

JUNIORS *in Action*



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What Did We Do?

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Editor

September was a busy month!

At our September business meeting we enjoyed having Sandy Leahy, co-author of the childrens book, *The Hibernating House*. She told us how she was inspired and the learning curve she and Kathy Tarentino went through to get their labor of love to the printer. Sandy brought plenty of books for us to purchase and she wrote a personalized comment in each one.



We also welcomed our new member Barbara Spencer at our September meeting.



The weather was great for the Raynham Pride Day. Denise Wheeler and son Zack manned our table with the help of Leah (Joyce Clark's granddaughter). We made \$62.00 selling key chains for Relay for Life. Zack and Leah were great at selling keychains for us. Nancy Martin, Nancy Clark, Dolores Costa and Joyce Clark also came by during the day to help out.



A huge thank you to Joan Curran who did a fantastic job designing and sewing our new club banner to attach to our new canopy.



Nancy Clark, Cindy Brogan and Joyce Clark attended the 104th General Federation of Women's Clubs New England Region Conference on September 20-22, 2013 in Hampton, NH. Here's Joyce's comments on her experience there.

We arrived at the Ashworth by the Sea on Friday. At 7:00 pm, was the official opening of the conference with a lovely dinner followed by a USO Speaker, Tonia White, Director of Development USO. We were entertained by an a cappella group, Soundscape. The GFWC Int'l President, Mary Ellen Laister addressed the members, followed by a reception.

Saturday was the official greetings from Mary Ellen Laister, Babs Condon and Sheila Shea. Then reports from GFWC NER Officers, and standing committees. We had 2 workshops; one for Communication and Public Relations/Membership/Leadership and one for Junior's Special Project: Advocates for Children. At the luncheon, Michael Constance, Camp Allen Director spoke, followed by GFWC President-Elect Babs Condon (2014-2016 Administration). Other speakers were New England Region LEADS Graduates Reports, LEADS Graduates, and Dominican Republic Project Speaker, Rita Severinghaus and

a presentation on Shot@Life Campaign and The Heart Truth Campaign.

At the GFWC State Banquet, Lisa LeBlanc, Director of Client Services for A Safe Place, Portsmouth, NH spoke. The GFWC Jennie Award State Nominees were also presented. Entertainment was a Stand-Up comedienne, Linda Belt. Lots of door prizes were given out during the conference.

The GFWC of NH State Reception was hosted by GFWC of NH. The Junior Fun Night was held by the GFWC NER Junior Membership.

Sunday morning we partook at the Inspirational Breakfast and were entertained by Leo Hurley, a composer, arranger, and orchestrator. The State Presidents and State Directors of Junior Clubs spoke. The guest speaker was Mary-Kate Mahoney, the 11 year old President of the GFWC of MA Melrose Juniorettes, followed by invitation to the 2014 GFWC New England Region Conference and remarks from Past Region Presidents.

We enjoyed the company of women from other states and had interesting conversations about what was going on in their clubs. It was a very good conference, held at a lovely hotel in New Hampshire. Our meals were delicious and served by an excellent staff. Going to New England Region is always a worthwhile experience and something not to be missed.

Thanks to Nancy Clark for supporting and walking with fellow MA Juniors in the Walk to End Alzheimer's in Worcester on Sunday, September 29.



Upcoming Events

Our Guest Speaker at our October business meeting will be UMass Dartmouth professor **Marie Nelson**. She will be speaking on how and why she is building a school in Kenya.

Bring your dimes (10¢ coin) to our business meetings. We will

be collecting for the **March of Dimes**.

Don't forget to wear **PURPLE** in October to bring awareness of Domestic Violence.

October 19th is the **Junior Fall Conference** at Heifer Farm in Rutland, MA.

To support **Advocates for Children**, bring white pillow cases and fabric pens to our October meeting. These will be used for the Jrs. Special Project, Sweet Dreams at the Junior Fall Conference.

Sunday, November 3rd will be our annual **Coffee & Pie**

fundraiser to be held at the VFW in Taunton.

Our Membership table and a kids craft will be set up at the **Dighton Arts Festival** in Dighton on Sunday, November 3rd.

DATES TO REMEMBER

SEPT 9 BUSINESS MEETING

SEPT 30 BOARD MEETING

OCT 7 BUSINESS MEETING

OCT 28 BOARD MEETING

October 2013

Sun 29	Mon 30	Tue 1	Wed 2	Thu 3	Fri 4	Sat 5
						SOUP SAMPLE 12 - 2 VFW IN TAUNTON
6	JR. BUSINESS MEETING AT THE SILVER PLATTER AT 7:00 PM	8	9	10	11	12
13	Columbus Day	15	16	17	18	JUNIOR FALL CONFERENCE HEIFER FARM RUTLAND, MA
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	JR. BOARD MEETING AT SUSAN CARLSON'S AT 7:00	29	30	Halloween	31	1
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October Hospitality

Darlene Brown (C)

Nancy Martin

November Hospitality

Nancy Brown (C)

Gail Delgado

December Hospitality

Cindy Leonard (C)

Mary Reilly

Committees

ARTS

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New to our monthly business meetings, we will feature one of our members in the "Artist Corner". This month, Joan Curran will give a short talk about her work and why she chose her medium to express herself. Her work will be on display to help enlighten, encourage self-expression, and inspire others.

CONSERVATION

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We **recycle!** See our website for a list of all items, including dead batteries. Let's add lightbulbs, metal coffee cans w/lids, egg cartons, soda tabs, shoe boxes and empty toilet rolls.

