



# Juniors in Action

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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?

**November 6<sup>th</sup> meeting** was a fun meeting for all who attended, members enjoyed decorating 6 artificial two foot trees that were delivered to local nursing homes. It was a fun activity for members helping to put us in a Christmas spirit. During the **December meeting** our membership chairman Joyce Clark inducted a new member to our club: **Ana Kearnan** who learned about our club through our Facebook page! Welcome Ana, take time to introduce yourself to our new



member. **Our club** made, signed and delivered cards for Veterans for Veterans Day and Christmas.

**Continual donations** and help by club

members have been made to Matthew Mission. Many members have reached out to Mark Cook who has had a difficult year physically. He has done so much for our clubs so don't forget him, send him good wishes. During the holiday season donations from our club have been made to women veterans. **A one hundred dollar** donation has been given to the March of Dimes. Our club has collected and donated **15 new/used can openers** to the Matthew Mission Food



Pantry which are club continue to support.

**Turkey baskets** were donated at Thanksgiving and Christmas to Taunton High School and Joyce Clarks' Church. Our club collected and donated **23 pairs of glasses** to the Lions club. **Several members** Edie Edlund, Joyce Clark, Denise Wheeler and others have continued to volunteer

their time emptying out the house of Georgia Hamlin Skilling who was a friend to some of our members who always supported our fundraising efforts. Many collected items are still being sold, with additional money being contributed to our club. Our club members collected and donated **20 used phones** to the Marine Corp.

Once again we had our **annual Christmas Party** at the Home Plate restaurant on December 13<sup>th</sup>.

This time husbands and family were invited. The buffet was delicious and everyone that attended seemed to have a nice time.



The **new slate of officers** was sworn in: by Denise Wheeler they are President-Robin Gendron, Vice President -Emily Weiland, Recording Secretary Joyce



Clark, Corresponding Secretary- Judy Ackerman,  
Treasurer-Sarah Brink, Auditor- Cindy



Brogan, and  
Director-Edie  
Edlund.  
Several  
members were  
presented with  
**pins for years of**

**membership:** Judy Ackerman 20 years, Nancy  
Martin 15 years. New children clothes was  
collected and donated **to JRI Foster Care**



**and Adoption Agency;**  
they are located on South  
Main Street in Berkley. Our  
club also donated 2  
baskets of food to the  
agency and plan to continue our

support throughout the new year.

The new items were accepted by  
Robert Costa Program Director.

Thank-you to all the members  
who contributed for the  
membership was very generous  
with their donations. **Cindy**

**Brogan** has worked very hard  
again this year running the fund raiser raffle for  
scholarships; she was able to raise \$2,340. Great  
job Cindy! The winner Judy Soares, a  
nonmember but club supporter chose to take the  
\$500 check and not the scratch tickets. The **rent**  
**relief** was drawn and run by Nancy Brown, the  
winner was Robin Gendron who won a nice  
plant. Once again the membership has been



supportive with donating to rent  
relief to help pay for our storage  
facility with a total of \$175 for  
the last 2 months.

Our club once again  
gave back to  
our  
community  
by dressing  
**as Mrs.  
Clause and  
Santa Elves**



on Saturday December 4th during the City Lights  
on event at the Hometown Furniture location.

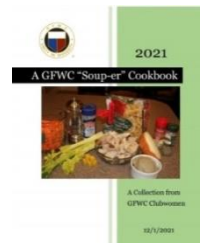
Mrs. Clause Nancy Brown read Christmas Stories  
in small groups and with assistance from  
the members dressed as elves Fran Perry,  
Robin Gendron, Cindy Leonard, Cheryl  
Carlos, Cindy Brogan and Brenda Saban  
who sang Christmas songs, gave out  
candy canes and collected letters from

Santa from the children.

We have continued with our **Book-A-Baby**  
**Program.** Nancy Martin had a grandson in May  
and the Nancy Brown's book  
"Freckles the Cow" was  
donated to the Memorial  
Library in Shreveport,  
Louisiana on November 5<sup>th</sup>.



**GFWC International had a soup contest.** Our  
member Nancy Brown represented our club by  
submitting her Venus Demilo turkey soup recipe  
to the GFWC International Soup  
contest. She didn't win but was  
recognized for her submission  
with the recipe being placed in the  
book they published of recipes. It  
can be found and downloaded on  
line at GFWC International. Great job Nancy!



#### **COMMITTEES:**

**ADVOCATES OF CHILDREN**—Robin Broberg –  
Clothes for children to donate to the JRI Foster  
Care and Adoption Agency.

**ARTS AND CULTURE**— Kathy Sampson –  
Looking for suggestions.

**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. Let her know if you see any club articles.

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

**EDUCATION AND LIBRARIES** – Nancy Martin- Looking for club members to help with the scholarship committee revamping the application and criteria. Will meet on Monday and/or Thursday nights.

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

**FUNDRAISING AND DEVELOPMENT** – Cindy Brogan – Nothing at this time.

**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 becoming a club chairman.

**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 – Nothing at this time.

**WOMENS HISTORY AND RESOURCE CENTER-** Nancy Brown- Nothing at this time.

Happy December and January Birthdays!

Darlene Brown, Brenda Saben, Robin Broberg, Cindy Leonard, Joyce Clark, Nancy Clark, Susan Carlson, and Judy DeAbreu



## **What's Happening?**

Monday January 3<sup>rd</sup> – Business Meeting at Bristol Plymouth High School at 7:00pm  
Silver Platter Restaurant

Hospitality provided by Brenda Saben, Darlene

Brown & Sarah Brink

**The heart of a volunteer is not measured in size,  
commitment to make a difference in the lives of**



**but by the depth of the  
others**