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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

What has our club been up to this summer?

Our club had a **Meet and Greet** on Monday August 16th at 6:00 p.m. at the Silver Platter Restaurant located at Bristol Plymouth High School.



Membership Chairman Joyce Clark along with President Robin Gendron and the Executive Board

members encouraged members and their guests to a night emphasizing our club mission and what our club does to connect with our local communities. Our club members invited friends to join our club for an evening of camaraderie and information. Those present shared their interests and hopefully will choose to participate and become part of the largest women's organization in the world. This get together helped us to plan for future events. Those in attendance were under no obligation, but we welcomed their input and interest in volunteerism. All guests were in a drawing with each receiving a surprise gift just for attending. During the



evening light refreshments were served and they enjoyed several rounds of membership BINGO. Joyce Clark had a membership display table with books, photos, newsletters and Clubwoman magazines.



Members present brought pens, pencils, crayons and notebooks to fill 8 backpacks to assist the Matthew Mission serving students in area schools.



The GFWC Massachusetts Combined Annual Convention: Hearts and Hands Together was held virtually on Saturday May 1, 2021 starting at 9:00am. A few of our members were in attendance.

The Tea-in a- Bag is behind us and it was a great success! Nancy Brown and her committee want to thank all members for doing their part to get us back into the fundraising

business. Our club raised \$2,750.00 after expenses! Members wore white outfits and hats along with purple sashes.





Fantastic job ladies!
Approximately 120
tea tickets were sold
and the raffle
garnered over \$500.
It was our most

profitable tea ever and the most efficient with
little clean up. It was wonderful to have Mayor
Shaunna O'Connell with us and Freddie Kay from
Suffrage100 MA. Those present were able to view
the Turning Point dedication of the Suffrage
Memorial in Lorton, Virginia on You Tube live
stream.

Our June Social was a "Just for Fun" event and was
held on Monday June 7th.



Those in attendance met at
Dighton
Town Hall
for 6:00
p.m. for a

mystery ride to an undisclosed



destination. Members
carpooled and caravanned
from there. We ended up
at the William and Harold
Neeham Memorial Boat
Launch in



Somerset. Everyone brought a potluck
meal in a bag which included an entree,
dessert, beverage and a chair. Games
were played and prizes were won. An
August Fundraiser Calendar was
distributed for WHRC to complete during
the month of August to be returned to
the September meeting. Nancy Brown and her
committee did a great job; all in attendance had a
great time at the outdoor event.



Several of our members attended the Federation



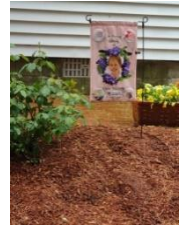
Day in the Forest where
our state leaders meet.
Those in attendance
brought their lunch and



traveled to Sudbury on Saturday, May 29th for 1:00
p.m.. Club awards were
announced and presented, and the
memorial garden dedication to
Diane McCurley took place.
Members, family members and
friends who have passed away



over the past year were honored.
Robin Gendron, Nancy Clark, Joyce
Clark and Nancy Brown attended.
Our club donated \$50 in Thelma
McCaffreys name that will be noted
at next year's Day in the Forest.



Our club received a GFWC grant for \$50.

Nancy Brown once again collected the money for
the May Rent Relief. The winner for the River

House Restaurant gift card donated by Cindy
Brogan was Edie Edlund. This month \$162 was
collected. Thank you everyone for being so
generous. The next collection can be sent to

Nancy Brown or donated at the September
meeting. The prize will be donated by Edie Edlund.

In June the money approved in the budget of \$250
for the Girls Inc. and the \$250 for the Boys Club
was sent by our treasurer Nancy Clark.

Nancy Martin audited the clubs treasurer's books.

Nancy Martin met with Nancy Clark to create at
the request of Sarah Butters from Bristol
Plymouth High School a video about our club
for the scholarship our club gave for the Awards
Night. It can be seen on the Bristol Plymouth
website.

Our club once again did a Savor
collection with all the household
items we have collected over the

last few years Denise
has been storing at her
house.



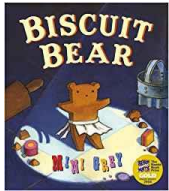
Joyce Clark delivered
suitcases are club collected to Intensive
Foster and Adoption Program through
Debbie Ferreira. Thank you members

and especially Joyce Clark for collecting and making the delivery from our club.

Severall of our members attended and assisted at the GFWC Massachusetts Junior Tea making sandwiches and setting up the tables and distributing tea. Joyce Clark allowed them the use of all her tea cup sets she has acquired through the years for our club teas.

COMMITTEES:

ADVOCATES OF CHILDREN—Robin Broberg – For the Combined Fall Meeting October 16th: Pick a new



children's story book for any age group along with a new teddy bear no larger than 15 inches dressed in washable fabric easy to get off/on that goes along

with the theme of the book. Each club can have as many entries as they want so get creative members. Winners will be selected and all bears will be displayed at the conference and then donated to the Marlboro Police Department.

ARTS AND CULTURE— Kathy Sampson – Nothing at this time.

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH –Emily Weiland -Nothing at this time.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC RELATIONS— Judy Floor – Judy has recently taken over this chairmanship and is doing a really good job. Keep up the good work.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT – AWARENESS AND PREVENTION: - Amanda Fata Nothing at this time.

EDUCATION AND LIBRARIES – Nancy Martin- If anyone has had a new child, grandchild or great grandchild over the last year please let me know for our clubs Book-a-Baby Program.

ENVIROMENT – Denise Wheeler – New items sweatshirts, sweatpants, shoe boxes. Martin

For Sale: by member Mary Barrett – A pool table with sticks for free- You just have to carry it!



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 – This fall we will be having a lottery ticket raffle again and members will be asked sell tickets.

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 – New members if you need help becoming a member of GFWC Call for Action please let Nancy know.



MEMBERSHIP – Joyce Clark – We are happy to announce that we have several new people interested in joining our club!

WOMENS HISTORY AND RESOURCE CENTER— Nancy Brown- If you haven't already done so please contribute to the calendar fundraiser.

From your editor: Sorry it took so long to get a summer newsletter together. I will do my best to keep them on time. If any club member would like to take over the newsletter and make it their own please let me know. I would be happy to assist you.



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