



# Juniors in Action



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## Our Board Members

Edie Edlund – President, Robin Gendron - Vice President, Joyce Clark - Recording Secretary, JoAnn Matthews - Corresponding Secretary, Vel Bleau – Treasurer, Jane Pacheco & Nancy Brown - Co-Auditors, Cindy Leonard - Director

## What Did We Do this summer?

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**May – Scholarships:** Once again our club has raised enough money to donate a total of \$2500 in scholarship money to area high school students. We used the same process as in previous years allowing the schools to pick the most qualified candidates, with the understanding the candidate must be a female student involved in community service. Members from our club



volunteered to attend the honor nights for each school to award and meet the candidates. On May

17<sup>th</sup> Nancy Clark and Denise Wheler attended Bristol Plymouth High School and met Isabella Sousa. On May 24<sup>th</sup> Cindy Leonard and Nancy Brown attended Bristol Agricultural High School and met Hannah Almeida. On

May 30<sup>th</sup> Nancy Brown and Vel Bleau met Dighton Rehoboth High School student

Cassandra Almeida. Also on May 30<sup>th</sup> Joyce Clark and Nancy Martin met Bridgewater Raynham High School student Kirstyn Murray. On May 31<sup>st</sup> Robin Gendron and Nancy Martin met Taunton High School student Sienna Strickland.



from 6-7pm. The food was very good, everyone was able to have individual bills and everyone had a good



time. New books for children new born to sixteen years of age for Citizens for Citizens were collected. The winner for

the Lottery Fundraiser was picked and delivered to Janice Gagnon by Robin Gendron. The lottery raffle helped to raise over \$2,690. This was once again organized by Cindy Brogan and Edie Edlund with help from the membership



became a huge success. Members with summer birthdays were given gifts by the Membership Chairman Joyce Clark they were Nancy Martin, Joan Stevens, Mary Ellen Founds, Joanna Alden, Mary Barrett, and Cheryl Carlos. Several members received perfect attendance awards. The night concluded with members painting wine classes. It was a wonderful night had by all attendees.

**MassStar** – was Saturday June 2<sup>nd</sup> and was attended by members Nancy Martin,



**June- June Social-** Took place on June 4<sup>th</sup> at Lorenzo's Restaurant in Middleboro starting at 6:00pm. Most of the membership was present. Social hour was



Joyce Clark and Nancy Brown. Students assisted in organizing dignity bags, making greeting cards for

veterans and signing letters to law makers.

Students attending from surrounding area schools were Gabrielle-Rose Dusten from Bristol Plymouth Regional High and Aiden Rego from Taunton High.



### **Federation Day at the Forest HQ Sudbury June 7<sup>th</sup>**

: It was attended by member Joyce Clark.

### **GFWC International Convention in St. Louis, MO was June 23rd-26r,**

Cindy Brogan, Nancy Clark and Edie Edlund traveled to the fun city of St Louis in Missouri for the yearly International Convention. They stayed at the St Louis Union Station Hotel which used to be a major train station in the US. It is steeped with beautiful architecture and nostalgic artworks and history. It was known as the “gateway to the west” in years gone by. Many a military person rode those trains in WW1 and WW2.

Famous actors such as Judy Garland, Humphrey Bogart and Jimmy Stewart were known to pass through its halls. Do any of you remember the movie “Meet me in St Louis with Judy Garland? Yep, that’s where they were. They enjoyed attending meetings, hearing speakers and in the evening they joined other members from across our country for the banquets or meeting at local restaurants. Inside the hotel in a main lobby/bar area there were nightly light shows on the ceiling that they enjoyed every evening, there were 5 shows all total. Outside the hotel at night there were fire and light shows in a small manmade pond. On one day Nancy and Edie took the long trek to the Gateway Arch, to get to the top you had to ride in a very small round pod elevator. It was a strange feeling. They sat cramped 5 people across. They kind of “bounced” up to the top. Once at the top it was “Nancy put your head down”. The only place you could stand up straight was right in the middle of the arch. But, what a beautiful view of the Mississippi they had. Of



