

Meeting Monday November 2, 2015 7:00pm Silver Platter at Bristol Plymouth

Our Board Members

Cindy Leonard, President – Cindy Brogan, Vice President –Lynne Jorge, Recording Secretary

Joanna Alden, Corresponding Secretary – Vel Bleau, Treasurer – Joan Curran, Auditor

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What Did We Do in October?

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Monday October 5th: Our club celebrated our 65th anniversary. It was held at the First Parish Church in Taunton from 6:00 to 9:00pm. Appetizers served included shrimp, cheese, crackers and fruit. Cindy Leonard our president was the master of ceremonies. Reverend Christana Wille McKnight said grace followed by a moment of silence for our troops and their families.



type of sandwiches and salads, chips, relishes and desserts



Thelma McCaffrey, our only charter member for the 65 years our club has existed was honored with gifts



Leonard joined by GFWC Jr. Membership Director Diane McCurley and GFWC Asst. Director Martha Casassa. After the



made by members. This was followed by the cutting of a cake by our president Cindy

and a speech which reflected her

contributions to the club read by Nancy Martin. In attendance we had many distinguished political guests who honored us with citations and praise for our commitment and volunteerism to the community.



They included, Mayor Tom Hoyer, Louie Laura representing Senator Mark Pacheco, MA State Representative Shauna O’Connell and City Councilman John McCaul. Dinner was served as a buffet including a multiple

buffet we were honored by Diane MCCurley and Martha Casassa .

Attending the anniversary were many past presidents, it was great to be able to share memories with them.



We would like to thank the committee co-chaired by Marry Barrett and Joyce Clark along with Robin Gendron, Nancy Brown, Nancy Clark, Sue Carlson and Lynne Jorge for a job well done.

October 15th: We had a club outing to Roger Williams Zoo for “Jack-O-Lantern Spectacular”, a nighttime display of 5,000

illuminated jack-o-lanterns with well over



100 of the pumpkins carved into veritable works of art. The Jack-O-Lantern

Spectacular is presented by Citizens Bank. The 2015 presentation, titled "The People's Choice," featured subjects the public especially loved throughout the past 27 years of shows. Scenes were filled with intricate pumpkin art recalling the "Phantom of the Opera," the Golden Age of Hollywood, and other cultural



and historic highlights. Charles Darwin's trip to the Galapagos Islands was represented, complete with "active" volcanoes, and the 50th anniversary of "The Sound of Music" . Light and image projections enhanced the scenery along the trail with childhood



favorites and Halloween scenes, and the Laughing Tree.

Hundreds of glowing jack-o-lanterns on the ground and high up in the trees surrounded carved giants arrayed in the forefront, with spooky fog and the iconic musical theme punctuated by a

catchy beat and laughter. Those in attendance were Nancy Martin, Cindy Leonard, Mary Barrette, Nancy Clark and Joyce Clark. We enjoyed each others company with a dinner afterwards at Greggs Restaurant.



October 17th: The GFWC of Junior Membership Massachusetts Fall Conference at Oliver Wright Tavern at Old Sturbridge Village in Sturbridge Mass. From 9:00am to



3:00pm. Our club was well represented with 11 members attending. The conference was called to order by president Diane

McCurley. Reports were given from the 2015 GFWC International Convention in Memphis, Tennessee, the GFWC Board of Directors Meeting in Chantilly, Virginia, and the GFWC New England Region



Conferece in Newton, Massachusetts. The lunch buffet was very good it included pot roast and chicken pot pie. We watched two videos on our GFWC Partnership with St.

Judes's Children Research Hospital. We have been asked to collect Pull Tabs for an Advocates for Children Challenge to benefit Shriners Hospital for Children. The speaker was Mary Ellen Fydenkevez, from Canine Companions for Independence along with her canine friend Flute.



