



Juniors in Action

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Our Board Members

President – Robin Gendron, Vice President – Cindy Brogan, Recording Secretary - Joyce Clark,
Corresponding Secretary - Judy Ackerman, Treasurer - Nancy Clark,
Auditor - Nancy Martin, Director - Edith Edlund

November Meeting: The November 2nd Business Meeting was on zoom with a total of 12 members in attendance and was conducted by President Robin Gendron. It's great to have her back as president. We were entertained by a wonderful speaker, Paul Clifford, scheduled by Program organizer Judy Ackerman. He talked about Blanch Ames and Borderland, how her family obtained, preserved and restored the nature preserve. He talked about Blanch's achievements with women's rights. She was a great cartoonist and used her talents to design cartoons about suffragettes and the administrations of her era. He was a very enthusiastic speaker; all those on zoom enjoyed his presentation. I wish more members were on zoom to enjoy what he had to share. The Club Webmaster Nancy Clark has put the pictures he shared at the presentation on our website and Facebook pages. Check it out! We donated \$50 towards the Friends of Borderland Program.

Once again GFWC Taunton and Raynham Juniors have risen to the challenge. You have contributed to raising a total of \$222.00 for our club towards our yearly storage rental fee. This month's winner who will receive a \$25

wgift card to Target, which Cindy Brogan will Congratulate Vel! It is now Vel's job to present a



deliver to is VEL BLEAU! gift for December.

The members present voted unanimously to through the membership to Birthright. Nancy with our contribution.

donate the \$115 raised last month Clark the club treasure sent the check

What has our membership done this month?

GFWC OF Massachusetts shared a GFWC Thanksgiving Advent Calendar which was shared in our last newsletter that suggested a food product be purchased each day and put in a box and then donated somewhere there was a need. One of our members Nancy Brown and her husband Brian completed the challenge, filled and delivered it to the Taunton Family Center on behalf of GFWC Taunton Juniors November donations. Assistant Emma Araujo accepted the club's contribution which will help the five families in residence. Anyone wishing to make monetary contributions to help our Taunton Junior Woman's Club continue to provide needed assistance may send their donations to GFWC Taunton and Raynham Junior Woman's Club P O Box 521 Raynham Center, MA 02768 Attention: Nancy Clark ,



treasurer.

Members also help to collect 35 assorted activity and adult coloring books), 19 packages of colored pencils and markers to be made available for clients to pick up and take home along with 2 small puzzles, 2 (10 packs) facial tissues, 1 correspondence notepaper and a kitchen towel for Bingo when the PRIME TIME clients will be allowed to attend in person worth a total of \$60.00. Nancy Brown has dedicated her time and effort collecting these items and delivering them to Prime Time.

Thank you one and all for making that extra effort to mail in your donations and for dropping off books, etc. They are so grateful.

The GFWC Taunton and Raynham Jr Woman's Club continues to help out in the community safely. Recently club President Robin Gendron and Membership Chairman Joyce Clark delivered 4 turkeys and food to the Family Welcome Center at 50 Williams Street which was received by Carmen Maldonado Community Relations Facilitator for the Taunton Public Schools, who distributed it to families in need for the holidays.



COMMITTEES:

ADVOCATES OF CHILDREN—Robin Broberg – A message from GFWC of MA President Donna Shibley: she invites Junior Membership to participate in a fundraiser for Domestic and Sexual Violence Awareness and Prevention via Usborne Books & More. There are two parts to this fundraiser:

1. You can order books through the link - it is directly tied to our fundraising.

<https://r10441.myubam.com/1888776>

2. You can also join the FaceBook group by letting Donna via Facebook know they wish to do that. If you aren't friends with her, then you can become one and she will let you know the details.

Either way, people can order these high quality books, which will get shipped directly to them and all GFWC MA proceeds from this fundraiser will be used to purchase books for children in domestic violence shelters.

ARTS AND CULTURE—Kathy Sampson – We need someone to make a garden flag for GFWC Junior contest, anyone willing? Flags can be created using any materials you choose. Flags should measure 12" wide and 18" long, contest began at Combined Fall Meeting. Completed Garden Flags should be brought to Combined Annual Meeting in 2021. Winning flags may be displayed in the new garden or around Headquarters.

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH –Emily Weiland- Small businesses everywhere are struggling to keep their doors open you can help by doing your shopping locally.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC RELATIONS—Nancy Brown –Please save newspaper clippings. We have been published in the Brockton Enterprise Wicked Local and Gazette along with the Rehoboth Reporter. Go online to the BUZZ Raynham for the full coverage. If you do something representing our club during any given month, please forward information about it along with pictures to MRMartin947@aol.com and Nancy Clark our webmaster. If you haven't gone on the site, use your free time to browse through our clubs' Facebook and Website.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT – AWARENESS AND PREVENTION: - Amanda Fata-Nancy Brown delivered the \$115 to Birthright this month.