Darlene continues to collect for the Central Square Congregational Church in Bridgewater clean used blankets hats, gloves, mittens, socks, towels, hooded sweatshirts, scarves, mittens (preferably large), small duffle bags and soap for needy families.

We are collecting men's clothing for Crossroads in Providence and Veterans at St. Thomas Church.

EDUCATION

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Donate a paperback dictionary, Spanish/English dictionary or thesaurus for the Prison Book Program. For more information on this program, go to www.prisonbookprogram.org.

Bring books to swap or that can be donated to Friends of the Library. We will start collecting children's book for Citizen for Citizens as well as Dr. Seuss books for our 'Cat in the Hat' events.

FUNDRAISING

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Our next fundraiser is our Soup Sampler on Saturday, October 5th from noon to 2:00 at the VFW in Taunton. Please invite your friends and family. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for kids, and of course we will have our famous basket raffle there.

Please donate mugs, specialty tea bags, tea pots and large baskets for our raffles, and summer, fall, winter, spring and kids items.

HOME LIFE

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Save Toiletries for Samaritan House and Main Spring House.

Save board games and craft supplies (see website) for Pride Inc. dayhab center.

Save cereal for Raynham Food Basket.

Save canned goods for St. Vincent dePaul.

Save your spare change for A Women's Concern.

Save flashlights, D batteries and other items listed on Winslow Farm website.

INTERNATIONAL

OUTREACH

Cindy Brogan

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Bring pens and pencils for a catholic mission in India. Save stamps and Christmas cards for India Missions. Our pig, Cha-Ching is filled, but we will continue to collect this year.

We will be collecting for Shot @ Life, our focus project for GFWC of MA Jrs this year.

LEADERSHIP

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Time management is a strong leadership quality that helps great leaders de-stress their lives by managing the time they have. Think of ways you can help yourself by managing your busy everyday life schedule to be less stressful.

MEMBERSHIP

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Happy Birthday to Cindy Burch and Dolores Costa!

Monthly Prize Contributor

The winner of our monthly prize drawing, will be the contributor of the next month's prize.

PUBLICITY

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Did you see our coverage for our Soup Sampler fundraiser in the Raynham Buzz and in the Taunton Gazette?

PUBLIC ISSUES

Open

We are still collecting teddy bears or other small stuffed animals for TEMS and items for our troops in two bins at the Taunton Public Library.

PROGRAMS

Joanna Alden

We have scheduled guest speakers for October and November. Don't miss any of them.

GFWC

NEWS & *Notes*



This October, tens of thousands of volunteers will take action to make their communities greener, healthier, and more resilient during National NeighborWoods® Month, an annual celebration coordinated by GFWC Partner Alliance for Community Trees. Every neighborhood deserves the benefits of trees. They fight climate change by reducing carbon, help to manage flooding and storm water runoff, filter airborne pollution and clean the air, and reduce the urban heat island effect by shading and cooling city streets and sidewalks. From coast to coast, local community groups, city departments, and volunteers unite during National NeighborWoods® Month to plant trees, green up neighborhood parks, restore natural areas, eliminate invasive plants, and educate youth about the environment and sustainability. Last year, over 23,000 volunteers planted 45,000 trees nationwide, donating volunteer time worth an estimated \$1.4 million. Hold your own local event, or participate as a volunteer.

Did You Know?

More about GFWC founder Jane Cunningham Croly . . .



Croly first came to New York because she needed to support herself. Throughout her life, Croly would be the major provider for her family. Her husband quit his editing position in 1877 to spread the doctrine of Auguste Comte's Positivism. Croly became the sole source of the family's income. Her husband's health began to decline soon after, leaving him an invalid until his death in 1889. Meanwhile, with the end of Demorest's magazine ventures in 1887, and an unsuccessful attempt to revive Godey's Lady's Book (in which she bought a half interest) Croly turned her attention toward the founding of a magazine for her Federation, initially entitled the Woman's Cycle. It merged and eventually became the New Cycle, folding in 1896. Croly spent her last years writing her History of the Woman's Club Movement. She broke her hip in 1898, and suffered financially from the misdealings of a trustee. She died in New York City in 1901, and was buried in Lakewood, N.J., beside her husband.

Like many prominent women of her day, Croly's position on women's issues was contradictory. She recognized that the middle-class woman was losing her place of authority in the home as industrialization and servants freed her from housework, and new avenues of responsibility outside the home opened slowly if at all; she was becoming, as she wrote in 1869, "a child to be caressed, waited upon and provided for." Croly wrote earlier in her career that the answer to this problem lay not in political empowerment or outside employment, but in paying more attention to housekeeping and mothering. However, Croly became very involved in supporting better working conditions for women, supporting professional female journalists, and personally advised and assisted educated girls looking for employment. Through her dedication to women's clubs, she revealed a commitment to women helping each other obtain the education and other reforms the society of men had failed to support. This commitment may not have been as apparent when she wrote Jennie June's American Cookery Book as when she wrote The History of the Woman's Club Movement, which contains a hand-written "Dedication" at the front that reads "This book has been a labor of love; and it is lovingly dedicated to the Twentieth Century Woman by one who has seen, and shared in the struggles, hopes, and aspirations of the women of the Nineteenth Century." Jennie June was looking ahead, not behind.

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MEETING NOTES

“Only one man in a thousand is a leader of men -- the other 999 follow women.”

- *Groucho Marx*

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