



# Juniors in Action



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### April Business Meeting:

Everyone has now received their **grey shirts** with are club logo accomplished by Nancy Brown. Members wore them

to the club Bingo afternoon fundraiser and the East Taunton Little League Field opening. Our club installed a **new member** from Taunton Elizabeth Pepoli and took in an application from someone hoping to join. The club received a **\$50 donation** from honorary member Judy Riley. Since we had a few shirts left from the active membership the club voted to give a shirt to



honorary members Judy Riley and Joanna Alden. Diane Huling reported on the successful **Bingo Fundraiser**. On Sunday, March

26th, we held our second Bingo fundraiser at the VFW in Taunton. It was very well attended with

over 130 people, including 14 club members. We had over 50 raffle baskets, gift cards, and items that people enthusiastically purchased tickets for in hopes of winning. There was also a 50/50 raffle that took in over \$900.00. Everyone had a great time and the club received \$4,850.00 for an afternoon of fun!!



An extra thanks to Cindy Brogan for all her hard work chairing this event and her committee. **Our next fundraiser will be Let It Tea! on May 21st.** Under the guidance of Nancy Brown, It will once again be held at the St. Nicholas of Myra Parish Center in North Dighton. Please see Denise Wheeler if you have not received tickets to this event yet. It is a real bargain at only \$20.00 per ticket, \$10 for members! Once again we had 78% of our **membership in attendance**; let's keep that number up fellow members. A **special gift** was given to Edith Edlund for going above and beyond this month

organizing the **Easter Baskets to thank city police and state troopers** for their commitment to their communities. During



the meeting Edith showed members how to make the little bunnies, 3 for each basket. Edith had made and sewed the mom and dad bunnies for each basket. Edith brought baskets, straw and candy to make approximately a dozen baskets. Members also donated candy for the project. A message card was included with each basket with our club logo and



information. They were wrapped and members took them and distributed them to local police stations in our Greater Taunton area.

On Monday April 17<sup>th</sup> **preparation for the**



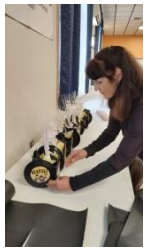
**TEA** began. Members met at St Nicholas of Myra Parish Center in



Junior/Senior high, Apponequet, and a few college students. The recipients will be named at the June Social and the scholarship money awarded at our Friendsgiving. Don't forget to submit your list of

North Dighton from 10am to 1pm and 6pm to 8pm

preparing the centerpieces and bags under the leadership of Nancy Brown. Can't wait for the TEA!



Emily Weiland wants to remind the club to wear jeans on **April 26<sup>th</sup> Denim Day** as a symbol of believing



people you feel the club should thank including family members and their addresses for **Friendsgiving!** A craft workshop with the **seniors at Prime Time** in Dighton will be held on Thursday May 25<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 to 11:30 run by our club members. They will be making movable butterflies. All you will be required to do is color and glue. The supplies needed are skinny colored markers that we can

survivors and asserting that consent has nothing to do with your clothing. Put pictures of yourself and friends wearing jeans on Facebook, Instagram, etc. with our club name! Denise Wheeler shared her students



**STEM Projects** they made and about the

directions they were given to make their projects using recycled items donated by club members.



donate afterwards, Elmer's glue and clothespins. The activity will be advertised in the Strawberry Vine publication from the Dighton Council on Aging. All the butterflies will be precut to save time. Our club voted to **sponsor the Downtown Arts drive**. We will be getting 2 tickets to every event, we get our Club name, logo & link tagged on 9 social media event posts, club name in press releases as sponsors, club name and logo on event flyers & posters for 2 events, and a \$500 Community Investment Tax Credit.

On Saturday April 15<sup>th</sup> some members attended the East Taunton Little League Opening Day where our **new banner** was displayed. Those in attendance were



very pleased with the quality of the banner. This month's winner for the **rent relief** drawing was

Cindy Leonard. Congratulations Cindy. Your gift will be given to you by Cindy Brogan. Next month Cindy Leonard will be paying it forward to May's lucky lady. A total of \$96.00 was collected, thank-you Nancy Brown. Member Ana Kearnan is looking for support to assist in placing **flags on graves of veterans** for Memorial Day: on May 20<sup>th</sup> she plans on starting at 9:00am at Mayflower Hill. Rain date will be the 21<sup>st</sup>. Monday the 22<sup>nd</sup>, starting at 10:00am over at St. Joseph cemetery and flag all day. The girl and boy scouts will come in the late afternoon to finish up. Rain date is the 23<sup>rd</sup> if needed. There was a **meeting of the scholarship committee**: made up Nancy Martin, Nancy Clark, Joyce Clark and Robin Gendron. There were 23 applications from the following high schools Taunton High, West Bridgewater Middle/Senior High, Bridgewater Raynham, Somerset, Bristol-Plymouth, East Bridgewater

#### **COMMITTEES:**

**ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN**—Robin Gendron – Presidents' Project – No Report

**ARTS AND CULTURE**—Edith Edlund – Great job making the Easter baskets for the police officers and deliveries of them to the stations!

**CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH** –Cindy Brogan – Go by East Taunton Little League Field and check out our banner.

**COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC RELATIONS**— Judy Floor – If you have pictures and or articles you would like sent to the newspapers, please forward to Judy. If you run an event please forward an article to Judy.

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT – AWARENESS AND PREVENTION:** - Emily Weiland - April is National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention month. Show your support on Denim Day. April 26 is an annual, national day of awareness that encourages participants to wear

denim as a symbol of believing survivors and asserting that consent has nothing to do with your clothing.

**EDUCATION AND LIBRARIES** – Nancy Martin –I know there have been some new grandchildren born, please notify me so we can award our Book-A-Baby Program.

**ENVIRONMENT** – Denise Wheeler – She is in need of grocery plastic and cloth bags for stem projects. Shoe boxes, old batteries, old crayons, cereal and granola bar boxes flattened, shoes, clothes, broken jewelry, watches, yarn, fabric, ribbon, cardboard form notepads, eye/reading glasses, baskets, front of greeting cards, soda/beer can tabs, old markers, egg cartons. Denise has paper lists of items for recycling that our club collects: just ask her for a copy, it is also on our club website.

**FUNDRAISING AND DEVELOPMENT** – Diane Huling – Tea in May.

**HEALTH AND WELLNESS** – Ana Kearnan –Eat healthy to prevent heart attacks and strokes. Drink water and walk!

**LEADERSHIP** – Nancy Martin –Think about joining one of the committees by emailing the chairman with your interest, or chairing the committee for the Christmas Breakfast.

**LEGISLATION/ PUBLIC POLICY** – Nancy Clark – New Call for Action Out check your emails! GFWC and Shot@Life advocates from across the nation raise their voices to help increase vaccine access for children and people around the world. This year, as Congress kicks off the 2024 budget planning season, advocates from all 50 states will rally together to encourage policymakers to fund investments in global vaccine programs in the U.S. budget, and raise awareness of the importance of vaccine equity. As the pandemic has demonstrated with devastating results, now is a critical moment to protect the progress made through global immunization programs. Please take a few minutes to ask Congress to fully fund global immunization programs in the 2024 fiscal year.

**MEMBERSHIP** – Joyce Clark –A copy of the yearbook is on our website. Nancy Clark keeps it updated.

**WOMENS HISTORY AND RESOURCE CENTER**– Nancy Brown- Handed out index cards to everyone with simple instructions. Members are asked to complete the task and return cards to her at the May meeting. The entire project will conclude at our June Social.

### **Member Birthdays**

Judy Riley

Cindy Brogan

### **What's Happening Within our Club?**

Next Business Meeting is May 1st at BP at 7:00pm

Next Executive Board Meeting is May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00pm at BP

Combined Annual Convention May 5<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> at Natick, MA – Lunch \$30, Dinner \$48, registration covered by our club: send a check to the club Treasurer

Spring Tea May 21<sup>st</sup>

Friendsgiving August 6<sup>th</sup>

Christmas Breakfast TBA

## Here's a list of things to bring on Monday

Requests are not mandatory; only contribute if you are able

Hospitality provided by Linda Brosseau and Cindy Brogan

Rent Relief provided by Cindy Leonard

Feminine products

1lb sugars or instant oatmeal

Recycle items for Denise: especially recycle soft plastic or cloth bags often used for groceries

New / slightly used paperback books for the Prison Book Program

### Publicity Taunton Gazette

GFWC spring tea fundraiser

"Let It Tea," the spring tea fundraiser for local scholarships and charities from the GFWC Greater Taunton Woman's Club, is being held on Sunday, May 21, from 1 to 3 p.m. at St. Nicholas of Myra Parish Center, 499 Spring St., N. Dighton.

Tickets are available for \$20 through members or by calling [508-813-7392](tel:508-813-7392).

The tea menu gives a nod to the Beatles, with entertainment, basket raffles and a door prize.

