

# JUNIORS IN ACTION

**GFWC Greater Taunton Woman’s Club**  
MEMBER OF THE GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN’S CLUBS



## March Program: Women in the Military

### Dates to Remember

April 1, 7 p.m.  
April Business Meeting  
Silver Platter

*Hospitality:*  
*Erick Gendron & Joyce Clark*

April 27, 1 p.m.  
Scholarship Committee  
Nancy M.’s House.

April 29, 6 p.m.  
May Board Meeting  
Silver Platter.

May 3-4  
GFWC MA Annual Convention  
Marlboro, MA

May 6, 7 p.m.  
April Business Meeting  
Silver Platter

*Hospitality:*  
*Cheryl Carlos & Judy Ackerman*

May 10, 1 p.m.  
Mad Hatter Tea Party  
St. Nicholas of Myra



Because March is Women’s History Month, the GFWC Greater Taunton Woman’s Club invited Lynne Stader, former president of GFWC Massachusetts, to speak to the members about the history of Women in the United States Military. Who knew that women had participated in some form during every major war in United States but were not given a permanent position in the military until June of 1948 and were not allowed in all forms of combat until 2016? Lynne’s presentation highlighted many of the important women in U.S. military history including Deborah Sampson who disguised herself to fight in the American Revolution and Dr. Mary Walker who in the only woman to receive the Medal of Honor for her work as a surgeon and prisoner of war during the U.S. Civil War.

To thank Lynne for her informative presentation, club members presented her with a \$100 check for the new National Coast Guard Museum being developed in New London, Connecticut.

- *Written by Nancy Clark*

# GREATER TAUNTON WOMAN'S MARCH CLUB NEWS

## Welcome Liz!



Membership Chair **Joyce Clark** was proud to install **Elizabeth Monkowsky**, who lives in Berkley, to our club.

## March Leadership Award



President **Robin Gendron** presented the *Clubwoman of the Month* award to **Nancy Martin** for her work on scholarships. Nancy requested her \$50 donation be send to the Taunton Animal Shelter.

## Kindness Wheel

**Nancy Brown** was the lucky winner in this month's spin of the Kindness Rocks Wheel. The \$38.50 donation will go to\_\_\_\_\_.

## St Patrick's Day Smile

Several clubwomen, including **Denise Wheeler**, enjoyed a night out at City Councilor John McCaul's Annual St. Patrick's Day Bash. John invited President Robin Gendron to come up to the microphone to speak about our club!



# Supporting Each Other

In our March meeting, Membership Chair **Joyce Clark** asked us to keep these members especially in our thoughts this month...

- Judy Ackerman
- Joanna Alden
- Judy deAbreu
- Brenda Saben

# Alice in Wonderland's Mad Hatter Tea Updates

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Plans are well underway for our Alice in Wonderland's Mad Hatter Tea, scheduled for Sunday, May 19, 2024 at the St. Nicholas of Myra Parish Center in North Dighton. The members of the planning committee for this event are very excited about how nicely everything is coming together under the leadership of Linda Brosseau and Mary Barret. Please save the date, invite friends to come, and plan on having a fun-filled, delightful afternoon with Alice.

- written by Diane Huling

## Help Decorate The Tea Partry!

If you have any of these items please text Linda:  
603-496-1203

1. Mirrors that hang on a wall or handheld.
2. Pocket Watch
3. Croquet set (incomplete or brokenish is ok)
4. Any props Alice in Wonderland related.
5. Anything that might fit into the "Crazy Clock" theme.
6. Picture Frames, not big Preferable gold
7. A couple of umbrellas (3) that you don't need back. The small ones will work as well.

The Tea Committee is also looking for donations of Petit  
Fours and Biscoff Cookies



### *From Linda:*

I am also going to be doing a signup sheet at the April meeting for Baked Goods. I am looking for "small/petite things to be made. I am open to suggestions of what you may make that is a favorite of yours that will fit into the theme. I would like donations of Biscoff cookies. They come individually wrapped.

I am looking to get Petit Fours donated. So, I can do the Eat Me/Drink Me part of the Tea.

Some of the food I am still waiting to see about donations. If I find that things are not being donated by Stores/Vendors I will reach out for help.

If things pop-up, Look for an email!!!

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Communication and Public Relations - Nancy Clark**

Please send any news articles or flyers about the club that you would like to share to Nancy. Also, a new committee has been formed to create video testimonials for our website! Reach out to Nancy Martin, Nancy Brown or Nancy Clark to participate.

**Fundraising and Development - Diane Huling**

Save the Date, our Tea this year will be Sunday, May 19!

