


# JUNIORS' IN ACTION

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GFWC TAUNTON AND RAYNHAM JUNIORS  
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## UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

September 12: **Business Meeting**  
at the Arbors at 7:00 pm

September 26: **Board Meeting** at  
The Arbors at 7:00 pm

October 3: **Business Meeting** at  
the Arbors at 7:00 pm

## HOSPITALITY

September 2011 - Jane  
Pittsley (C) and Dolores Costa

Monthly Prize contributor  
for September: Nancy Brown



**What A Party!** Our June Social was a blast. The theme was Let the Games Begin! (PJ's were optional, but some came ready for dreamland.) We laughed and played two rounds of games; Bunko, Trivia Pursuit, Scrabble, Apples to Apples. We had a drawing with brown bag surprise gifts for each winner. Cheryl Carlos was lucky to get the plate of scratch tickets which raised \$75 towards our \$100 donation in memory of Gail Delgado's son. And we made a donation of \$40 to the USMC Lance Cpl. John Van Gyzen III Hall. We listened to 50's music, wore flower leis, ate pizza, salad and strawberry shortcake.

**Foxwoods Fundraiser!** Our Summer fundraiser to Foxwoods was a great success! We raised \$500.00. Everyone won something from the free raffle. On the way home everyone received a snack bag. We gave away 5 scratch tickets. A big thank you to all who donated scratch tickets and to the raffle. Thanks to Jane for organizing this fundraising event for us.

At our September 12 **Business Meeting**, Denise will bring donated silk flowers for us to use to decorate frames, bags, or anything members bring to the meeting. Please bring your glue guns and any other supplies for the project.



DIGHTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Joyce, Nancy B. and Nancy C. celebrated the library's 100th Anniversary with a Jrs. membership table.



GIFT EXCHANGE

Bring a gift, get a gift. Surprise someone and yourself with a small gift in return.



BOYDON FRAGRANCE GARDEN

Our Juniors in action keeping the Fragrance garden looking and smelling pretty.

# WHO'S WHO



**Member:** Joan Curran

**Town:** East Taunton, MA

**Member since:** 1981

**Born in:** Whitinsville, MA

**Lived in:** Worcester, MA

**Career:** BS in Education and Psychology from Worcester State and M.Ed CAGS from UMass Boston. Worked as a Respiratory Therapist, then became a stay-at-home mom, Special Ed Teacher, Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor and now retired.

**Family:** Married Bob Curran in 1975, has 5 children, Tobin, Terrance, Bridie, Edmund and Martha.

**Hobbies:** Many interests including working with my hands. scrap booking, reading (non-fiction is my favorite).

**T&R Jrs Positions Held:**

Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor, Vice President and President.

**Favorite Things:** Road trips, spending time with friends and family.

**Personal Challenge:** Living well with Parkinson's Disease and "living each day trying to accomplish something, not merely to exist". Thanks to the support of family and friends I have a fulfilling life.

**SAVE THE DATE: SEPTEMBER 18, 2011**

Raynham Pride Day

**SAVE THE DATE: SEPT 23 - 25, 2011**

The New England Region Conference will be held in Mystic, CT

**SAVE THE DATE: OCTOBER 1, 2011**

The Juniors' Fundraiser breakfast is being planned at Applebees.

**SAVE THE DATE: OCTOBER 6, 2011**

GFWC of MA Club Institute

**SAVE THE DATE: OCTOBER 29, 2011**

Fall Conference will be held at the Northboro Trinity Church

## Membership Attendance

31 members

April 62%

May 68%

New Members in 2011 2

New Member in 2010 8

Our thoughts and prayers are with our member Cheryl Costa who tragically lost her 17 year old grandson this summer. It is a sad time and our sympathy goes out to all his friends and family.

# One of our Juniors In Action . . .

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THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #14947, FROM MY PARISH, ST. NICHOLAS OF MYRA IN NORTH DIGHTON, IS SPONSORING A MISSION TRIP TO ST. ROSE OF LIMA PARISH IN GUAIMACA, HONDURAS.

My husband Brian and I, along with twelve others will be traveling to Honduras on November 7th for one week. This is something I have wanted to do for a very long time. While there, we will be staying at the Marie Poussepin Center where over 60 girls from the poorer villages are able to receive a secondary education, as well as integral formation in values and religion. The Dominican Sisters of the Presentation (the community is based in Dighton, MA) serve the parish there in many ways, including the parish medical clinic. The Marie Poussepin Center itself is directed by two of the Sisters with the help of volunteers to provide a nurturing environment for the young women.

Ten years ago the Diocese of Fall River made a commitment to serve the poor in Honduras, and today that mission continues through the generosity of many. One of the purposes of this trip is to deliver much needed medical supplies, clothing, linens, school and sewing supplies to this poverty stricken area.

The needs are great and the resources are few, but with the care and generosity of parishioners in the Diocese of Fall River, and others, the poor are being helped.

