

GFWC Taunton and Raynham Juniors

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What's New? Paper

Upcoming Meetings and Events

Sept. 13: Pride Day in Raynham

Sept. 14: Business Meeting at
The Arbors, 7 p.m.

Sept. 28: Board meeting at The
Arbors, 7 p.m.

Oct. 3: Spaghetti Dinner, 495
School St., No. Dighton, 6 p.m.

Oct. 5: Business Meeting at The
Arbors, 7 p.m.

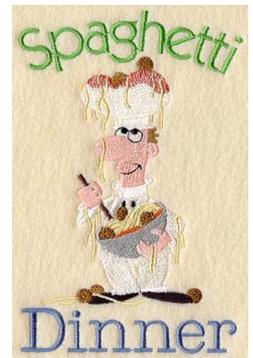
Oct. 16-18: GFWC New
England Region Conference at
The Sheraton Framingham

Oct. 24: GFWC of MA Jrs. Fall
Conference at Mercy Center,
Worcester, MA

September's Meeting

At this month's meeting Kim will tell us about her "Coupon Club" and explain how we can all save money by collecting coupons both in the newspaper and online. Bring any coupons that you don't need and that are not expired to the meeting.

We will also be making our final plans for the October 3rd Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser. The dinner will be at the Lcpl John Van Gyzen Hall (formerly the VFW), 495 School Street in No. Dighton at 6 p.m. **Every member is asked to bring 2 packages of spaghetti to this month's meeting for the dinner!** If you don't already have tickets for the dinner, they will be available at the meeting. We will also have a signup sheet for people to help setup, serve, and cleanup at the meeting. And don't forget about the basket raffle – spread the word!



Hospitality

Sept. 14

Nancy B. (C) and Debbie B.

Oct. 5

Kim (C) and Judy R.

Nov. 2

Joan C. (C) and Judy D.

Dec. 7

Nancy M. (C) and Mary R.

Don't forget:

Secret Pal Gifts!

Rent Relief for Sept.

Joyce

Reminders for September

Samaritan House: sample size toiletries—toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, etc.

Education: a paperback dictionary, thesaurus, or Spanish/English dictionary

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 beans

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June Social

As usual fun was had by all at June's social at Curley's Pub. Eighteen members were able to attend.

We especially enjoyed the presentations of famous women in history given by our club members.



Community Improvement

The club continued its work this summer at the Gertrude Boyden Animal Preserve's Fragrance Garden.

G. Lopes contributed mulch and Araujo Farms provided the perennials that we planted.



President's Day

Cindy B. and Nancy C. attended this year's President's Day at the GFWC of Massachusetts headquarters in Sudbury on August 15th. They came back with many ideas for making this year's meetings more interesting and for recruiting new members.



Pride Day: the 12th annual Raynham Community Pride Day will be held on Sunday, September 13th from 1 to 4 p.m. in the Borden Colony Gazebo Park on King Philip Street. Our club will have a booth for membership and we will be selling chocolate chip cookies and brownies. **Anyone who can bake cookies or brownies, please drop them off at Nancy C.'s house, 9 Clarendon Street in Taunton, either Saturday afternoon or Sunday morning.** We will also have a table for children to make beaded bracelets. We will be contacting members to volunteer for setting up, manning the booth, or taking it down. September 27th is the rain date for this year's festival.

Save the Date: the 100th GFWC New England Region Conference will be held October 16th through 18th at the Sheraton Framingham Hotel. Items that are needed for centerpieces are:

- **Birthday Wishes** (holds birthday parties for children housed in shelters)- suggested items are: cake mix, frosting, goody bags, goody bag items, bubbles, crayons, coloring books, disposable cameras, stickers, paper goods, party decorations, hats, blowers, candles, and anything else which would make a perfect child's birthday party.
- **Domestic Violence Shelter-** Gift cards (Walmart, CVS, Walgreens, Target, etc), personal cosmetic items, shampoo, conditioner, lotions (no sample or trial size), tooth brushes, toothpaste, deodorant, mouthwash, perfume, note cards.
- **Food Pantry-** canned goods (fruit, vegetables, tuna), meals in a can, soup, snack items, juice boxes, mac and cheese, cereal or any other item suitable (non-perishable)



Nancy C. will be taking these items to Club Institute on October 1st, **so please bring any items you can to this month's meeting.**

Juniors Fall Conference: this year's conference will be on Saturday, October 24th at the Mercy Centre in Worcester. Like last year it will be a working conference ~ we will all be painting in one room...again a Make a Difference Day ~ where we will make a difference. We will have copies of their wish list at this month's meeting.

