



Juniors in Action



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Our Board Members

Edith Edlund – President, Robin Gendron - Vice President, Cindy Brogan - Recording Secretary,

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January Business Meeting: Our club through the efforts of Fran Perry was able to raise \$100 for **Homes for Our Troops** through a percentage of sales at a craft fair. They sent us a thank-you note for our contribution. The executive board also made a decision to contribute \$50 for **Cabbies for Cancer**, who sent a speaker Lori Tokarz about the program to our December meeting. Each Business meeting this year Nancy Brown will talk about a women's contribution to women's rights. Last month she gave a speech on Sarah Young Ford, who was the first woman to legally cast



a vote in a local election in Wyoming in 1869. She also talked about how members could sign out books our club own: "The Directory of GFWC", Our History Books, and "The Fashion Show Book from 2018". Nominations and votes were taken for the two club awards given by the state. Jane Pacheco was nominated for the "Marilyn Perry Award" and Robin Gendron was nominated for the "Martha Michalewich" award. We are also writing the nomination of our president Edith Edlund for the President's Award.

What was our club involved in for the month of January? Cindy Brogan, Robin Gendron and Nancy

Clark delivered a check to the Friends of the Taunton Animal Shelter and some towels.



Our club donated bags of women's clothes to Triangle House in Rockland, a safe, supportive and sober living environment for scores of women from all backgrounds and walks of life. Triangle House is owned and managed by Nancy Travers. It is geared to serve those who are knowledgeable about their disease, who have a desire to maintain sobriety, and are willing and are active participants in their own recovery. The house is completely self-supported through its residential fees. They have a capacity for ten residents, eight of their bedrooms are private and one serves as a double room. Our club will continue to collect and donate women's clothes to the house so bring any you have to the next meeting. We have also donated bags of clothes to the people that were involved in the Fall River fire and lost everything. Clothes for adults and children are still needed! Last month we once again donated Bears and Blankets, this time to the Assonet Fire Department.



Committees:

ARTS – Nancy Clark –Start picking your pictures for GFWC Photo Contests, landscapes in black and white and color. They are also looking for pictures of living things and in 3-D. Go on the GFWC state website for additional information



or talk to Nancy Brown or Nancy Clark. If anyone is interested in submitting a Teal and Purple item for the Arts Contest for GFWC MA Annual Meeting, pieces are due by March 15th at Headquarters. All items submitted will be donated & auctioned off at Annual Meeting. Funds raised will be for the Domestic Violence Grants at Fall Meeting. Joan Curran has already contributed one of her creative fabric prints, Joyce Clark is knitting a baby's outfit and Nancy Clark is painting a picture.

COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC RELATIONS - Nancy Brown – Please continue to save any articles that you may see anywhere. When clipping any article makes sure you include the header that has the paper's name, page number, and date of said article. Be aware that our events and announcements are also run on Cable TV, on-line and 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. Arbor Day is coming clubs are encouraged to plant trees.



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: - Nancy Martin/ Joyce Clark – The center in Brockton for women Penelope's Place is looking for new/slightly used sweatpants and sweatshirts or sweat suit sets. Triangle House is looking for womens clothes.



EDUCATION – Nancy Martin/Joyce Clark – Bring books to the monthly meetings for the "More Than Words" book collection and Prison Book. Our new Virtual Book Club selection: is "The Nest" by Cynthia D'Aprix Sweeney.



FUNDRAISING – Cindy Brogan – There is going to be chicken dinner fundraiser on



March 30th.

HOME LIFE – Nancy Brown- Still looking to adopt a senior. If you know of anyone who needs our help or some company, please let her know. We can discuss a plan of action to help. Prime Time is always looking for small items for Bingo; tissues, lip balm, hand sanitizer, cookies or crackers, stamps, and candy.



HOSPITALITY – Robin Gendron - February hostesses will be Cindy Leonard and Joan Curran. March is Sarah Brink and Fran Perry.



INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH –Cindy Brogan- Souls 4 Souls is looking for new or gently worn shoes. The Heifer Pig is back, bring your change. March 8th is International Women's day,



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



MEMBERSHIP —Jane Pacheco/Joyce Clark - 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. 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- Raise money for Turning Point. Our club wants to purchase our own brick supporting Women Suffrage and also make a contribution to the GFWC of Massachusetts Junior Club brick. We hope to assist those members who wish to attend the ceremonial weekend of the 100th celebration.



PROGRAMS- Joanna Alden – February speaker will be from Taunton Pathways on Community Safety. Their mission is to advocate for improvements to the multimodal transportation infrastructure in the City of Taunton and surrounding communities, including but not limited to walking, biking, and boating; to promote the safe usage of existing and future multimodal transportation infrastructure in the City of Taunton and surrounding communities; to educate the public about issues including but not limited to safe walking, biking, and boating practices; and to raise and allocate funds to execute said improvements to the multimodal transportation infrastructure in the City of Taunton and surrounding communities and to educate the public about said issues.



PUBLIC ISSUES –Cindy Brogan – Our new GFWC Junior Director Project will be helping and bringing forth recognition to veterans.

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.

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. The committee is looking for ideas to help raise money to purchase a brick for the 2020 memorial brick.

YEARBOOK– Nancy Brown & Nancy Clark – If you have any changes in your home address, telephone number or email address; please send changes to your information for the new yearbook before it goes to print!

What should you bring to the February meeting?

Clothes for Women, Men and Children

Bring photos for the calendar contest

March 1st is the deadline for entering the GFWC of MA "Teal and Purple Contest"

Books of any kind hardcover and paperback

Sweatpants, Sweatshirts & Sweatsuits: Penelope House

New or gently worn shoes: Sole 4 Souls

Change for Heifer



Happy Birthday to members:

Jane Pacheco

Sarah Brink

Up Coming Events

Business Meeting, February 4th B.P. 7 p.m. Silver Platter

Board Meeting February 25th at B.P., 6:30 PM , Silver Platter

Chicken Dinner at American Legion a Saturday Night March 30th, Cost \$15 a ticket

The Tea May 19th

