



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

January: Once again due to the pandemic the meeting was a zoom meeting with 12 members in attendance. The Program this month was the



reading of the Serenity Prayer by member Judy Ackerman. It was decided that our club would not have our yearbooks printed this year, since Bristol Plymouth is not doing outside printing. Nancy Clark our webmaster has put it on our website's Members Page; you can view and print it from there in total or partial amounts. All reports have been completed and submitted to GFWC Massachusetts Junior membership for judging.

What has our club been up to for the month of January?

GFWC Taunton and Raynham Juniors began the new year with a clothing drive fundraiser. Over fifteen of its members filled over 150 thirteen gallon bags weighing over 1780 pounds with no longer needed used clothing and household soft goods, along with gently used books. President Robin Gendron, and member Joyce Clark delivered these donations in a rented U-Haul to Savers in North Attleboro which raised over \$300. The club is finding fundraising a challenge during this pandemic but they continue to find ways to raise funds



to help the community. The winner of the Valentine Basket was Judy Flour. Our next fundraiser is an NFL playoff squares, look to the end of the newsletter for input.

Meeting News: The Business meeting February 1st at 7:00pm

will once again be a zoom meeting. You should be receiving the zoom link from our Webmaster Nancy Clark this weekend. The Program this month is by member Denise Wheeler on "Teacher Challenges During the Pandemic". The April program will be for Autism Month and is speaker Paulette, Joyce Clark's daughter-in-law on the topic of Autism. We will also be selecting and voting on the Leadership and Membership Awards during this month's meeting.

COMMITTEES:

ADVOCATES OF CHILDREN—Robin Broberg – In need of suitcases that can lock, fleece and baby blankets (may be knitted or crocheted), Joyce Clark has directions to share, for foster children a program: called Help Our Kids in Springfield. Contact Joyce if you have any to donate.

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.

Two Art Contests are taking place:

The World in Pictures, photographs must showcase the people, places, and things at home and around the world that impact our lives in a meaningful way. Volunteers in Action, photographs must capture the special moments in the lives of GFWC clubwomen as they meet, plan, advocate, volunteer, or celebrate, in groups or one-on-one. The same image may be submitted to multiple photo contests, but separate photos must be entered into each contest. Deliver all entries to GFWC MA Headquarters by March 1, 2021.

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH –Emily Weiland/Cindy Brogan- 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 Page and Website.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS AND PREVENTION –Amanda Fata Wear your orange ribbons from last year during the months of February and March.

EDUCATION AND LIBRARIES – Nancy Martin- If you have a daughter or granddaughter graduating from high school this year, have them apply for the Ricky Gomes Scholarship and all the other scholarships available on the GFWV of Massachusetts site. Contact me for assistance.

ENVIROMENT – Denise Wheeler –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 on the state level contact Katie Robey if interested.

FUNDRAISING AND DEVELOPMENT – Cindy Brogan – Nancy Martin Education Chairman is offering an NFL Square Fundraiser to help us offer scholarships this year. Look at the end of the newsletter for information.

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. No peanut butter crackers.

LEADERSHIP – Paula Gasparoni and Joan Curran - Now is the time to be thinking our Marilyn Perry nomination. This award is given to a Junior clubwoman who demonstrates outstanding leadership qualities and abilities, and uses them to benefit both her GFWC club and her community. She is an active leader in community organizations and/or projects (e.g. church, charities, schools, government) while maintaining positions of leadership within GFWC or within her GFWC club. Please note: the Marilyn Perry Leadership Award focuses on clubwomen who take their leadership skills beyond their club and use those skills in the community-at-large. It is an award recognizing leadership in general – not just within a club or GFWC. Second is the MARTHA MICHALEWICH CLUBWOMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD. This award goes to the clubwoman who has gone above the call of duty for her club. She is the clubwoman who almost always says yes, takes on the roles

both as a follower and leader, represents her club in the most positive light and always promotes the club and its activities. (Unlike the Marilyn Perry Leadership Development Award, this award recognizes work done with and for the club. During the Executive Board meeting some recommendations were brought forward to be discussed further during the Business Meeting. Cheryl Carlos for the MARILYN PERRY LEADERSHIP AWARD and Nancy Clark for the GFWC MARTHA MICHALEWICH CLUBWOMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD. Don't forget to Apply to be the GFWC MA LEADS candidate details on the GFWCMAJuniors.org website.

LEGISLATION/ PUBLIC POLICY – Nancy Clark – If you haven't already, join the Legislative Action Center join now:

<https://cqrcengage.com/gfwc/home>

See current legislation that GFWC is monitoring, supporting, or opposing.

Federal - HR 1585 Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2019

Federal - HR 1923 Women's History and Nineteenth Amendment Centennial Quarter Dollar Coin Program Act

MEMBERSHIP – Joyce Clark – Joyce has been trying to keep in contact with members through texts and calls especially those members that are unable to get out. The board is planning to start a phone tree organized by Robin Gendron to contact members and Joyce Clark has been visiting those that have not attended Zoom meetings?

WOMENS HISTORY AND RESOURCE CENTER–

Nancy Brown- Thank-you Nancy Brown for doing such a great job last year bringing information to our club on remarkable women.



Happy Birthday to members:

Jane Pacheco

Sarah Brink

A copy of the square is below GFWC Taunton & Raynham Juniors Scholarship Fundraiser: NFL Football Squares

Each Square Costs \$5

Purchase Any Number of Squares with Cash or Check Made Out To Our Club

Sell them to family and friends: send money to:

Nancy Martin P O Box 606 East Taunton, MA 02718

Let me know how many squares you will be purchasing and for whom by:

emailing me at mrmartin947@aol.com

or text to 508-828-0386

The numbers 0 to 9 will be randomly picked and placed on the chart the morning of the game!

Winners: First and third quarters pay \$25, half \$50, end of game \$100, and final numbers reversed \$25

We have 100 squares to sell, please support our fundraiser!

A copy of the square is below

Super Bowl LV

Buccaneers

Chiefs

- First Quarter - \$25
- Half - \$50
- Third Quarter - \$35
- Final - \$100
- Reversed Final - \$25
- Cost per Square - \$5