



# 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 – Nancy Brown, Auditor  
Cindy Leonard, Director

**October 2<sup>nd</sup> Business Meeting:** Two new members were installed by membership chairman Joyce Clark: Kathi Voller and Susan Johnson. We welcome them to our club and hope they enjoy their membership. The program this month was presented by member Nancy Martin. It was devised on the theme of “October is Juniors’ Month.” It was a power point presentation about all our activities from community service projects to fundraising, designed to bring awareness to our members to our mission and goals over the years. Members wore either purple or pink to the meeting for “Domestic Violence Month”. Nancy Clark and Nancy Martin have agreed to co-chair the Xmas party committee. If you are interested the next meeting will be at Nancy Martins house on Thursday November 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm, pizza and salad will be served.



**Monday October 16<sup>th</sup>:** Members got together at Joan Currans’ house to decorate 21 Styrofoam pumpkins that were denoted to a nursing home by Joyce Clark and Robin Gendron. Members at the last meeting donated \$2 to the event.

**Friday October 20<sup>th</sup> to Sunday October 22<sup>nd</sup>, New England Region Conference:** Was the 108<sup>th</sup> General Federation Women’s Club Region Conference held in Hartford Windsor Marriott Hotel in Windsor Connecticut. Five members represented our club at the conference; Nancy Clark, Joyce Clark, Joan Curran, Edie Edlund, Cindy Brogan, Robin Gendron



and Nancy Martin. The theme of the conference was “It starts with Us”. At registration donations to Mary’s Place was made by Edie Edlund, Joyce Clark, Joan Curran and Robin Gendron of scrapbooking materials. Mary’s Place is a center supporting grieving children and their families. They will use the materials in after school programs to encourage them children to make memorable photo books of their deceased friends and family. Friday evenings’ theme was “Girl on Fire”. We were entertained by Kate Callahan, Connecticut State Troubadour who sang for thirty minutes country songs she wrote that referenced women and their love and struggles. This was followed by GFWC Connecticut State Night Reception and Junior Fun Night. It was a friendly game of Jeopardy with a Halloween theme. It was provided by GFWC of Massachusetts Juniors. A group of about forty women competed for candy and refreshments. Saturday was themed “That’s What Friends are For”. A video presentation on the International Outreach Program “Shot of Life” was presented and our member Cindy Brogan was recognized as a “Shot of Life Champion.” The GFWC NER Jennie June Award nominees were introduced Massachusetts nominee was Jen Nowak. Our International President Sheila Shea gave a Headquarters tour through a presentation of the property we own in Washington, D. C. The evening was a woman referred to as “The English Lady” who talked about her life and organic

planting. Sunday morning was synopsis of president projects by state presidents and directors. There was an entertaining speaker who kept everyone laughing. The food for the conference was very good and a good time was had by all.

**Wednesday October 25<sup>th</sup>: “Book A Baby Program”**

Nancy Clark joined Nancy Martin, her daughter Jen



Almeida and granddaughter Daisy Almeida to present the Taunton Children’s Library with the children’s book

“The Way I Love You” by David Bedford & Ann James.

**Saturday October 28<sup>th</sup>:** Took place at Trinity Church in Northborough and was hosted by GFWC Auburn Junior Woman’s Club. The theme of the conference was “Make a Connection”, and was celebrated with each table having a mason jar with tree branches with puzzle pieces hanging from the branches. The state award winners recognized from the International Conference in Palm Desert, California. Guest speakers were Chef Vanessa Labranche and Maura Ackerman representing

Project Bread. They talked about how they are allowing school children to sample and choose food to be part of their lunch programs. Chef Vanessa



cooked a Black Bean & Corn Salad for us to sample that has been chosen by Boston School children as one of their lunch favorites. Our afternoon speaker was Nicole Kamal, Massachusetts Youth Leadership Foundation. She talked how the MassSTAR Program help her overcome her high school bullying experience and how she hopes to help other high school teenagers become leaders through the MassSTAR Program as Director of Programing. She got everyone on their feet and gave helpful hints of how to address people when you meet them, size them up and then take charge of the meeting. The keynote speaker was Jolie