EDUCATION AND LIBRARIES – Nancy Martin- Looking for new Children's Book for Citizens for Citizens again this year. If you have some you would like to donate call, text or email me, Nancy Martin and I will come pick them up. We are reaching out to elementary schools in our area to zoom readings in characters. Join the ESO GFWC Facebook Bookclub! The Prison Book Program has opened again, so Joyce Clark will be organizing a visit soon. Join the ESO book Group– Reach out to a friend and share a book this winter.

ENVIROMENT – Denise Wheeler – New this month our club is collecting Sweatshirts, sweatpants, coats and empty shoe boxes. Still collecting newspapers, puzzles, board games, empty ink cartridges, fabric, yarn, old cell phones, eye and reading glasses, small jewelry boxes, coffee cans, old batteries, embroidery floss, used eye glasses with cases, metal and plastic coat hangers, holiday cards, soda tabs, and old bras. GFWC of Massachusetts Junior Board is looking for someone to chair this committee contact Katie Robie if interested.

FUNDRAISING AND DEVELOPMENT – Cindy Brogan – Thank you so much for the generous support last month to our Rent Relief raffle. The winner was Vel Bleau. Robin Gendron has contacted Savers and they are willing to pay us \$500 for 100 bags of 33 gallon bags of clothes. Joyce Clark and Denise Wheeler have donated space to collect the clothes. Start collecting used clothes yourself from family members and friends and deliver them to Joyce or Denise, or text Nancy Martin and she will pick it up!

HEALTH AND WELLNESS - Nancy Brown- You can continue to save tissues, crackers and cookies, small hand sanitizers. Also looking for 300-500 piece puzzles, crossword puzzle books or any kind of puzzle books.

LEADERSHIP – Paula Gasparoni and Joan Curran - Now is the time to be thinking about who is our Marilyn Perry nomination. Don't forget to Apply to be the GFWC MA LEADS candidate details on [the GFWCMAJuniors.org](http://theGFWCMAJuniors.org) website.

LEGISLATION/ PUBLIC POLICY – Nancy Clark – Protect Our Postal Service Prevent online Sexual Exploitation of Children.

MEMBERSHIP – Joyce Clark – Joyce has been trying to keep in contact with members through texts and calls especially those members that **have not attended Zoom meetings?**

MEETING INFORMATION

The December Meeting will be a Zoom Meeting on Monday December 7th at 7:00pm. This will include the annual meeting: Board members prepare your annual letters to submit. You will receive a link the day before or day of the meeting from Nancy Clark our Club Webmaster. Please try to participate. Due to the covid-19 virus our attendance at meetings outside and through zoom meetings has been low; let's try to communicate a little more!

Program for this month's meeting:

will be Guest Speaker member Nancy Brown who will read her newly published children's book "Freckles the Cow" **Happy Birthday to members whose birthday is in November:**

Darlene Brown

Brenda Saben

Robin Broberg

Cindy Leonard

Joyce Clark

Nancy Clark

Susan Carlson



What's Happening?

The Centennial Suffrage Tea has been rescheduled for May 16, 2021.

Next zoom Business and Annual Meeting is December 7th at 7:00pm

Next Zoom Board Meeting is December 28th

Holiday Party December 14th at Home Plate

If you wish to attend any of the above zoom meetings, notify Nancy Clark so you will receive the link.



Would you like to run for a position on the Executive Board?

President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, or Auditor

Please inform Edith Edlund – Director of GFWC Taunton & Raynham Juniors

Happy Thanksgiving

From your editor



“Be thankful for what you have; you’ll end up having more. If you concentrate on what you don’t have, you will never, ever have enough.” *Ophrah Winfrey*



Clean out your closets and cupboards
For
Taunton Raynham Junior Women’s Club!
100 – 33 gallon bags

Fall Fundraiser



Fundraiser Dates:

11/17/2020 - 01/02/2021

WE WILL BE COLLECTING SOFT GOODS AND CLOTHING

We Are Collecting:

Clothes: men’s, women’s and children’s
shoes, handbags, fashion accessories, belts, backpacks

Household Textiles:

blankets, sheets, towels, tablecloths, curtains

Small Household Goods:

kitchen items, decorative items, knick-knacks, toys and
games, small electronics.

Please box small household items.

Please gather clothes and household textiles in bags.

All items must be clean and in sellable condition.