



Juniors in Action



GFWC Greater Taunton Woman's Club

A member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs
Representing: Taunton, Dighton, Assonet, Raynham,
Norton, Berkley, Brockton, Freetown,
Rehoboth and Middleboro

Hospitality for 2026

January: Denise Wheeler
Diane Huling

February: Nancy Clark
Fran Perry

March: Robin Gendron
Sarah Brink

April: Nancy Brown
Cindy Leonard

May: Grace Doel
Linda Brosseau

September: Jennifer Rego
Gail Knowles

October: Judy Floor
Ana Kearnan

November: Cindy Broan
Virginia Plasse

December: Susan Johnson
Susan Machado-Dee

Substitutes:

Judy Ackerman

Ericka Gendron

Joyce Clark

Renee Moulton

Our woman's club had a very busy end of the year. The program for the December Business meeting was to celebrate, bringing



awareness and raising funds for the March of Dimes. During the meeting, the members designed small paper flags with multi-colored markers depicting the March of Dimes organization. The

flags were then scotch taped to pencils. Each member was given a sheet of paper with the words from the Mickey Mouse March theme M-I-C-K-E-Y M-O-U-S-E which generally means joy, unity, innocence and nostalgia for one's childhood. Inviting everyone to join in some fun, a black top hat was placed on a table. Members marched around the room singing the song, parading their flags and dropping money into the hat; mostly dimes but all denominations were welcomed. A total of \$50 was collected. Health &



Wellness chairman talked about the effects of sugar and members were encouraged to go to the St. Jude site and complete a free card for a child at St. Jude's. Our club treasurer

introduced new reimbursement and report tracking forms. The forms will be available on our website and are to be completed by committee chairmen when an event is held, in order to be reimbursed for club items purchased. They must be preapproved through the budget or at an executive board or business meeting. It sounds ominous but once you have done it once it will get easier. Jen is willing to assist you the first few times you complete the form.

During the month, the Environment Chairman updated the Elk flower boxes for the holiday season and planted bulbs for the spring, thank-you Denise. Scholarship committee updated all forms to be sent out in January to area



schools. Nancy Brown's 70 pain bags were made and delivered by seven members to COA's within members' communities. Nine members along with spouses, and friends attended a club social event to the



Newport Playhouse organized by Fran. Several members supported GFWC Massachusetts fundraiser by completing Hundred X surveys. The club donation form, with a total



contribution of \$750 and proposed 2026 budget were completed by the Budget

Committee chaired by: Jen with members Robin, Linda and Nancy Martin. The budget can be found on our club website. Denise Wheeler and Robin Gendron organized items and decorated our Christmas trees



for Araujo Farms raising \$310, well done ladies. This month Nancy Brown with a few club members, made angel tree ornaments with participants at Prime Time.



December 8th was our club Holiday Party at LaFamilia Restaurant. Twenty-three present and honorary members were in attendance. The evening started with a "Who is the Most like Santa" survey. A prize

was awarded to the member with the most points. Three games of "Christmas Bingo" were played with prizes awarded. An installation of the new Vice-President Diane Huling was completed by Denise Wheeler. Membership gifts of different themed socks were



purchased and distributed by the President and gift cards to the 2025 executive board members. Following our delicious meals, Nancy Brown unveiled the Angel Tree Ornaments members

completed with finishing touches to make them sparkle and shine. This was followed by a gift swap. Cindy Brogan's "Lottery Fundraiser" raised \$1,730. The winner was picked and it was Diane Huling's husband, who chose the cash. Thank-you Cindy. All in attendance brought a total of 43 new books and a few toys which were donated to the Citizens for Citizens organization in Taunton. The evening ended with twelve members singing the 12

Italian Foods of Christmas. The committee members who organized the holiday party were Joyce Clark, Nancy Clark, Judy Floor, Nancy Martin, Denise Wheeler and Nancy Brown who did a great job!

Joyce Clark and Nancy Brown, along with club members Cindy Leonard and Grace Doel organized and assisted the Community Church in Berkley with a "Tea Fundraiser" on Saturday, January 10th. They provided tea cups and pots, serving tiers and dishes. They decorated the tables with snowmen centerpieces and greens. Our club members assisted in the serving of tea and goodies provided by the church organization. A door prize was donated by member Joyce Clark.

Cindy Leonard made a donation to the animal shelter in our club's name. When making donations in our club's name feel free to contact me for a club letter to go along with the donation.

