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What's New?'s Paper

Upcoming Meetings and Events

Dec. 1st Annual Meeting and
Election of Officers at
The Arbors, 7 p.m.

Dec. 15th Holiday Party at
Pub 76, 76 Weir Street,
6:30 pm

Jan. 5th Regular Meeting at
The Arbors, 7 p.m.

Jan, 24th GFWC of MA
combined Mid-winter
Conference at Sturbridge
Village

December Meeting

This month's meeting is our annual meeting. We will have reports from each officer and department and we will be electing officers for 2009. Nominations are:

President: Cindy Brogan

Vice President: Sharon Weatherford

Treasurer: Nancy Brown

Recording Secretary: Joyce Clark

Corresponding Secretary: Cheryl Carlos

Auditor: Joan Curran

Director: Denise Wheeler

We will also be filling out our cards for "Holiday Mail for Heroes."

Holiday Party

For our Holiday Party at Pub 76 on December 15th, instead of exchanging gifts, we will be bringing items for Sergey, an orphan from Russia. Sergey is staying with Jill Wright, the principle of Audrey's school, for the holidays and needs the items listed on the last page of the newsletter.

Reminders for December's Meeting

Samaritan House: Sample size toiletries

Education: a paperback dictionary or thesaurus

Pride Inc.: Craft Supplies (see website), board games

St. Vincent de Paul: 2 or more canned goods

Taunton Emergency Management System: Teddy Bears or brownies for Denise to sell.

Main Spring House: bar soap

Shaw's Cash Register Receipts: Our club gets 1% of your receipt totals

To Pub 76



Hospitality

December 1st

Nancy M. (C) and Cindy B.

And don't forget:

Secret Pal Gifts!

Submit Articles to Editor: Nancy Clark
tauntonraynhamjrwomen@yahoo.com

GFWC of MA Fall Meeting

Joyce C. and Nancy C. attended the fall meeting at Benjamin's in Taunton. During the business meeting we enjoyed a delicious lunch and the first guest speaker, Peter Smith of "Communities Without Borders."

After lunch John Gonsalves, the founder of "Homes for Our Troops" gave a very entertaining talk where he explained his work in building homes for severely injured veterans. We were surprised to find that his organization's home base is in Taunton.



Dighton Arts Festival

Nancy B. put up her tepee and dressed as Sacajawea at this year's festival and showed kids how to make Indian talking sticks while telling them about Indian customs.

We also had a table for children to make "Puzzle Frames," color pictures for the frames, and place a magnet on the back for hanging on the refrigerator at home. Cheryl C., Audrey, Nancy C., Cindy B., Paula R., Denise, Joyce C., and Sharon J. helped work with the children.



November Meeting

At our November meeting Ginny Starvish, RN and Breast Health Nurse Navigator from Morton Hospital and Medical Center brought a fake breast with lumps for us to see how a proper breast exam should be performed.

She told us all about breast cancer, it's likelihood in various age groups, how to catch it early, and asked if anyone wanted to make an appointment for a mammogram. She emphasized the importance of yearly mammograms after a certain age.



Rent Relief:

Thank you to Audrey for November's rent relief. Sharon W. will be providing December's rent relief.

International Affairs:

- We are continuing to collect books for the "Camel Bookmobile." For ideas of the types of books to collect check them out on our website at: http://gfwctauntonraynhamjuniors.com/Club_Reminders.aspx.
- Denise is also requesting that you clean out your junk drawers for any used pens and pencils to be donated to a Catholic Mission in India.

Community Improvement:

Our work at Boyden is done for the season. We can hardly wait to see what the Fragrance Garden will look like this spring!

Homelife:

- The "Main Spring House" homeless shelter in Brockton is asking for bar soap.
- ACH Foods, which includes the Spice Islands, Karo, Argo, Mazola, and Fleischmann's brands, will donate 25¢ to "Susan G. Komen for the Cure" (breast cancer) for each proof of purchase submitted online. The submission address is: <http://www.bakeforthecure.com/Register.aspx>.
- Joyce has been knitting baby caps to donate to Morton Hospital and other hospitals in the area. Anyone interested in knitting or crocheting caps can find patterns at http://www.warmupamerica.com/Jul06_kit.html or http://www.bbc.co.uk/stoke/my_pages/babywear/hkp/012.shtml. If you slightly enlarge the pattern, the hats can be donated to *Helping Hands* and homeless shelters.

Education:

- Bring a paperback dictionary or thesaurus for the *Prison Book Program*, www.prisonbookprogram.org.