**Education and Libraries - Nancy Martin:** Scholarship applications are due April 14! The Scholarship Committee will meet at Nancy M.'s House on April 27, 1 p.m. to score and rank applications.

**Environment - Denise Wheeler** Please bring these items to the March meeting to be re-used / re-purposed:

*Newspapers, egg cartons, clear bottle caps, cereal boxes, shoe boxes, and hangers (black or clear plastic)*

**Health and Wellness – Fran Perry:** Benefits of 100% Emu Oil... it is Anti-Inflammatory, Anti-Bacterial + Anti-Aging! This healthy Omega Oil can be used internally and externally from head to toes to relieve pain, promote healing and keep you looking younger too! So ladies try it on your face for Rosacea, to rid yourself of redness or as a night moisturizing cream or soothe and healing too much sun exposure anywhere on your body or take a teaspoon a day for your arthritis pain or rub it into your painful joints for instant relief, and countless other uses! The only things you should be aware of, when using 100! emu oil is to store at **room temperature**, always have clean hands and surface and never apply in any condition that can spread, like poison ivy

Other than that it's safe to use and will not interfere with any medicine you may be taken. **Be well my friends!**

**Leadership – Nancy Martin** The April Leadership Award will be presented during our club business meeting!

**Legislation and Public Policy – Emily Weiland** You can see the latest Legislative Action alerts at: <https://www.votervoice.net/GFWC/home>.

Also: Mark your calendar! In our September Business Meeting, we will have guest speaker Representative Carol Doherty talking to us about how Bills are Written and Introduced!

**Membership - Joyce Clark** Let's celebrate our members who have April birthdays: Denise Wheeler, Nancy Brown, Fran Perry and Susan Johnson!

**Women's History and Resource Center - Nancy Brown** Here are some lesser-known facts about the aviator Amelia Earhart. Did you know that she had her own fashion line of clothing? Neither did I.

Since women pilots were rather uncommon in the 1930's, the only option for aviation apparel was made for men. Of course, these outfits didn't fit Amelia and her fellow women fliers. The clothing must have been rather uncomfortable- loose in areas and large in others. Additionally Amelia preferred practical women's clothing and had preferred pants since she was a girl. Women's clothing was not designed for "active" women and was not very utilitarian. With all of this in mind, in 1933 she produced "Amelia Fashions." Her looks consisted of pieces like anti-wrinkle dresses, pants and outerwear. You can check out more of her designs, advertisements and original photos in the Purdue Archives. Or go to [Ameliaearhartmuseum.org](http://Ameliaearhartmuseum.org)



GFWC Greater Taunton  
Woman's Club

*Presents...*

**Alice  
in  
Wonderland's**



*Mad Hatter Tea*

**Sunday May 19th. 2024  
1:00pm-3:00pm**

**St. Nicholas of Myra Parish Center  
499 Spring Street, North Dighton**

Limited Adult Tickets \$20  
Contact 508-952-2186, 508-345-0370  
or a Club Member

*There Will Be Basket Raffles!*

A benefit for Student Scholarships & Local Charities





GFWC Massachusetts & Junior Membership

# Save the Dates

## Friday & Saturday

### May 3 & 4, 2024



Join us for the

# GFWC Massachusetts

## Annual Convention



**“Growing with GFWC”**



Hotel Overnight accommodations Friday and Saturday nights, May 3 & 4, \$155 per night **Courtyard Boston Marlborough**  
**Link on our website: [gfwcma.org /events](http://gfwcma.org/events) or call 508-480-0015 and mention GFWC MA.**  
Overnight guests must book by Friday, **April 19**

Happy **100<sup>th</sup>** Birthday   
Junior Membership Join us Friday night for Appetizers, Laughter with **Comedian Gary Marino & Music**

**Friday night ~ Comedian, Celebration & Music**  
**Saturday Luncheon and Dinner ~ 9:30am – 8:00pm**  
Installation immediately following at close of Convention.



### **Basket Donation Raffle theme**

Fill a pot, tote, planter or basket.  
Practical, pretty or playful, it's up to you.

### **Birthday Wishes Collection:**

Party supplies, candles, napkins, party hats, etc.

**Special Guest,**  
Becky Wright, GFWC Treasurer

### **Entertainment**

**Saturday Luncheon Speaker**  
Tara Ostromecky  
*“Marketing for Membership”*

[www.gfwcma.org](http://www.gfwcma.org)



- Awards
- Trophies
- Basket Raffle
- Recognitions
- Networking
- **2024-2026 Installation of Officers**