course, Cindy and Edie found a Massachusetts member and a casino, guess what they did? Back to the convention, it was sad seeing Sheila Shea ending her time as our International President but pleased to welcome our new International President Mary Ellen Brock. They took part on voting in resolutions and voting for the new National Officers for this administration. On Monday they heard from a young man 13 years of age by the name of Pierson Phillips. He spoke on how hard it is for a young person with a disability to survive in school, when they have a disability that clearly sets them apart from others in school. He spoke on mental illness. Pierson explained that some mental illness can be controlled with medication and good diets but some, like himself, ca sometimes have seizures. His mother stood in the back in case he faltered or had trouble answering questions. He struggles every day to not allow anyone to see him as different but as a person. What I got from his speech was “do not be afraid of me”, “give me a reason to trust you”, “remember I am human with feelings just like you.” It took a great deal of courage for this young man to step up to that microphone and speak to us but I am glad he did. They had a great time, felt it was a fun, invigorating and an informative event.

**Friday June 15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> Relay for Life** – Once again our club sponsored a table at Relay for Life. It was organized by Denise Wheeler. There was a raffle and a children roll up game. Although many members made charitable donations only a small group of members Fran Perry, Joyce Clark and Denise Wheeler and their families attended. Our club donated a total of \$525.

**Volunteer Business Meeting-** July 16<sup>th</sup>- Details for the Fashion Show were ironed out. Discussion about the Craft Fair and another Lottery Raffle Fundraiser was discussed.

**Fashion Show August 12th** was at the American Legion Hall in Raynham from noon to 4pm. It was



organized by co-chairmen Robin Gendron and Edie Edlund. It was a very successful fundraiser that help to raise money for

scholarships and the 50/50 raffle money went to the Wild Hearts for Heroes Program. The raffle



alone raised over \$900, and included many gift cards and beautiful baskets. A total of \$1816.54 was raised at the event. A little rain didn't keep

away the patrons from viewing some of the new fall fashions provided by the Dress Barn of



Raynham. The club members, along with their daughters and granddaughters, modelled a collection of casual wear and evening party wear for the new fall



season. Amanda Crowell from "Hello Gorgeous" was introduced by club President Edith Edlund as commentator for the event, and Carson Gendron, child of Vice President Robin Gendron assisted each model to the floor. The models in alphabetical order were Nancy Brown, Cheryl Carlos, Karis Clark, Joyce Clark, Leah Clark, Paulette Clark, Edie Edlund, Rhonda Gardner, Paula Gasparoni, Robin Gendron, Susan Johnson, and Cindy Leonard. The food was catered by DeAvilas. The tickets were \$20 each, \$10 for members.

**Committees:**

**ARTS** – Nancy Clark – November 4<sup>th</sup> the Dighton Arts Festival from 9:00AM to 3:00PM. There is a need of crayons, markers, and Christmas stickers to use at the festival.

**COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC RELATIONS** - Nancy Brown – Looking for someone to take over this committee, please talk to Nancy Brown if you are interested. Look at local newspapers and local tv sites and notify Nancy when you

see anything about our club. Please save any articles that you may see in The CALL, The Taunton Gazette, The Rehoboth Reporter, or The Brockton Enterprise. When clipping any article makes sure you include the header that has the paper's name, page #, and date of said article. The easiest would be to save the entire page and bring it to our business meeting. Be aware that our events and announcements are also run on Cable TV and on-line at AmericanTowns.com and Wicked Local, and on Facebook.

**CONSERVATION** – Denise Wheeler – 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 and soda tabs.

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE:** -Joyce Clark/ Nancy Martin – Once again we are collecting bras and anything with a sewn in bra in good to excellent condition. This year they will be collected during the September and October meeting and will be brought to the GFWC Massachusetts Junior Conference in October. Wear purple in October.

**EDUCATION** – Nancy Martin & Kathy Voller– So far



our club has donated 44 books to Lynne Stayers book collections. Bring books to be brought to the monthly meetings of the GFWC Massachusetts Junior Club meetings each month.

**FUNDRAISING** – Cindy Brogan- Lottery Raffle, this time 1<sup>st</sup> place is \$600 worth of \$2 lottery tickets or \$500 cash, a second prize of \$250 and a 3<sup>rd</sup> prize of 100. Prize will be awarded at the membership Christmas Party. Tickets will cost \$10 each, 3 for \$20.

