



Juniors in Action

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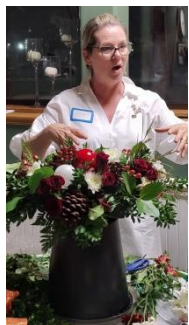
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President – Robin Gendron, Vice President –Emily Weiland, Recording Secretary - Joyce Clark, Corresponding Secretary - Judy Ackerman, Treasurer –Sarah Brink, Auditor –Cindy Brogan, Director – Nancy Martin

November Meeting: Members attending the November meeting brought side items to go along with **thanksgiving baskets** along with the purchase of two turkeys. Members also brought checks for \$30.00 to pay their membership dues. We have been very busy in the past two months you're your president appreciate all of you for your contributions to our club. The Program for the November 7th meeting was **guest speaker Sheila**



Bouchard, from "Designs by Sheila".

Nancy Brown introduced her, since she was the one who arranged for her to talk to our club. She demonstrated

how members could make fall arrangements and then

transform them into winter arrangements for the Christmas season. She used boxwood from Canada, lemon tips, roses and ferns. She had a great sense of humor and held everyone's attention. She donated the completed arrangement and all the flowers and plants she didn't use. Nancy Brown put members' names that were present and picked two names to award them to. Sheila also donated a tree worth \$99 she



made to the club to be auctioned off at our next fundraiser. During our food break as a **Leadership Activity** conducted by Nancy Martin each table was asked to come up with a word they felt described our club and place that word on the Magic Slate on the Executive Board table. Some the words members came up with was caring, enthusiastic, active, enthusiastic and charitable. Nancy Martin asked members to complete a **survey** about when they are available to volunteer their time when needed. If you were not present they will be available at the December meeting to complete. The results from this survey will be given at the January meeting, after our group pictures with our club aprons is taken at the December meeting. Nancy Brown WHRC Chairman gave a talk on **Women Cryptologists of WW II**. Nancy Brown also collected money for **rent relief**. We collected \$56.00. As you know, the winner of the raffle drawing provides the gift for the next month's raffle. The lucky winner is Grace Doel! Grace will provide the gift for December. November **Period Poverty** donation collected by Ana Kearnan was



dropped off. Thank you for all who donated, it is much appreciated. Emily Weiland explained the **GFWC Massachusetts fundraiser**



HundredX. She explained how you need to complete 75 surveys and how she had already done it and it was very time consuming.

What has our club been up to this month?



Once again Nancy Clark was able to get us a free table at the **Dighton Arts Festival** on November 6th at Araujo's Farm. Children made turkeys



but most colored the Veterans and Thanksgiving cards. Over a half dozen members volunteered their time to this community service event. Several members attended a fundraiser at Stadium Theater for **"Wine, Women & Jewelry Night"**.

Joyce Clark and Nancy Brown attended a **"Fun Fused Glass**



Program" offered by the GFWC Ossamequin Women's Club. They made glass pendants. Our club donated 14 personal care products to their Project PACK (Post Assault Care Kits) program. Nancy Brown donated 3 of her books to our **"Book-A-Baby Program"** in the



name of member Cheryl Carlos grandson Rhett Gregory Huling to the Taunton Library English and Diane Hurling 2 grandchildren Zoe Lynne



Huling and Leah Rose Huling to libraries of Diane's choosing. Monday November 14th was our **"50's Night"** event at Nancy Martins house from 6-9pm with an admission cost of \$5 going to Breast Cancer in memory of Olivia Newton John.



Members in attendance were greeted with Grease music and refreshments.



The night started with root beer floats and the playing of the movie "Grease. Those in attendance were provided with words to many of the movie songs which we sang out loud and were amused by the lyrics.



During the movie many Grease movie questions were posed and answered. We knew about 75% of the trivia questions. Each member went home with a candle with a picture of Olivia Newton John. It was a fun night that helped to raise \$75 for Breast Cancer which we hope to donate to a local charity. On November 8th 4 members attended the **Prison Book Program** in Brockton, Joyce Clark drove

Nancy Brown, Nancy Clark and Nancy Martin. We brought two bags of books with us from our club. Our club donated 3 baskets to the VFW Bingo in name of the **Taunton Diversity Group Bingo Fundraiser**, along with members in attendance. Joyce made and brought 30 baby hats to **Brockton Sturdy Hospital**.

Making / buying / bringing snacks to share is a long tradition of ours, and we really appreciate the time and effort our members put into **hospitality**. We also appreciate the variety of delicious treats! This month, the board pulled names for Hospitality in our 2023 meetings. Every name was put into a bag and selected randomly to determine when (or if) that person would be on duty. Here is the list:

January: Cheryl Carlos, Joyce Clark, Paula Gasparoni
February: Diane Huling, Emily Weiland
March: Nancy Brown, Val Bleau
April: Fran Perry, Judy Floor
May: Cindy Brogan, Linda Brosseau
September: Mary Barrett, Grace Dal
October: Edie Edlund, Nancy Martin
November: Gail Knowles, Nancy Clark

December: Jane Pacheco, Ana Kearnan, Cindy Leonard

Please review the list and let Emily know if you're unable to provide for that month, so she can find an alternate. If your name is NOT on this list, you may be called to fill in for someone.