Homelife:

- Darlene is collecting yarn of any type except fun fur or eyelash for a lady she knows who can make baby sets for *Birthright*.
- 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.
- Kim McMann is collecting coupons (any coupons). They cannot be expired. Please bring any you have to this month's meeting.

Education:

- Bring a paperback dictionary, thesaurus, or Spanish-English dictionary for the *Prison Book Program*, www.prisonbookprogram.org.
- Support our libraries: The *Friends of the Taunton Public Library's* monthly book sale is September 12th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bring any books you would like to donate to this month's meeting.
- **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. The destinations for the items are now listed on our website.
- Go to www.freecycle.org/ to donate or swap items you no longer want.  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 still collecting clean used blankets, hats, gloves, mittens, socks, sweatshirts, scarves, thick socks, mittens (preferably large), and small or large duffle bags for needy families.
- Help protect the rainforests! Every time you buy a  Tropicana product you can go to www.tropicanaforest.com and enter the unique # code on your container. For every code entered, they will preserve 100 square feet of rainforest. At the end of the year we can each check our accounts to see how many square feet of rain forest we have saved as a club!

Membership: Welcome back ladies!

- **69% were in attendance at the June social meeting at Curleys Pub in Taunton.**
- We wish a very **"Happy Birthday"** to Judy Ackerman on Sept. 4th!
- Don't forget to wear your club shirt or vest to meetings and events if you have one.
- When ordering from Amazon.com, GFWC gets a percentage of your purchases every time you click on the affiliate link.
- Check out our partnership with T-Mobile, designed exclusively for GFWC members to provide discounted wireless mobile service and equipment. To find out more, call 866/464-8662 or visit gfwc.org and go to Member Center link for Affinity Programs & Benefits.
- Why not invite a friend to a meeting in the fall! This year's motto is **"ACT in October with 4 more in 09 would be devine."**

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.



Public Affairs: Bring teddy bears for the Taunton Emergency Management System being collected by the Taunton Federal Credit Union.

Arts:

- Congratulations to those "Smart About Art" in June: Nancy C., MaryAnn Pierce, Nancy B., Debbie, Jane, Denise, and Joanna.
 - Answer: *Make Way for Ducklings* was the book that inspired Nancy Schon's sculpture in the Boston Public Garden.
- **Question for September: (multiple choice answer)**
Sofonisba Anguissola (1532-1625) was the first female artist who gained international fame as a painter. Which country was she from?
 - England
 - Italy
 - Greece
 - Portugal

Good Luck! Call 508-345-5320 or email audree11@verizon.net



- **Artful Challenge:** Thank you to all who stepped up to the challenge to enlighten us with the wonderful presentations of “Women in History” at the June social, it was very entertaining and very informative!
- **There’s Art in You:** You’re #1 for creating all those “Steppin’ Out” designs each month-we had such a sparkling display! Starting in Sept. for the arts, you will be given a folder with templates for each month so you can continue to keep those creative juices flowing... You may bring them in each meeting for display or collect them and bring them to the Dec. social.

Fundraising:

- If you don’t already have tickets for the October 3rd Spaghetti Dinner, see Nancy C. or get them at this month’s meeting. If you have tickets, let’s sell them ladies!
- Continue to make brownies for Denise to sell at school or donate money for boxes of brownie mix and candy.
- Our club has now signed up for *shaws* Community Rewards program. After you have signed up for the program online, every time you shop at Shaw’s on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday with your Shaw’s card, our club will automatically get 1% of your purchases. If you don’t have computer access, you can give your card number to Nancy C. She will be happy to sign up for you. To sign up yourself follow the instructions on our website at <http://gfwctauntonraynhamjuniors.com/support.aspx>.

Community Improvement: Several of us weeded, spread mulch, and planted in Boyden’s Fragrance garden during the summer. We are planning our Fall Cleanup and Planting on Tuesday, September 22nd from 3 to 5 p.m. All volunteers are welcome and if anyone has some bulbs for planting, those are also welcome!



Publicity: Send all info to Nancy B.

GFWC clubs to host spaghetti supper

The GFWC Taunton and Raynham Juniors will host a spaghetti supper Oct. 3 at the LCPL John VanGyzen IV USMC League Hall, School Street in North Dighton, at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$3 for children under 10. We will be having our famous basket raffle and a cash bar will also be available.

Tickets are limited and can be purchased through any junior club member by calling (508) 823-8193 or (508) 558-5439. Proceeds from the event support local charities and student scholarships.

Anyone interested in joining GFWC Juniors is invited to attend their first fall meeting Sept. 7 at 7 p.m. at The Arbors, on County Street in Taunton, by calling (508) 774-218-1096.

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Note that the date of our September meeting is incorrect. The Gazette was supposed to print a correction, but we haven’t seen it yet!