



Juniors in Action



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What Did We Do During The Summer?

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No one cared that it was a rainy day in May, because it was a sunny day in the Manor's dining room filled with smiling happy faces. Our club purchased a variety of

pastries and set a buffet table from which treats were served. Tea and coffee were poured whichever they preferred which allowed for interaction and conversation.



Seven centerpieces in the patriotic theme with red roses and a flag were made and placed on the dining room tables and patriotic songs were played to sing along with. Twenty-eight residents took part in the festivities and had a wonderful time. Members involved were Joyce Clark, Nancy Brown, Darlene Brown and Fran Perry.

Saturday, June 4th: MassSTAR took place at Lesley College. Saturday, June 4th: MassSTAR took place at Lesley College. Joyce Clark, Nancy Clark, Cindy Brogan, Jaon Curran, Edith Edlund and Nancy Martin represented our club at the event. We helped



greet the sophomores present at this leadership conference and talked to them about our GFWC Clubs. We enjoyed lunch and then assisted the students with the wrapping of boxes for "Birthday Wishes" and the creation of



"Birthday Cards". We also filled the boxes with the list of items desired by the Birthday Wishes Program. From the Taunton area high schools we met Stephanie Bennett from Silver Lake Regional, Rylan Costa from Joseph Case, Soha Habib from Attleboro, Shea Herman from Dighton Rehoboth, Sydney Cordeiro from Bristol-Plymouth, and Chenil Perez De Jesus from Taunton. We hope to recruit some of them to start a Juniorette Junior Club of the Taunton

Sunday, August 13th, Fashion Show: Fall fashions were introduced at an August weekend Fashion Show event at the American Legion Hall on Mill Street in Raynham. The event showcased a membership table with our club activities and accomplishments. Our new club president Edith Edlund was the master of ceremonies and the fashion show announcer was our own treasurer Vel Bleau. Members of our club Darlene Brown, Cheryl Carlos, Joyce Clark, Paula Gasparoni, Robin Gendron,



and Cindy Leonard along with their children and grandchildren were the models for Dress Barn's new fall arrivals. Paying guests enjoyed a buffet luncheon, and participated in a 50/50 and basket raffles. This summer fundraiser



raised \$1988.03 which helps to provide scholarships for graduating seniors, and camperships for elementary students to participate in Nature and Me, as well as many other charities that the GFWC Taunton and Raynham Junior donate to. We want to thank our club members Edith Edlund, Mary Barrett, Joyce Clark, Joanne Matthews, Vel Bleau, Paula Gasparoni, Nancy Clark and Cindy Brogan who worked on the Fashion Show committee for the great job that they did. We want to also thank our sponsors who bought ads in our program; Rockin Jewlery Designs, Ray's Appliance, Auto City Inc., Tipsey Files Art,

East Coast Dental Design.



Footworks, Central Auto Team, Central Mitsubishi, Old Colony History Museum, The Priority Hair Salon, CTS Computers, Inc., and

The International Convention was from June 23-26, in sunny Palm Springs, California. Two of our members attended; Nancy Clark and Cindy Brogan. They celebrated in the GFWC achievements, made new Federation friends, learned from the many



workshops and speakers, and enjoyed their Time to Shine. Even prior to the official opening of Convention, the excitement was well underway thanks to the “Evening at the

Oasis” State Night Banquet hosted by the amazing members of GFWC California. The fun continued through Saturday’s Opening Ceremony, the Junior Awards Banquet, and the “Dice Baby Casino Night”. At the Junior Awards Banquet, the Millie Crom Award for Excellence in Junior State Leadership at the Platinum Level was granted to Martha Casassa (GFWC Massachusetts Junior club President for the dedication to Living the Volunteer Spirit during this year’s Convention. Among the many Convention highlights was the inspirational speech by author Mary Lou Sanelli; a comedy performance by Dr. Ken Kern who is a physician and highly trained hypnotist; the singing of Karyn Charvet and Becca Wagman; and the dancing of our own Executive Committee at the “Thanks for the Memories” Awards Brunch. The Awards Brunch was also notable due to the attendee’s completion of 850 Rack Packs as part of a Service Project benefiting the Bob Hope USO located in Palm Springs.

Convention gave members the opportunity to learn more about GFWC Partners through presentations at the “One Shining Moment” Partner lunch, at workshops, and at training sessions. As indicated by the numerous awards presented by each Partner, clubwomen have continued to support these worthy charities. There is no doubt that our efforts are improving communities and creating a better world for all. As International President Sheila Shea said in her remarks, “We are here because of you—to celebrate you! Because It Is Our Time to Shine!” While the 2017 Convention has concluded, GFWC clubwomen will undoubtedly continue to shine and brighten countless lives.

In May and June several of our members attended Scholarship night awards at the five area high

schools to present the recipients with their \$500 educational scholarship for college. The Bristol Agricultural High School award went to Kelly Johnson and was



presented by members Joyce Clark and Cindy Brogan.

The Bridgewater-Raynham High School Scholarship went to Jolece Monteiro who will be attending Simmons college in the fall. Dighton Rehoboth High School was Lydia Sirois.