*Will you help me?*

Each traveller is asked to fill a large suitcase with whatever they can collect to take to Honduras. I am hoping that each Junior will consider helping me fill one or two of those suitcases. Here's a list of some items we would like to take with us:

- Towels
- Twin sheets
- School supplies (paper, pencils, Spanish reading books, markers, compasses, etc.)
- Sewing supplies (bobbins for the new machines: Marie e65, needles, thread, etc.)
- Vitamins
- Eye drops
- Vaseline
- Tylenol

Monetary donation are also needed and greatly appreciated. The luggage policy for traveling is 1st bag free up to 50 lbs., 2nd bag \$30 each way. There will be 14 travelers so we will be able to take 14 bags free. If we fill more, we will need to pay \$30 for each additional check-in bag.

We are called to help others no matter where they are, and I know that if we could, we all would take care of everyone here in this country as well as in third world countries. But for this moment in time, I am fortunate to be able to be part of this particular mission , and I hope that my fellow Juniors will be part of it too. I will take you with me in spirit.

As our Club Collect reminds us; be 'large in thought, word and deed', never be hasty in judgment and always generous', teach us to put into action our better impulses', strive to touch and know the great human heart of us

all, and oh Lord God, let us forget not, to be kind."

Thank you in advance for all your support of those in need.

In Junior friendship,

Nancy Brown





# COMMITTEES

## Homelife - Denise Wheeler

- 📌 Samaritan House is requesting sample size toiletries for September's meeting.
- 📌 Pride, Inc.: board games and craft supplies (see website) for their dayhab center.
- 📌 Raynhan Food Basket: cereal
- 📌 St. Vincent dePaul: two or more canned goods.
- 📌 Main Spring House: a shelter in Brockton is requesting bar soap.
- 📌 A Women's Concern: collect change
- 📌 Nancy Martin is collecting men's clothing for a homeless shelter.
- 📌 Winslow Farm is an animal sanctuary in Norton and needs the following items to help care for abandoned and abused animals: 45 Gallon trash bags, 20 lb. bags of Purina dry cat food, any brand canned cat and dog food, wild bird seed, fruit cocktail, D batteries, flash lights and canned yams. For more information on how you can help, go to [www.winslowfarm.com](http://www.winslowfarm.com)

### Committees to Chair

- Home Life
  - Conservation
  - Membership
  - Public Issues
  - International Outreach
  - Arts
  - Education
  - Leadership
  - Fundraising
  - Programs
  - Publicity
  - Newsletter
  - Community Improvement
- Contact any Board Member to become a Chairperson.

## Conservation - OPEN

- 📌 On August 11, 2011 our 2 benches we donated to the Boydon Wildlife Refuge were put in place with engraved plates attached and the garden setting prepared with peastone. One bench is in Fragrance Garden the other is located in the Rock Animal area. Thanks to the efforts of our Juniors and their family members - Cindy Brogan, David Campbell, Nancy Clark, Nancy Brown, Mia Brown-Sequin, Brian Brown Jr., Brian Saben, Denise Wheeler, Zachary Wheeler and Joyce Clark.



- 📌 We recycle! See our website [www.gfwctauntonraynhamjuniors.org/conservation.aspx](http://www.gfwctauntonraynhamjuniors.org/conservation.aspx)
- 📌 Go to [www.freecycle.org](http://www.freecycle.org) to donate your stuff. All postings must be for free. Let's keep our unwanted stuff out of the landfills and give to those who can re-use.
- 📌 Darlene's church is collecting clean used blankets, hats, gloves, mittens, socks, sweatshirts, scarves, thick socks, large mittens, soap, and small and large duffle bags for needy families.
- 📌 Darlene is collecting yarn of any type except fun fur or eyelash for a lady she knows who can make baby sets for *Birthright*. Denise knows someone who can use eyelash and fun fur yarn.

## Membership - Vel Bleau

- 📌 **Happy Birthday to You!** Judy Ackerman

# COMMITTEES

## International Outreach - Nancy Clark

- 📌 Bring pens and pencils for a catholic mission in India.
- 📌 Save stamps and Christmas cards for India missions.
- 📌 Our pig – Cha-Ching has been filled but we will continue to collect for Heifer for this year’s donation.
- 📌 The Junior International Outreach Project will be collecting change for *Water Centric*, an organization that helps provide sanitation facilities for 300 schools in India.



## Public Issues - **OPEN**

- 📌 Taunton Federal Credit Union is collecting teddy bears for the Taunton Emergency Management System.
- 📌 We are continuing to collect items for our troops in two bins at the Taunton Public Library.

## Arts - Susan Carlson

- 📌 Funny Bones Trivia. Be ready to guess who the female comedian is at our meeting.
- 📌 And the winner with the most correct answers from “So You Think You Can Dance” trivia is Jane Pittsley. Congratulations!



## Education - Cindy Brogan

- 📌 Book Swap: Bring books you have read to swap with others or donate to *Friends of the Library*.
- 📌 Prison Book Program: Donate a paperback dictionary or thesaurus.

## Leadership - **OPEN**

## Programs - **OPEN**

## Fundraisers - Jane Pittsley

- 📌 Denise is accepting items to create a Spring, a Hispanic Themed and a Valentine’s Day Gift basket for our upcoming fundraisers and events.
- 📌 We are putting the final touches on our October 1st fundraiser at Applebees in Raynham. Members are needed to be there to set up at 7:30 am and be cleaned up and out of there by 10:30 am. Tickets are \$5.00 and include OJ, coffee, pancakes and sausage. See Jane for tickets. We can sell up to 200 tickets. Let’s fill up Applebees!

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