Frankfurth, GFWC Director of Junior clubs. The theme of her talk was “Connections: Look Back to Connect the Dots.” She used visual presentations and shared a hardcopy with everyone. It was a very informative. Attendees were asked to work on one of three projects for a half



hour: Toiletries Bags for St. Jude families, Confetti Bags for MassSTAR Program or Thank You Stars for veterans. Members Joan Curan, Nancy Clark, Joyce Clark, Nancy Brown, Robin Gendron, Cindy Brogan, Edie Edlund and Nancy Martin were each engaged in different projects. Our basket won

“Best In Show”. It was a fun filled day enjoyed by all.

**Committees:**

**ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN – Joyce Clark – no report**

**ARTS – Nancy Clark – no report**

**COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC RELATIONS - Nancy Brown –** Look at local newspapers and local tv sites and notify Nancy when you see anything about our club. Recent articles have appeared in the BUZZ and Raynham Call.

**CONSERVATION – Denise Wheeler –** Collecting newspapers, bottle caps, puzzles, board games, empty ink cartridges, fabric, yarn, old cell phones, eye and reading glasses, empty 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. New/slightly used children books are needed for Citizens for Citizens. These will be collected during the October to December meetings.

**FUNDRAISING and DEVELOPMENT – Denise Wheeler –** November 4<sup>th</sup> will be the Luncheon and

Pie Sampler at the VFW Hall on Ingell Street in Taunton. This is being organized by Cindy Leonard. Cindy Brogan wants to once again have a committee meeting for new ideas on January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:00pm at Nancy Clarks house.

**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. Nancy Brown would like to coordinate a day for members to donate their time at PrimeTime in Dighton.

**HOSPITALITY – Mary Barrett** – November refreshments will be Darlene Brown, Jane Pacheco and Cindy Brogan. December will be Edie Edlund, Jane Pittsley and Joanna Alden

**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 24<sup>th</sup>.

**LEADERSHIP – Paula Gasperoni 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 many members of our club are once again volunteering their time to help out at the mission serving food and socializing with participants from Monday to Thursdays 7:30am to 11:30am. If you’re interested

in helping contact our member Cheryl Carlos. They are looking for men and women winter boots.

**MEMBERSHIP – Joyce Clark** – For Junior Month, we had our membership sign for the month displayed on Winthrop Street to show acknowledgement of our club. 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** November will be a presentation by Nancy Brown about her trip to Honduras.

**PUBLIC ISSUES –New chairman: Cindy Brogan** – Cards for veterans will be signed during the meeting and donated for November 11<sup>th</sup>.

**PUBLIC POLICY & LEGISLATION– Nancy Clark** – There are 7 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** – bring a picture of yourself doing something for the club. 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.

### What should you bring to the meeting?

New/slightly used children books are needed for Citizens for Citizens.

Change for Heifer Box

See List under Conservation from Denise Wheeler

Full Size shampoos, conditioner, body wash and Men & Women new/slightly used work boots any size for Matthew Mission



Happy Birthday from your fellow club members!

Robin Gendron

Paula Gasparoni

## Upcoming Events

November 4<sup>th</sup>: Luncheon and Pie Sampler VFW, 82 Ingell Street, Taunton, MA, noon to 2:00pm

November 6<sup>th</sup>; Business Meeting 7:00pm at B.P. in the **Lecture Hall**

November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017, Dighton Arts Festival at Araujo's Farm 10am to 4pm

November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017, Executive Board Meeting 6:30 pm. in the **Lecture Hall**

December 11<sup>th</sup> will be our Christmas Party at Lorenzo's Restaurant

December 14<sup>th</sup> Budget Committee at Vel's house 9:00AM

MASSTAR JUNE 8, 9 & 10th

## Happy Thanksgiving

