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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

February Meeting Overview:

There were thirteen members present at the zoom business meeting. Nancy Brown informed the membership the rental amount for our storage has gone up a \$1 a month, so it's now \$60 instead of \$59 each month. Nancy Clark our treasurer said she was going to try and get us connected to a VENMO account. We collected 1,649lbs of soft goods and 139lbs of books and household goods for our Savor Fundraiser. Some members donated to the U-Haul needed to transport the clothes, allowing us to raise \$332.58. A big thank you to Robin for her work on this fundraiser, she used vacation days from work to make sure that everything went smoothly. Thank-you to everyone that donated and to Joyce and Denise for providing a collection point. Nancy Martin talked about the NFL Squares fundraiser she was doing to raise money for scholarships. She also wanted to remind the membership that if you have a child or grandchild graduating from high this year or if a member is returning to school they should apply for the Ricky Gomes Scholarship and some of the other scholarships available to GFWC membership.



Contact her if you need assistance. The Program for the month was member Denise Wheeler. She shared her experiences how it is teaching during the pandemic. She reports to her classroom every day with 8 to 10 students present in her classroom while the remainder of her 10 year old students are on zoom at the same time running three computer screens all day long. They take 2 to 3 breaks a day, where she takes the students present outside to loosen up, play, and run around. One day a week she has professional development and talks with parents of those students learning at home on line. This requires a lot of time management for teachers and extra time to plan their lessons. She has students get their stuff animals that make them happy present with them, because they are lacking in their socialization skills. Students present must go one at a time to the bathroom. The membership nominated Cheryl Carlos for the Marilyn Perry Award and a vote through emails will be done by our president for the Martha Michalewicz Clubwoman of the Year Award between Nancy Clark and Joyce Clark.

What Has Our Club Members Done This Month:

Nancy Martin raised \$275 for scholarships with the NFL squares fundraiser. The winners were Nancy

Brown and family \$50, Dick Martin (Nancy's husband) \$50 and Cindy Leonard \$125. Nancy Clark the treasurer has opened a VENMO account for our club so members can pay and make donations and order tickets etc. in the future. Joyce Clark delivered 21 Valentine Cards from our club for the "Valentines for the Mayor Taunton Nursing Home Project". All the club annual reports have been completed and sent in to GFWC Massachusetts Junior Membership, they can be viewed on our GFWC Taunton Junior website. Take some time to view them and see what we have accomplished this year. Thanks to all those chairman and board members for their completion and especially Nancy Clark for organizing and editing them making sure no projects were repeated and they were of the entire same format. There was no Executive Board meeting this month. Our raffle for February was donated by Paula Gasparoni it took place on February 6th. The winner was Robin Gendron, she received a \$25 Wal-Mart gift card along with chocolates. She will provide a worthy surprise gift for March. Good luck to all of you. A total of \$87.00 was raised. Thank you to everyone who participated. There was no raffle in January. Nancy Brown delivered 15 individual tissues, 8 packages of crackers, 4 crossword books and 20 greeting cards to Primetime. Our contribution for Health and Wellness this month was donated by Hannaford Supermarket which consisted of 60 individual packages of trail mix and raisins which Nancy Brown collected and delivered to Dighton Fire Station for their personnel, along with a dozen Beanie Babies for the EMTs. They were very appreciative. Through an email vote the result was the nomination of Nancy Clark for the Martha Michalewich Award.

COMMITTEES:

ADVOCATES OF CHILDREN—Robin Broberg – In need of suitcases that can lock, Joyce Clark is collecting for the foster children 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 – This department is open for anyone who would like to step in and put their spin on how we should be publishing and promoting our club. Nancy will give you all the addresses and contact information needed and provide any assistance call her anytime at 774 218 1456. Please reach out if you would like to try something new. It's a great way to be involved in all aspects of the club by reporting it to the public.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT – Wear your orange ribbons from last year during the month of March.

AWARENESS AND PREVENTION: - Amanda Fata-see Advocates for Children

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 if you are in need of assistance.

BookDepot is a warehouse where clubs can purchase books at discounted prices.

<https://www.bookdepot.com/> ESO Book Club

March book is "The Glass Hotel" by Emily St John Mandel.

ENVIROMENT – Denise Wheeler – Martin Middle School teachers are looking for books and CD's for teachers to swap. Our club is collecting

Sweatshirts, sweatpants, coats, hats gloves 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 – Send money for rent relief prize to Nancy Brown.

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 – Think about co-chairing a committee. All chairman are looking for help, contact any of them.

LEGISLATION/ PUBLIC POLICY – Nancy Clark – There's still time for you to take action! Now is the opportunity to finally ratify the Equal Rights Amendment as the 28th Amendment to the United States Constitution. Join us in urging Members of Congress to cosponsor House Joint Resolution 17

and Senate Joint Resolution 1 to remove the deadline for ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment. In January 2020, the necessary three-fourths, or 38 states, ratified the proposed Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) as the 28th Amendment to the United States Constitution. Unfortunately, the United States Archivist refused to publish and certify the ratification based on a 2020 memorandum from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of General Counsel, stating that the deadline had passed. Congress must press forward and end any unnecessary barriers to the ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment. In 1972, the initial deadline was established in the preface that stated the amendment must be "ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several States within seven years from the date of its submission by the Congress." This set the date to March 22, 1979, and Congress has acted once to extend the deadline to June 30, 1982. The deadline must be removed to clear any remaining barriers, so that ratification can take place and gender equality will be protected by the United States Constitution.

Take Action

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. Joyce Clark has been visiting those that have not attended Zoom meetings?

WOMENS HISTORY AND RESOURCE CENTER– Nancy Brown- Women's History Month is the month of March. Nancy Brown is sharing the WHRC Heritage Pin information to offer any member the opportunity to purchase one. All you need to do is send your check for \$15 made out to GFWC Taunton/Raynham Jr. Woman's Club to Nancy Brown at 261 Hart Street ,Dighton 02715. She will be ordering by March 1st so that you can have your pins before the month ends. Let her know by February 28th if you want one so that she can place the order by the 1st.

Happy Birthday to members:



Vel Bleau

Thelma McCaffrey

Joan Curran

Judy Floor

Program for March



Our March speaker will be Bill Moore the CEO & President the of Project New Hope Inc. He served in the United States Air Force as a Crash, Rescue, Firefighter from 1976 to 1980. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Liberal Studies and a Master's in Rehabilitation Counseling from Assumption College. Prior to starting PNH, Bill worked for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. He retired in 2007. He will be doing a virtual presentation talking about the 3 week retreats they do for veterans, their contributions to "Food and Baby Pantries" in Worcester. He will address issue of PTSD in veterans, women vets, drug and alcohol abuse, and couples' retreats. His e-mail is bmoore@projectnewhopema.org if you would like to talk to him further on any of these issues.

What's Happening?

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

Next zoom Business Meeting is March 1st at 7:00pm

Send pictures of items you are donating to sell to Edith with a description – she has opened an account to sell items for our club, **Do it now!** Call Edith if you have any questions.

Savor Fundraiser in the spring!

Happy St Patrick's Day



Men and women are quite different. Equal and deserving of the same rights, but different. Each gender has its own strengths, and there is something special about being a woman that can't be replicated in men.

"A strong woman understands that the gifts such as logic, decisiveness, and strength are just as feminine as intuition and emotional connection. She values and uses all of her gifts." — Nancy Rathburn

"Woman must not accept; she must challenge. She must not be awed by that which has been built up around her; she must reverence that woman in her which struggles for expression." — Margaret Sanger

