



Juniors in Action



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Our Board Members

Edith Edlund, President – Mary Barrett, Vice President – Joyce Clark, Recording Secretary
JoAnn Matthews, Corresponding Secretary – Vel Bleau, Treasurer – Jane Pacheco & Nancy Brown, Auditor
Cindy Leonard, Director

Thursday November 16th: Nancy Clark, Cindy Brogan and Joyce Clark attended the Massachusetts State Board Christmas Party and donated 9 hats, 3 scarfs, gloves and hats from our club that would be donated for a good cause.



Friday December 15th: Nancy Brown and Joyce Clark donated 9 boxes of items collected by the club to Bruce Aldridge USMC League Commandant in Somerset

to go to troops in Afghanistan.

Monday December 4th Business Meeting: Was a short meeting with a discussion about The Holiday Party on Monday December 11th at Lorenzo's Restaurant at 6:00pm. Yearly dues were paid and the Heifer Box was passed around. Committee members made reports and this was followed by the yearly meeting with our board members giving their yearly reports.

Monday December 4th: Joyce Clark delivered the check for \$75 to the City of Taunton Park and Recreation Department for a Christmas tree on the Green.

Monday December 4th: The club donated 154 Christmas cards to the Red Cross through Mark Cook signed by adults, children and members for vets. They were signed at the Dighton Arts Festival and at a Business meeting. They were collected by Denise Wheeler, Fran Perry and Joyce Clark.



Monday December 11th: Was our Holiday Party at



Lorenzo's. It was well attended. The committee was co-chaired by Nancy Clark and Nancy Martin, assisted by Joyce Clark and Cindy Leonard, who did a

wonderful job. The food and company made for an enjoyable night. Our president Edie Edlund gave a short but inspirational speech and gave presents to her board and each member who attended. Cindy Leonard entertained us with a Christmas Trivia Game where members partnered up with someone next to them and completed the questions in five minutes. The winners were honorary members Judy DeAbreu and Judy Reily who received bags of Lindt candy. This was followed by the Invocation given by Nancy Martin and dinner. Everyone was able to order off the menu for food and drinks and was given individual checks. Joyce Clark and Cindy Leonard each brought in a small Christmas tree, which members were encouraged by Joyce Clark to paint an ornament and placed it on the trees.

Joyce Clark who donated all the ornaments then placed all the ornaments on the tree she donated and delivered it to Wedgemere Nursing Home to be displayed in their lobby for



Christmas. The Membership Chairman, Joyce Clark then awarded good attendance awards; they went to Vel Bleau, Nancy Brown, Joyce Clark, Edie Edlund, Paula Gasparoni, Joanna Matthews, and Jane Pittsley. Denise Wheeler received a 20 year pin; Joanna Alden will get a 10 year pin (She was not at the Holiday Party). The door prize a basket



donated by Joyce Clark was awarded to a new member Susan Johnson and 8 poinsettias as centerpieces donated by Nancy Clark were given to the members sitting on chairs with the stickers underneath theirs. Nancy Clark collected fourteen



pairs of warm socks she brought to the Matthew Mission and twenty-three children books that would be donated to Citizens for Citizens

by Nancy Martin. Every attendee received a sleigh made out of candy made by the committee members.

Wednesday December 13th: Nancy Martin and Nancy Clark delivered 123 new/slightly used children books with our club label on them to Citizens for Citizens Children Drive in the City of Taunton. The books were collected at the Christmas Party, during the year at Business Meetings and at Martin School by Denise Wheeler. Each parent will be allowed to pick two books for their child from the many donations. The remainder of the 224 books not in newish condition were donated to St. Vincent DePaul by Nancy Martin.



Wednesday December 13th: Nancy Clark delivered the fourteen pairs of socks she collected at the Christmas Party at Lorenzo's Restaurant donated by members to the Matthew Mission to Mark Cook. Many were given to homeless people present at the mission that day.

Thursday December 14th: Was the budget meeting hosted at the treasurers house Vel Bleau.



The committee members consisted of Vel Bleau, Nancy Clark, Cindy Brogan, Joyce Clark, Nancy Brown and Jane Pacheco. The budget will be submitted by the committee at the next meeting. Sue Carlson donated \$100 to the Miscellaneous Fund as she was unable to attend functions during the year.

Tuesday December 19th: Joyce met with Linda Perry at Wedgemere Nursing Home and delivered the Christmas tree with over 20 ornaments painted by members at the Christmas Party at Lorenzo's Restaurant.

