupcakes. The 50/50 raffle with the money going to Heifer was won by our own Eddie Edlund. Art awards were given



and as noted in our last business meeting with multiple awards won by our members Nancy Clark, Nancy Brown, Eddie Edlund and Brenda Saben. The Runway Fashion Show including our own Robin Gendron was amazing winning the "Complete Ensemble Look Award." There were eight clubs represented. The winning entry was a black dress with a tie on train that was amazing. Our club won many program awards: Public Issues, Home Life, Education, Communications and Public Relations, Leadership, Fundraising, Legislation, and WHRC thanks to the committee chairmen for writing the detailed



reports and club members for their participation in the programs and committees. Thanks to Eddie Edlund for creating our basket that won the



"Best of Show Award." The evening part of the program began with grace and dinner. It was followed with the presentation of Program and Contest Trophies and Awards. For the second year in a row Taunton won the overall Programs Award and is retaining the large silver



bowl for another year. Great job members! The evening ended with the installation of the 2016-2018 Officers: Martha Casassa, Director; Jen Nowak, Assistant Director; Jeanne Dee, Recording Secretary; Nancy Coughlin, Corresponding Secretary; Nancy Clark, Treasurer, Joyce Clark, Marisa Jablanski, and Diane McCurley as District Representatives/Nominating. Martha Casassa's installation address was about GFWC – "Connect, Grow, Change Our World." She is embracing Project Bread which supports hunger and poverty and promotes nutritious food. Her first event to support this endeavor is Walk for Hunger on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Our club is making a \$50 donation in support of our director's project. If you wish to show an individual donation go on the GFWC of Massachusetts Junior Membership site under events and donate today!

Presentations to outgoing and incoming officers were made followed by the Junior Pledge and Adjournment. Items then went on sale supporting your new director with the "Tree of Life" theme. An installation reception followed in suite 177 with gifts given to outgoing and incoming directors. It was an enjoyable and informative conference for all attending.



**Thursday April 28<sup>th</sup>:** A visit to the prison book program was made by a few members of our club with donations of reading books, dictionaries and thesauruses. The members spent time selecting and wrapping requested books from prisoners all over the US.

**Mathew Mission:25:40:** Members from our club continue to work at the mission headquarters volunteering. The mission will be closed June, July and August this year.

**Relay for Life – Fran Perry** - If you would like to join our team go to: [Relayforlife.com](http://Relayforlife.com), search for our team: GFWC Taunton Junior Women's Club and register.

**Advocates for Children:** Our club collected 3,597 pull tabs for the GFWC of Massachusetts Junior Club Advocate for children Challenge benefitting the Shriners Hospital fund.

#### **Committees:**

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

**CONSERVATION – Denise Wheeler** – Newspapers, gloves, hats and scarves will be given to Matthew 25:40. Darlene's church is still collecting winter apparel especially socks, soap and duffle bags Denise is collecting used batteries 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). Spring Tea in Paris is scheduled for May 14th at St. Nicholas of Myra from 1:00pm to 3pm. Paper flowers will be available at the Tea at a price of \$2.00 each. Donations will go toward Domestic Violence. The Flower Power fundraiser organized by Eddie Edlund raised \$572. The Dinner for Two Books sold by Joan Stevens raised \$179.90. Kudos to these ladies for doing such a great job!

**HOME LIFE – Nancy Brown** – Samaritan House is requesting canned vegetables. 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. Our club collected "Cans for Canines for Independence"(CCI) from January to April and raised \$36.10 for the GFWC of Massachusetts Junior challenge.

**HOSPITALITY – Mary Barrett** – Thank-you for providing April's hospitality goes to Joanna Alden and Joyce Clark. May refreshments will be provided by Nancy Brown, Cindy Leonard and Joan Curran. Next month is the June Social, no refreshments are needed.

**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 officers.

**MEMBERSHIP – Joyce Clark** – Encourage friends and family members to attend 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

**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. Lynne Jorge and Fran Perry have offered help – Thank-you. I will continue to send out the clubs news.

**PUBLIC ISSUES – Robin Gendron** – Bring women’s robes and slippers with rubber bottoms for the VA Hospital in Brockton.

**PROGRAMS – Joanna Alden** – Contact Joanna with ideas for future meetings Tonight’s speaker is club member Judy Ackerman on “stress relievers”.

**PUBLIC POLICY & LEGISLATION– Nancy Clark** – Go onto our website and register! Notify Nancy when you register.

**YEARBOOK - Nancy Clark** – The Yearbooks have been distributed at February’s meeting. If you did not receive one see Joyce Clark.

**WHRC – Nancy Brown** – thank-you to all for participating in the WHRC HER-STORY Crossword puzzle fundraiser. We raised \$32 for WHRC. Paula Gasparoni won a lighted bottle with the GFWC logo at the drawing from the entries held at the April meeting.

### What should you bring to the meeting?

Pennies for Old Colony History Museum

Change for Heifer Pig

Newspapers and Advertisement flyers for Denise, Martin School and Parker Middle

Silk flowers for the Tea (put your name on them if you want them back)

\$16 for the cost of your meal for the June social

Last chance to bring an item of clothing to have our club logo stamped onto

## Upcoming Events

Donate to Walk for Hunger by May 1st to team GFWC of MA Junior Membership

Spring Tea is scheduled for May 14th at St. Nicholas of Myra from 1:00pm to 3pm.

Fran is hosting a Craft & Vendor Fair at West Church on Winthrop St., Saturday April 30th, from 10a - 3p.

(Juniors will have a table at the event with proceeds going to our Relay of Life Team)

MassSTAR June 3<sup>rd</sup> to June 5<sup>th</sup>

GFWC International Convention – Baltimore, MD June 25<sup>th</sup> to June 29<sup>th</sup>

Register for our Relay for Life Team - Relay for Life June 19th to 20th

Lynne is working on making arrangements for a wine tasting. Possible contacts: Globe or Raynham Liqueurs

Casino Trip to Mohegan Sun August 11<sup>th</sup>

Memorial Day Parade May 30<sup>th</sup>



**Happy Birthday from your fellow club members!**

Jane Pittsley

Lauren Founds

Cindy Brogan

Judy Riley

Our next board meeting will be Monday, May 23, 2016, 6:30 pm. at B.P. Silver Platter

**No business meeting in June**



# Spring is Sprung!



## President's Corner

May is a magical month for us.

It's the last month of Spring, our seasons are changing.

It's the month to celebrate and thank our Moms.

We thank our Armed Forces for their service to our country and for preserving our Freedom.

May brings with it changing breezes and tides, with longer and warmer days.

However you spend celebrating the Month of May, I hope it's special to you!