At the January meeting member Judy Floor received her 5 year membership pin and Joyce Clark installed new member Virginia Plasse. Please make a point to introduce yourself and get to know Virginia. Attending the meeting was a new perspective member, Renee Moulton, whom will hopefully be installed in February bringing our present membership to 24 and 8 honorary members. Nancy Martin filling in for WHRC chairman Cindy Brogan played the "Guess Who Game". Cindy Leonard volunteered to be the guessing candidate. The person picked by Cindy was Eleanor Roosevelt. It was a very entertaining game and the club hopes to do it again in the future. A new addition this year at meetings will be a "Trivial Pursuit" game



focused on the arts. Each month a question will be asked at the meeting. The first junior to give the correct answer will receive a treat. The question will also be published in the newsletter with the answer revealed on the last page. January's question was announced at the meeting with the winner being

Cindy Leonard. She guessed the unusual medium that was used by artist Andy Brown in creating the 2002 portrait of Queen Elizabeth II. Arts Chairman requested members to create song lyrics to Auld Lang Syne. Five club members wrote and sang their lyrics. Their contributions were awesome, two of which, were poetry contest worthy, and encouraged to enter the GFWC Poetry Writing Contest. The end of this newsletter includes the five lyrics

numbered 1 to 5. Please vote for the one you feel is the best by voting at the meeting or emailing Nancy Brown. Members were also encouraged to enter the GFWC photo contest. Health and Wellness Chairman had members bend and stretching to chair yoga. We hope to continue this within some of our meetings.

Denise Wheeler once again showed the membership examples of the recycled items she needs members to continue to collect. Joyce Clark, the Membership Chairman, continues to present gifts to members for their birthdays. This month was Diane Huling and Judy DeAbreu. Our membership follows the gift giving with a rendition of Happy Birthday. Many members at the request of the club president flaunted the novelty socks from the holiday party. Also at our meeting, a sign up went around for a club outing to the Attleboro Arts Museum for an Opening Reception featuring some of the museum's permanent collections. It takes place on Saturday, February 7th from 2-4 and is free. Plans include grabbing a pizza at Briggs Restaurant after the reception. If you would like to attend you can add your name to the list at our February 2nd business meeting or call or email Nancy Brown.

I want to express my sincere thanks for the presidents' gift that the club gifted me at the



January Business meeting. I enjoyed reading the gift card, your comments made my day. It was a \$50 gift certificate to my favorite hairdresser. You help to keep my appearance presentable!

Verse 1: **1**

Should auld and bairn live happily
And members vigorous
Should auld and bairn live happily
And look ahead?

Chorus:

To look ahead, my friends
To newer phases
We'll build a membership strong
And look ahead

Verse 2:

Seek knowledge courageously
And walk fearlessly
And pledge our loyalty
In work we have to do

Chorus:

Verse 3:

Support the arts and resources
healthy lifestyles too
Stress civic involvement
and work toward world peace.

Chorus:

Verse 4:

Promote education
And being neighborly
We'll service our community
And support all mankind

The numbers in red are for to
you to use to vote for the
lyrics you like best!

2

*May Your Boobs Never Hit the
Floor and your Keys Always Come
to Mind?*

*May Your Boobs Never Hit the
Floor and your Keys Always Come
to Mind!*

*Cheers to the Good Old Days, my
Friends, Cheers to the Good Old
Days...*

*Let's be Grateful that We had it All
Together Once and Cheers to the
Good Old Days!*

Auld Lang Syne **3**

Tis twenty-twenty six my dears

And twenty five is gone

'Tis twenty- twenty six my dears

And twenty five is gone

For twenty- twenty six my friends

Is new and just begun

And twenty- twenty five my friends

Is past and fully done!

4

As time goes by and memories fade
And aches and pains compound
Just think about
New friends we've made
and old ones that we've found.

There'll come a time--
A disagreement of minds
A feeling of great despair
Reach out with heart
It will be a start
To find that others care

Sometimes our lives
Don't go the way
We've always hoped and planned
But do good deeds
For someone in need
Yes, lend a helping hand

Just live your life as best you can
Remember you're not alone
Reach out to those you truly love
It's easy--pick up the phone

So in the end
Try being a friend
And maybe your pain will go
Just don't forget the ones you love
and always let them know.

Answer to trivia question: Teabags

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Verse 1

When days grow old and
years have passed,
And paths we've walked
unwind,
We place our trust in
faithful hands
That never leave us blind.

Chorus

For all God's grace, my
dear, my friend,
For mercy drawn so near,
We'll lift a song of
thankfulness
For love that conquers
fear.

Verse 2

Through trials deep and
valleys low,
When strength was hard
to find,
His light remained, His
promise stood,
His peace made hearts
aligned.

Chorus

For all God's grace, my
dear, my friend,
For hope that still remains,
We'll raise a cup of
gratitude
For joy beyond our
pain.