The club has established a Home Life Challenge called "Cans for Canines". Collect cans and bottles or put cans out at places of business with proceeds going to CCI. The money will delivered by April 1, 2016. A 50-50 raffle was used to donate along with additional money given by the GFWC of Massachusetts Jrs. for a total

of \$400 to be sent to South Carolina Jrs Club for relief of the disaster floods. Nancy



Brown won the 50-50 raffle and donated back \$100, koodles to Nancy Brown. We donated a basket to the conference and help to raise \$750 Joyce Clark was a winner of one of the baskets. We also donated several 13 stuff animals, hats, scarfs and mittens.

Committees:

ARTS – Nancy Clark – The new challenge is to make a complete outfit out of shopping bags like the ones you can buy at T. J. Max.



CONSERVATION – Denise

Wheeler – All types of shoes in all sizes are needed. Campbell soup labels, hangers, old batteries are needed, newspapers including advertisement flyers and foam trays. See our site for a full list of items needed and where items can be donated.

EDUCATION – Nancy Martin – Donate a paperback dictionary or thesaurus for the prison book program. During the meeting Joyce Clark will organize a date to help out at the Prison Book Program. Please start to collect and bring to meetings children books for December for our donation to “Citizens for Citizens.” Continue to support the statewide book club and “ESO”.

FUNDRAISING – Denise Wheeler - Foxwoods trip Friday December 4th organized by Jane Pittsley and Pie and Coffee being held at the VFW on November 8th. Members can get tickets if they need

them and sign up at the next meeting about the pie you are planning to make.

HOME LIFE – Nancy Brown – continue to collect buddy bears, books and fleece blankets.

INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH – Cindy Brogan –. Remember to get your flu shot at Wall Greens they will donate a shot To Shot@Life for each one purchased!

LEADERSHIP – Nancy Brown - Do you have what it takes to be a leader think about being a Junior officer this year.

MEMBERSHIP – Joyce Clark – Hooray to those members for getting new people to our meetings! Let’s continue this effort.

PUBLICITY – Nancy Brown - Bring newspaper articles and pictures.

PUBLIC ISSUES– Robin Gendron – Bring women’s robes and slippers with rubber bottoms for the VA Hospital in Brockton. The Matthew Mission is also in need of white socks and boots.

HOSPITALITY –November meeting: Cindy Brogan and Darlene Brown, December is Nancy Martin and Nancy Clark.

PROGRAMS – Joanna Alden – Contact Joanna with ideas for future meetings. November will be Gisele Sardinha “bras for posture” discussion on the care and cleaning of bras, how to get fitted for a new bra, the correct way to adjust and put on a bra.



Newsletter – Nancy Martin - Forward any articles and pictures to me ASAP at MRMartin947@aol.com

Yearbook - Nancy Clark contact her if you need a copy or go on line and download.



Happy Halloween! Happy Thanksgiving!



Don't forget unless otherwise stated all business and board meetings will take place

at the Silver Platter at Bristol Plymouth from now on!

Next board meeting is November 30th at 6:30pm

Next Business meeting December 7nd at 7:00pm



Happy Birthday from your fellow club members!

Robin Gendron – November 7th

Paula Gasparoni – November 8th

Cynthia Amara – November 11th

What should you bring to the meeting?

Woman slippers with rubber soles and bathrobes for the VA Hospital

Cans and Bottles for Cans for Canines

Pull Tabs for Shriners Hospital for Children

White Socks and Boots for the Matthew Mission 25:40

Pennies for Old Colony History Museum

Change for Heifer Pig

Newspapers and Advertisement flyers for Denise, Martin School

Children Books for Citizens for Citizens

Upcoming Events

November 1st – Dighton Arts Festival: 10am to 4pm

November 8th – Pie and Coffee at the VFW in Taunton: 1 to 3 pm

November 11th – Bella Roma: 4-9pm

December 4th: will be the next Foxwoods trip: 7:30am. They have added more stores and restaurants to the complex. Should be decorated for Christmas, great time to start your Christmas shopping!

December 14th: Juniors' Holiday Party at the Chateau