COMMITTEES:

ADVOCATES for CHILDREN—Robin Gendron – Presidents' Project - Continue to collect trial size personal care products for JRI Foster Care and Adoption Agency.

ARTS AND CULTURE—Edith Edlund – No Report

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH –Cindy Brogan – Bring raffle ticket stubs and money to the December meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC RELATIONS— Judy Floor – If you have pictures and or articles you would like sent to the newspapers, please forward to Judy.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT –

AWARENESS AND PREVENTION: - No report

EDUCATION AND LIBRARIES – Nancy Martin – If you happen to go to the Dollar Store they are selling Dr. Seuss puzzles. We would appreciate if you could purchase a few and bring them to a meeting before March.

ENVIRONMENT – Denise Wheeler – New items: used CDs for classroom art projects. Denise has paper lists of items for recycling that our club collects. Just ask her and you shall receive! The list is also on our website.

FUNDRAISING AND DEVELOPMENT – Diane Huling

– Our club is selling lottery raffle tickets again this year. Cindy Leonard is chairing this fundraiser. Tickets were given out at the September meeting; if you didn't get any you can get tickets at the October meeting. This fundraiser is to raise money for our educational scholarships. We pull the winner December 12th at our annual Christmas party. You



have a choice to get the \$500 worth of sealed lottery scratch tickets or the cash. Thank you in advance for your support. Price is one for \$10 or three for \$20. Plenty of time to sell, sell, sell! New this year, the member who sells the winning ticket will receive \$100. We are also planning a Soup and Pie Social on December 10, 2022 at the Winthrop Baptist Church on Winthrop Street in Taunton. There will be a variety of homemade soups and pies for you to sample and enjoy. This has been a huge success in prior years and we hope to see you there. Tickets will be on sale starting on November 8th.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS – Anna Kearnan – Get out and walk! Check your breast monthly for new lumps. Collecting feminine products for "Periods for Poverty" what is it you ask: In spring 2020, as the COVID-19 pandemic began to shut down access to many services some patients became badly in need of menstrual products but could not afford them. A patient was in her late teens and had reached out in a moment of crisis in need of free menstrual pads. Her family did not have money for pads, and she often needed to use toilet paper as a replacement, which was both annoying and embarrassing. She had also become quite dependent on the pads she receives from her school, which was now closed due to the pandemic.

LEADERSHIP – Nancy Martin –Think about joining one of the committees by emailing the chairman with your interest.

LEGISLATION/ PUBLIC POLICY – Nancy Clark – with local and state legislators running for office, it's the perfect time to get a photo with a current legislator and post it on Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram with the "#GFWCadvocacy"/tag.

MEMBERSHIP – Joyce Clark –Three yearbook corrections: Sarah Brink: 508-644-5308, Linda Brosseau: 508-952-2186, Joanna Alden 306 Carver Street. Collecting money for dues: \$30, checks

should be out to GFWC Taunton Junior Membership.

WOMENS HISTORY AND RESOURCE CENTER-
Nancy Brown- No report

It's hard to believe that December is upon us. We hope to see as many members as possible at our holiday party. It will be nice to gather together in friendship and for all the hard work you have done for the club over the year our club this year is paying \$20 towards every member's meal. You are cordially invited to join us for the Taunton Juniors Holiday Party! Monday, December 12, 6pm at the Fireside Grill in Middleborough; spouses welcome, \$20 for Club Members, \$40 for your spouse/guest. Dinner includes a choice of Stuffed Chicken Breast with Chicken Gravy or Baked Haddock, plus salad, rolls, side dish, dessert and coffee or tea. Please bring payment to our club meeting on December 5th, or send your payment in before that day. We must give a final headcount a week in advance. Things to bring to the holiday party (all optional) There will be a gift exchange game! Members who wish to participate should bring a wrapped (but not labeled) gift worth no more than \$15-\$20. A collection is being made of new pajamas or coats/jackets for JRI in Berkeley for kids or teens. Items will go to local young people in foster care. Big thanks to Cindy Brogan and Linda Brosseau for planning this fun event! Hope to see you there.

Member Birthdays

Darlene Brown

Joyce Clark

Robin Broberg

Nancy Clark

Cindy Leonard

Susan Carlson



What's Happening Within our Club?

Soup and Pie Social on December 10, 2022 12-2pm at the Winthrop Baptist Church on Winthrop Street in Taunton

Club Christmas Party December 12th at Fireside Restaurant

Lottery Raffle Ticket winners picked at the party

Homeplate Fundraiser: December 7th for JRI \$25, 7-9pm

Here's a list of things to bring on Monday

- Raffle ticket money and Stubs
- Payment for holiday party \$20 & \$40
- Dues \$30
- Pie & Dessert Ticket Money
- Feminine products
- 1lb sugars

Merry Christmas from your editor: Nancy L. Martin

