



# Juniors in Action



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## Our Board Members

Lynne Jorge, President – Mary Barrett, Vice President – Joyce Clark, Recording Secretary  
JoAnn Matthews, Corresponding Secretary – Vel Bleau, Treasurer – Jane Pacheco, Auditor -  
Cindy Leonard, Director

## What Did We Do in March?

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### Monday May 1<sup>st</sup> Business Meeting:

All the Taunton Elementary Schools of Taunton were represented along with the Director of Pupil Personal Christopher Baratta to receive their donations from our club for their Nature and Me Program. He talked about the program, what the students get from the experience and how Taunton students have been attending the program for over 20 years. We



presented each school a check for \$171. Those present were: from Mulcahey Emily Donohoe and Lisa Benedetti, from



Galligan Allison Roache, from Hopewell Roy Ashton, from East Taunton Jenna Markovich and Iris



Toner, from Pole Kelly Dion and Jillian Corrado, from Bennett Tammi Swenson and Mike Kellher, from Chamberlin Sue Resendes and Tina Andrade.



**The program this month** was Julie Lovely from the Wild Hearts Horses for Heroes; who work with Veterans with PTSD, a Non-Profit Organization in West Bridgewater,

Massachusetts. They help to transform the lives of their participants, families, and all who work with them through the healing power of horsemanship. Wild Hearts also offers one-on-one EFP sessions with their therapist, EFP an experiential form of therapy that allows the client to engage in activities with a horse that illustrates the dynamics that the client experiences in everyday living. This experience provides opportunities for the client to learn about themselves and new ways to cope with their everyday life. Participants gain horsemanship skills, forge an indescribable bond with their horses, and simultaneously address life and coping skills. their un-mounted Healing through Horsemanship program touches lives in ways never thought possible. She was very informative and had a video for us to watch about the ways a former veteran has been helped through this program and now helps others.

During the meeting our president presented the club with this year's Annual Conference awards our club received. We were recognized for our Overall Creative Excellence in Leadership, and received Special Recognition for Education, International Outreach, and Domestic Violence Awareness & Prevention programs. We also had

our member Cindy Brogan chosen as the Massachusetts Martha Michalewich Clubwoman of the Year for her outstanding involvement at all levels of the organization.

**During this month:** In the month



of March we had a very successful **Soup Sampler** and raised \$1352. There were



many great baskets for the raffles and gift cards.

Those mentioned in the newsletter pictures sent to me



Those his was in the April additional have been after the

newsletter was written and so they are being included now.

The **Matthew Mission volunteers** were honored at mass in May. Since many of the volunteers are our club members many attended the ceremony and were recognized.



May 21<sup>th</sup> was the GFWC Taunton and Raynham Junior Woman's Club's spring fundraiser "A



**Derby Time Tea"**. The tea was held on Sunday, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at St. Nicholas of Myra Parish Center, 499

Spring Street in

No. Dighton. Tickets were \$10.00 for adults, under 12 years, \$5.00. There were



raffles, and photo ops, along with surprises, sandwiches, pastries and tea. Hat wearing was strongly encouraged, and ladies and gents donning hats

were entered in a drawing for a special prize. This month **scholarships** from our club will be received by the recipients. Members of our club will be present at the honor nights as

follows: Taunton High (6/1) – Nancy Martin and Denise Wheeler; BP (5/18) – Joyce Clark; DR (5/31) – Vel Bleau, Nancy Brown and Denise Wheeler; Bridgewater-Raynham (5/30) – Nancy Martin and Nancy Clark; Bristol Aggie (6/1) – Joyce Clark and Cindy Brogan.

**Diane Whittaker** is being installed as President of Vest-a-Dog this month. The 17th is also the 17th Anniversary of the organizations founding.

#### **COMMITTEES:**

**ARTS** – Nancy Clark – Nancy Clark and Nancy Brown received several awards and will be presented with them during the next meeting.

**CONSERVATION** – Denise Wheeler – Collect and bring to meetings; newspapers, box tops, plastic bottle tops, fabric, yarn, old batteries and soda tabs.

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE:** - Joyce Clark – nothing at this time

**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. Nancy Martin will be collecting newish children books throughout the year for Citizens for Citizens. Book Swap: Bring books you have read to swap with others or donate to *Friends of the Library*

**FUNDRAISING** – Cindy Brogan - Fashion Show is Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup>.

**HOME LIFE** – Nancy Brown – Prime Time Senior Day Center needs puzzles, crackers or cookies, individual tissue packs, and craft supplies. Blankets for the Book, Blanket and Buddy Bags are also still needed.

**HOSPITALITY** – None, it is the June social

**INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH** – nothing at this time.

**LEADERSHIP:** - open- nothing at this time  
**MEMBERSHIP** – Joyce Clark – Encourage friends and new people you meet to come to a meeting.

**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](mailto:MRMartin947@aol.com)

**Our Presidents Special Project: Matthew Mission** a barbecue twice a month on Sundays is being organized, food for the barbecue will be needed.

**PUBLICITY** – Nancy Brown – We have been published online and in the newspapers, as well as on Facebook. Please save any newspaper articles you may see and bring to club meeting

**PUBLIC ISSUES** – Cindy Brogan – Nothing at this time.

**PROGRAMS** - Joanna Alden – Nothing this month

**PUBLIC POLICY & LEGISLATION**– Nancy Clark –Continue to send emails through the GFWC Legislative Action Center in 2017. If you haven't take action this year, please consider going to our website and clicking on the "Take Action That Matters to You" banner on our Home Page and click on the red link at the top of our Legislation to register. Also, if you get a response from GFWC, your senator, or representative, forward it to me at [webmaster@nclark.net](mailto:webmaster@nclark.net)!

This month the topics are child mistreatment and fully funding UNICEF.

**WHRC** – Nancy Brown – Pictures of club members have been placed on a poster and will be displayed at all club events.

**YEARBOOK**- Joyce Clark – If you haven't received yours see Joyce.

## Happy Summer Birthdays

Nancy Martin  
Joanna Alden

Joan Stevens  
Mary Barrett

Mary Ellen Founds  
Cheryl Carlos

### What should you bring to the June Social?

MassStar is still looking for donations of items for children's birthday party boxes.

Any items such as wrapping paper, frosting, goodie bags, aluminum cake pans, etc., are needed. They are all set for cake mixes. The idea behind these supplies is that families would be getting "a birthday party in a box" for their child. Bring donations to our June Social.

## Upcoming Events

Next Board meeting will be Monday, August 28th, at 6:30 pm, at BP's Silver Platter Restaurant

Next Business meeting will be Monday, September 11th, 7:00 pm, at BP's Silver Platter

June 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> MassStar Conference, Lasell College, Newton

Relay for Life is June 16<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup>

Sunday, June 17 - Pilgrim State Park, Plymouth 9 AM start

June 23 – 27 GFWC International Convention, Palm Desert, California

Fashion Show is Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup>

September 23<sup>rd</sup> St Jude Wal/Run, Boston

September 20<sup>th</sup> Club Leaders Evening

October 19-22 New England Region Conference, Windsor, CT

GFWC MA Junior Membership Fall Conference



## President's Corner

As you probably already know, Lynne has stepped down as our President as per her letter she recently sent out to the membership. We are in the process of filling that position since Mary Barrett has decided to stay as your Vice President.

Currently, one of our members, Edie Edlund, is very interested in taking the office. The June Social will be held at Denise Wheelers home in Dighton on June 5th. Mary is calling for an urgent membership meeting promptly at 6:30pm.