**HOME LIFE** – Nancy Brown-Packaged crackers or cookies, tissues, hand sanitizer, Gold Bond foot powder mini, and fleece blankets.



**HOSPITALITY** – September- Nancy Clark & Kathy Voller. October- Lauren Founds & Judy Ackerman.

**INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH** –Cindy Brogan-



Continue to get all shots at Wallgreens to help the “Shot for Life” Program.

**LEADERSHIP:** - Paula Gasparoni and Joan Curran – Joan Curran will make her presentation in November.



**MEMBERSHIP** — Joyce Clark/Jane Pacheco -

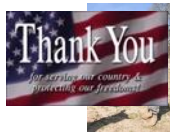


Encourage friends and new people you meet to come to a meeting.

**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). A vote was taken by the executive committee during the May meeting to allow members to place up to three ads a month in the Newsletter for free. Deadline for submissions is one week before each meeting.



**PRESIDENTS SPECIAL PROJECT:** Edie Edlund- “Wild Hearts for Heroes Program”. Money raised from the 50/50 raffle totaling to \$138.5 at the Fashion show was donated to this program.



**PROGRAMS-** Joanna Alden – GFWC of Massachusetts President Lynne Stader will be the speaker.

**PUBLIC ISSUES** –Cindy Brogan – Our new GFWC Junior Director Project will be helping and bringing forth recognition to veterans. One of them being “Wreaths Across America” taking place on December 15<sup>th</sup>.

**PUBLIC POLICY & LEGISLATION**– Nancy Clark – Bring a Smart Phone with you to the meeting if you have one! Looking for support for the Gun Bill. Each member needs to sign up again in the Legislation Action Center. If legislature responds to your email about that specific topic, forward their response to [Programs@gfwc.org](mailto:Programs@gfwc.org) and to Nancy Clark [webmaster@nclark.net](mailto:webmaster@nclark.net). We will be celebrating

100<sup>th</sup> year anniversary for Woman’s Right to Vote. **WEBMASTER** – Nancy Clark – If you haven’t gone on the site yet, visit the site and register for “Call to Action”.

**WHRC** – Nancy Brown-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 and return it.

**YEARBOOK**– Nancy Brown & Nancy Clark –Have been distributed. If you do not have yours see Joyce Clark.

**What should you bring to the September meeting?**

**Bras!**

Smart Phones

Staplers & Staples

Personal Size Gold Bond Powder

Crayons, markers, and Christmas stickers

**Up Coming Events**

Next Business Meeting September 10<sup>th</sup>

Next Board Meeting September 24<sup>th</sup>

Adhock/Fundraising Committee at Nancy Clark’ House September 17<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00pm

GFWC New England Region Conference, Sunday River Resort, Maine September 28<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>

Next Business Meeting October 1<sup>st</sup>

GFWC of Massachusetts Junior Membership Fall Conference October 20<sup>th</sup>

Christmas Party December 10<sup>th</sup>, Place TBD

**From your editor:**

When autumn darkness falls, what we will remember are the small acts of kindness: a cake, a hug, an invitation to talk, and every single rose. These are all expressions of a nation coming together and caring about its people.



## For Sale by Members:



Pool table in good condition for sale. Have pool sticks, all balls and some chalk, \$200 o/b/o.  
Call Mary Barrett 508--824--8265 or email [chippy.5@hotmail.com](mailto:chippy.5@hotmail.com).



### Presidents Corner

It has been 12 months since I was sworn in as your President. It has been a trying time learning much about my responsibilities. But I can honestly say this year has been rewarding in many ways. I have grown to understand our club and its members much better. There have been many changes in the club and in myself. Our club is more than just a club; it is family, friends, love, hope, sharing and always kind hearts with helping hands. All of you have done an outstanding job as members and as volunteers this past 12 months. Each and every one of you has given your heart and soul to each of our fundraisers and its success'. We are a club with a purpose, a club with dedication. You deserve a pat on the back for a job well done!

I am proud of this club and each of its' members. Your president could not have made it through this year without you. So, thank you for supporting me in my journey these past 12 months.