Conservation:

- See our website at http://gfwctauntonraynhamjuniors.com/Club_Reminders.aspx to see the list of items we are collecting to recycle. The destinations for the items are now listed on our website.
- Go to www.freecycle.org/ to donate or swap items you no longer want. To sign up for the Taunton group, go to www.freecycle.org/group/United%20States/Massachusetts/Taunton.  **freecycle** is a grassroots and entirely nonprofit movement of people who are giving (& getting) stuff for free in their own town. It's all about reuse and keeping good stuff out of landfills.
- Darlene's church is collecting clean used blankets, hats, gloves, mittens, socks, sweatshirts, scarves, thick socks, mittens (preferably large), and small duffel bags for needy families. Socks and small and large duffel bags are especially needed.

Membership:

- Birthday Roll-up for December: Darlene B., 3rd, Deb B., 19th, Joyce C., 21st, Nancy C., 24th, Susan S., 30th. Happy Birthday ladies!
- Remember to bring your completed "Club Project Interest Survey" to this month's meeting.
- Wear club shirts if you have one.
- Perfect attendance awards will be presented at the Holiday Party.

Public Affairs: Our club would like to send Holiday Cards to American service members, veterans and their families in the United States and around the world.

- The club can mail 50 cards, so we are asking members to bring two holiday cards to this month's meeting.
- Individuals can mail up to 25 cards to the following address:
Holiday Mail for Heroes
PO Box 5456
Capitol Heights, MD 20791-5456
- These are the guidelines for sending the cards:
 - All cards must be **postmarked no later than Wednesday, December 10, 2008**. Cards sent after this date will be returned to sender.
 - Participants are encouraged to limit the number of cards they submit to 25 from any one person or 50 from any one class or group. If you are mailing a larger quantity, please bundle the cards and place them in large mailing envelopes. Each card does not need its own envelope or **postage**.
 - Please ensure that all cards are signed.
 - Please use generic salutations such as "Dear Service Member." Cards addressed to specific individuals can not be delivered through this program.
 - Please send cards as opposed to long letters which delay a quick review process.
 - Please do not include email or home addresses on the cards, as the program is not meant to foster pen pal relationships.
 - Please do not include inserts **of any kind**, including photos, as these items will be removed during the reviewing process.
 - All cards received may be used in program publicity efforts, including appearing in broadcast, print or online mediums.

Arts: The greatest artist of all time is God our creator. Look at the glorious sunrises and magnificent sunsets He gives us, and the beauty of forest, mountains and sea. Each spring flower is a work of art. We are blessed with the senses to enjoy His masterpieces. Remember that art is everywhere, visual and sensual.

- Congratulations to our November Smart Cookies: Nancy C. Audrey, Sharon W., Judy D., Deb B., Cheryl C., Joanna A., and Joan C.
- Answer: John Singer Sargent, the only artist born outside the U.S., was born in Florence, Italy. Whistler was born in Lowell, MA, Wyeth in Chadds Ford, PA, and Homer in Boston, MA.

- **Question for December:** The Native Americans appreciated all this beauty, respected it and made good use of what was available to them. In this season of Thanksgiving I bring you back to their heritage. The tribe associated with this area was the Wampanoag's. Wampanoag artists were famous for crafting wampum.
 - What material was used to make the wampum?
 - What purpose did it serve for them, and what is its primary use today?
 - Good Luck! Call 774 218-1456 or e-mail ndbrown261@gmail.com.
- Don't forget to bring any photograph that you would like to enter into this year's GFWC Photo Calendar Contest. The club can only enter one picture, so we will vote for the best picture. The size of the pictures must be 8" x 10" and they must be matted only.

Fundraising:

- Save your *Shaw's Supermarket* receipts. **shaws** will donate 1% of your expenditures back to the club.
- Continue to make brownies for Denise to sell at school.

Sergi's Wish List:

- Socks
- Gloves
- Sweatshirts: size 14-16
- Winter hat
- Winter coat
- Toiletries: deodorant/cologne/hair gel
- Flannel boxer pants: size 14-16
- Plain tee-shirts: size 14-16
- Designer long sleeve shirts: size 14-16
- Age appropriate magazines: Skateboarding
- Foam soccer ball
- Puzzles like Rubric Cube
- Mini-photo album so he can go home with memories
- Disposable camera



Club Name Change:

We will be voting at this month's meeting to change our club name to "GFWC Taunton and Raynham Juniors." This will comply with the state and national request that all club names begin with GFWC.

Our new logo would be:



Publicity: Send all info to Nancy B.