Thursday December 21st: The Matthew Mission



volunteers made or donated food to feed the homeless for a Christmas Party. Member Cheryl Carlos

helped to organize and run the event. This is the last year for this President Project. Members Nancy Martin, Nancy Clark, Cindy Brogan, Cindy Leonard as well as Cheryl Carlos donated food and attended the volunteer party given by Mark Cook at the Villa Roma Restaurant.



Thursday December 28th: Was the report writing meeting at Nancy Clarks' House. Committee Chairmen discussed who would be writing each report and what it should include. The reports are due to Nancy by the 13th.

Committees:

ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN – Joyce Clark – no report

ARTS – Nancy Clark – Get photos ready for the GFWC Photography Contest to be brought to our February meeting. We will vote on the Calendar photo at our February meeting too!

COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC RELATIONS - Nancy Brown – Look at local newspapers and local tv sites and notify Nancy when you see anything about our club.

CONSERVATION – Denise Wheeler – Collecting newspapers, bottle caps, 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 hangers and soda tabs.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS & PREVENTION

- **Nancy Brown & Joyce Clark** – No report

EDUCATION – Nancy Martin – Donate a paperback dictionary or thesaurus for the prison book program. During the meeting Joyce Clark will organize a date to help out at the Prison Book Program.

FUNDRAISING and DEVELOPMENT – Denise Wheeler –Cindy Brogan wants to once again have a committee meeting for new ideas on January 22nd at 5:00pm at Nancy Clarks house. All members are invited.

HOME LIFE – Nancy Brown - puzzles, craft supplies, crackers, Kleenex, and assorted Bingo prizes for Prime time. Save all your blankets, books and buddies to bring to the January meeting. Samaritan House needs coffee and paper towels. The Paw's Pantry is in need of natural/hypoallergenic/alcohol free baby wipes, puppy training pads/pee pads, and small-medium towels.

HOSPITALITY – Mary Barrett – January: Mary Ellen Founds and Vel Bleau

February: Paula Gasparoni and Robin Gendron

INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH –Bring your change for the Heifer Box. Continue to get all shots at Wallgreens to help the “Shot for Life” Program. Those who are creative could design a Pakistani Doll for January 24th.

LEADERSHIP – Paula Gasparoni and Joan Curran will now be co-chairmen. They would like to have a team building night some Wednesday evening at

Lorenzo’s Restaurant for a Trivia Night for the total cost of a meal for \$12.95.

MATTHEW MISSION – Cheryl Carlos - Our presidents’ project has opened and set to close the end of January for good. Many members of our club have been volunteering their time to help out at the mission serving food and socializing with participants from Tuesday to Thursdays 7:30am to 11:30am. Mark Cook will maintain office hours to help the homeless after the mission closes. They are still looking for men and women winter boots.

MEMBERSHIP – Joyce Clark –Joyce asks everyone to bring a friend to a meeting sometime this year.

NEWSLETTER – Nancy Martin –If you do something representing our club during any given month please forward information about it along with pictures to MRMartin947@aol.com

PROGRAMS– Joanna Alden – We will be voting on the Marilyn Perry and Martha Michalewich Awards, please read over before the meeting.

MARILYN PERRY LEADERSHIP AWARD

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.

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.)

PUBLIC ISSUES –Cindy Brogan – No report

PUBLIC POLICY & LEGISLATION– Nancy Clark – There are 10 things in the Legislative Action Center to address at this time. Forward responses from representatives and senators to Nancy Clark for report writing..

WEBMASTER – Nancy Clark – If you haven't gone on the site yet, visit the site and register for "Call to Action".

WHRC – Nancy Brown –Cindy Brogan and Paula Gasparoni contributed pictures to the GFWC Backbone Board this month. For those who have

yet to do so bring your pictures to the next Business meeting. Three copies of our club's history book are available at each meeting to look at. Club members are encouraged to sign out the book for a month with Nancy Brown and read it over.

YEARBOOK– Joyce Clark-If you did not receive one see Joyce Clark. Members can print all or parts of the yearbook from the website.



Happy Birthday from your fellow club members!

Judy DeAbreu

Upcoming Events

January 29th next Board Meeting

February 5th next Business Meeting

Ad Hoc Committee (Fundraising) January 22nd at 5:00pm at Nancy Clarks House

Saturday January 27th GFWC of Mass Winter Meeting at Stoneforge

From your Editor: Nancy L. Martin

I hope the newsletter brings awareness to members all the wonderful things our club is doing each month.

Volunteers do not necessarily have the time:

They have the heart

By "Elizabeth Andrew"