Taunton High School was given to Kyla Desrosiers and was presented by Nancy Martin and Denise Wheeler. The Bristol Plymouth Scholarship went to



June Social on June 5th: A

rainy evening couldn’t put a damper on a fun filled club night. Denise Wheeler hosted the event at her new home. She pulled out the fine china for the occasion. She conducted tours of the new house and everyone brought a delightful homemade dish for the buffet. The night started with an emergency business meeting to elect Edith Edlund as our new president due to the resignation of our former president Lynne Jorge. It was an enjoyable evening in spite of the weather and we thank Denise for opening up her home to us.

Matthew Mission: Has been closed for the summer and will start up again on September 12th. It will



only be open on Mondays until November when it will be open Monday through Thursday 7:30am to 11:30am. Club members are needed as volunteers. Let Cheryl Carlos know if you are interested.

They are only in need of full size shampoo, conditioner, body wash and slightly used/new men and women work boots. No other clothes please.

Relay for Life June 16th-17th: We commend those members who suffered through the pouring rain to represent our club at this event.



Those worthy of commendation are

Joyce Clark, Denise Wheeler, Fran Perry and Nancy Brown. They raised a total of \$211.

Dighton during the summer A number of puzzles, craft supplies, crackers, Kleenex, and assorted Bingo prizes were delivered to Prime Time Senior Center by Nancy Brown.

This month Denise, Joyce and Nancy Brown



assembled and delivered 43 bags to the town Fire Departments and Brewster Ambulance Company. They were extremely appreciative. We also

provided them with a bag of Beanie Babies. We will continue to provide these comfort bags as they are needed, but I will not be collecting any of your



donations until January. In the meantime you may want to take advantage of the blanket sales during the holiday season (Three for \$10) which appear at CVS ,

Wal-Mart and other stores in the area. Thank you for being so generous. Please save all your blankets, books and buddies to bring to the January meeting. Additional donations of an assortment of canned foods, cereal, pasta, hot dog and Hamburg buns were also recently made to the Samaritan House.

July 24th, volunteer meeting: A meeting was held to discuss the finalizing of the fashion show and other fundraisers coming up. It was well attended.

Committees:

ARTS – Nancy Clark –No report

CONSERVATION – Denise Wheeler – No report

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. Congratulations Nancy Martin on your new granddaughter DAISY LEE ALMEIDA born on July 12, 2017. Welcome to the world. A book will be donated to the library in her name. New/slightly used children books are needed for Citizens for Citizens.

FUNDRAISING – Denise Wheeler – Yard sale o

HOME LIFE – Nancy Brown - puzzles, craft supplies, crackers, Kleenex , and assorted Bingo prizes for Prime time. Save all your blankets, books and buddies to bring to the January meeting. Samaritan

House needs coffee and paper towels. The Paw's Pantry rescued five bottle baby kittens this morning, and now we're in desperate need of natural/hypoallergenic/alcohol free baby wipes, puppy training pads/pee pads, and small-medium towels. If you have any that you no longer need, please let me know!!

HOSPITALITY – Mary Barrett –September's refreshments will be provided by Judy Ackerman, Mary Ellen Founds and Joanne Matthews. October will be Cindy Brogan, Joyce Clark and Brenda Saben.**INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH** –Bring your change for the pig for Heifer.

LEADERSHIP – Nancy Brown – see web page

MEMBERSHIP – Joyce Clark – see web page

NEWSLETTER – Nancy Martin –I am looking fo ideas on how to improve the newsletter. If you have any deas please let me know. 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 – see web page

PUBLIC ISSUES – Robin Gendron see web page

PROGRAMS – Joanna Alden – No program for September. October will be a presentation by Nancy Martin about what our club has to offer and how to get more involved. November will be presentation by Nancy Brown about her trip to Honduras.

PUBLIC POLICY & LEGISLATION– Nancy Clark – Go onto our website and register! Notify Nancy when you register and forward responses from representatives and senators to her too.

YEARBOOK– If you did not receive one see Joyce Clark. Members can print all or parts of the yearbook from the website.

WHRC – Nancy Brown – see web page
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Remember that we are the BACKBONE of GFWC.

If you haven't added your picture to our poster board yet please bring one to the September meeting.

(Picture should be at least 4x6 of you doing something for the club

Pennies for Old Colony History Museum

. New/slightly used children books are needed for Citizens for Citizens.

Change for Heifer Pig

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

Old cellphones for Soldiers

Full Size shampoos, conditioner and body wash for Matthew Mission

Men & Women new/slightly used work books any size

Happy Birthday from your fellow club members!



Upcoming Events

Next business meeting is September 11, 2017; 7:00pm at B.P. Silver Platter

September 16th: Yard sale at 438 Pleasant Street in Raynham from 8:00am to 2:00pm

Our next board meeting will be Monday, September 25th, 2017, 6:30 pm. at B.P. Silver Platter

September 27th, Juniors Jump start Leadership Night, GFWC of MA Headquarters:

245 Dutton Road, Sudbury: 5:45pm

Next business meeting is October 2nd ; 7:00pm at B.P. Silver Platter

October 20-22, New England Region conference, Hartford Windsor Marriott Hotel, Windsor, CT

October 28th, Juniors' Fall Conference, North American Martyrs Church hall, 8 Wyoma Dr.

Auburn, MA

9:00am for registration paid for by club

Next board meeting will be Monday October 30th, 2017, 6:30 pm. at B.P. Silver Platter

November 4th: Luncheon and pie Sampler VFW, 82 Ingell Street, Taunton, MA, noon to 2:00pm