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November Meeting: Club members were encouraged to wear red, white and blue to the meeting for the support of our veterans for



One of their biggest fundraisers is the Taste of Taunton. It will be April 9th. We vowed to support the fundraiser and any others that they have. We provided them with a raffle basket at their last fundraiser. Nancy Brown dressed up



Veterans Day. Our club donated a \$250 check to Girls Inc., Jessica Johnstone-Darling was present to accept the check and talked about how the money would be utilized. She also talked about all the services they have to offer girls in the community. Katie Tyler from Penelope's place was present to accept the \$400 check they were

as a woman of the times and read the story of the Woman's Suffrage Movement to our membership and guests that were present. This was to encourage women to get out in vote November 6th and continue to support woman's rights as the GFWC has done for hundreds of years. Nancy ended her presentation by passing around a fundraising can for the Turning Point Suffragette Memorial raising a total of \$35.56 from our membership. This will be added to our end of the year donation. The Program of the evening was offered by members



awarded which our club assisted with the grant writing of for the Domestic Violence GFWC

of Massachusetts Grant. She talked about what they have to offer in the Brockton area to those in need of their services. The money will go to the purchase of a new refrigerator. Cindy Tokarz was present to talk to us about Cancer Care CABbies



Joan Curran and Paula Gasparoni. It was a special leadership project where members worked in



Program. They offer short-term financial assistance for cancer patients with any type of cancer in the

groups of three, using small marshmallows and small wooden skewers built something as high and creative as possible for which gifts of candles were awarded.



Greater Taunton and Surrounding Communities.

Included is a picture of the tallest project winners.

During the month of October & November our

club: Nancy Brown organized a club outing which



was attended by Denise Wheeler and her son Zach, Robin Gendron and Cindy Leonard. They attended a free cooking demonstration at the Mansfield Public Library on October 15th. The program "Feasting on Soups", was



presented by chef and author Liz Barbour. She showed everyone how to make many different soups from one base soup, and invited everyone to enjoy the two finished soups at the end of the program.

The General Federation of Women's Club of



Massachusetts had their fall conference on October 27th at



the Marriott Courtyard Boston-Marlborough. Our



club was well represented. We voted on bylaws and resolutions, the most important to us being: The Officers along with the

Director of Junior Clubs shall constitute Council. Rationale: to allow the Director of Junior Clubs to become a voting partner in State Federation business, this passed unanimously. Robin along with the other Domestic Violence Grant Winners was awarded their grant money to bring back to their clubs to pass on their local recipients. There was a workshop on the Turning Point Memorial and one on the 7 Grand Initiatives of GFWC.

During the month Joyce Clark with the assistance of her husband posted a banner in the city showing our club support of Domestic Violence Month.



Members Cheryl Carlos, Nancy Clark and Cindy Brogan assisted Matthew Mission this month getting bags together for those in need for the holidays with

gift bags.

November 4th was the Dighton Arts Festival from 9:00AM to 3:00PM. Nancy Clark arranged for us to get a free table to display news of our club and to have children activities. Robin Gendron printed and cut stars for children to color that will be put on two different small Christmas Trees and delivered to two local nursing homes. Nancy Clark printed cards for veterans that were colored and given messages along with those donated by club members to be given to Mark Cook at the mission to be given to veterans through Red Cross. Joyce had a membership table and talked to a few women who seemed interested in our club.

Committees:

ARTS – Nancy Clark –Start taking pictures for GFWC Photo Contests. Create something in teal and purple for the GFWC March 15th contest.



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 – Also the center in Brockton for women Penelope’s Place is looking for new/slightly used sweatpants and sweatshirts or sweat suit sets and a dehumidifier. Pajamas were donated and delivered to New Hope by Joyce Clark.



EDUCATION – Nancy Martin & Kathy Voller—Bring books to the monthly meetings for the “More Than Words” book collection. Join the virtual book club on Facebook



[GFWCMAjuniorsbookclub](#), the new book is “The next person you meet in Heaven” by Mitch Albom. Discussion begins Jan 18. Bring new books to the Christmas Party for Citizens for Citizens.

FUNDRAISING – Cindy Brogan- Lottery Raffle, this time 1st place is \$600 worth of \$2 lottery tickets or \$500 cash, a second prize of \$250 and a 3rd prize of 100. Prize will be awarded at the membership Christmas Party. Tickets will cost \$10 each, 3 for \$20, sell by the December 10th Christmas Party. Bring all money and stubs to the party.



HOME LIFE – Nancy Brown- Looking to adopt a senior. If you know of anyone who needs our help or some company, please let me know. We can discuss a plan of action to help. Hold on to any blankets , books or buddies that you have purchased until spring please. I have no room for more right now and thank you for all your donations so far. Thankfully there have not been any more requests from the surrounding towns to whom we provide, so we will reach out to Assonet and Jane Pacheco will deliver some to the Fire Department there. Thank you for the donations to Prime Time. They are always looking for small items for Bingo.(Tissues, lip balm, hand sanitizer, cookies or crackers, stamps, candy) -



HOSPITALITY –December is Joanna Alden and JoAnne Matthews.

INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH –Cindy Brogan- Continue to get all shots at Walgreens to help the “Shot for Life” Program. Souls 4 Souls is looking for new or gently worn shoes. The Heifer Pig will be back this month, bring your change.



LEADERSHIP: - Paula Gasparoni and Joan Curran –. Think about applying for LEADS.



MEMBERSHIP — Joyce Clark/Jane



Pacheco -Encourage friends and new people you meet to come to a meeting. Installing new members soon!

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. Reminder members can 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”.

PROGRAMS- Joanna Alden – none

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 15th. Our club will be donating \$45 to “Wreaths for America” cost of 3 wreaths. Cards for veterans were delivered to the Red Cross for Veterans Day.



PUBLIC POLICY & LEGISLATION– Nancy Clark –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 and to Nancy Clark webmaster@nclark.net. Here is the



promised email address to forward replies from GFWC's Legislation Action Center: GFWCMAlegislation@gmail.com. The seven members from our club that have registered received candy bars at the meeting.

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. Please return all books to Nancy

Brown at the December meeting. The committee is looking for ideas to help raise money to purchase a brick for the 2020 memorial brick. We raised \$35.56 from our can collection at the Nov. meeting for the Turning Point Suffragette Memorial.

YEARBOOK– Nancy Brown & Nancy Clark –New ones will be out sometime in January.

What should you bring to the December meeting?

Dues \$30

Dr. Seuss Books, children books, any books

Sweatpants, Sweatshirts & Sweatsuits

New or gently worn shoes: Sole 4 Souls

Change for Heifer



Happy Birthday to members:

Darlene Brown

Brenda Saben

Cindy Leonard

Joyce Clark

Nancy Clark

Susan Carlson

Up Coming Events

December 1st, Lights On Hosting Reading with Mrs. Santa at Hometown Furnishings 5:30-8:00pm

Next Board Meeting December 3rd

December 3rd (2nd meeting) Annual Meeting-Officers Reports and Election of New Officers Article 7, Section 6

Christmas Party December 10th, at Lorenzo's

Report Writing, TBA

Chicken Dinner at American Legion a Saturday Night TBA, Cost \$15 a ticket

The GFWC Taunton and Raynham Junior Woman's Club invite you to
Come join Mrs.Claus and Santa's Elves for storytime on
Saturday Dec.1st 5:00 - 8:00 PM
at Taunton's 105th Lighting of the Green
Cocoa and cookies for all good little children!
Location: Hometown Furnishings on Main Street.

