

Meeting Monday August 31, 2015 7:00pm Lecture Hall 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 Over The Summer?

Hope you are all drinking lots of water and staying hydrated!

Nancy Martin - Editor



End of May our club awarded four scholarships to high school students in the amount of \$300 each; Laura Taunton attending University of Massachusetts, Jessie Ellis from Dighton/Rehoboth, and one each from Bridgewater/Rayham.



to high students in of \$300 Kenny from High who is Brown in the fall, from Bristol

along with members from other GFWC Juniors in Massachusetts. We conversed with sophomore students from numerous high schools throughout the state. There



were three students from the Taunton area,

Chris Tocci from Bristol Plymouth, Jacob Karon from Coyle Cassidy, and Marra from Taunton high School. There were several counselors from the Taunton area who have repeatedly returned to work with students within the program each year who have become productive citizens. We were involved in the afternoon program “**Birthday Wishes**”, where we put together boxes for the students to wrap. We passed out and collected the wrapped boxes students completed and the birthday cards students created with much enthusiasm and creativity.

Friday May 29th Joyce Clark and Robin Gendron attended The **2015 MasSTAR Citizenship Conference** at Lasell College in



Newton Massachusetts. They assisted with several activities.

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June 4th our club donated 54 articles of clothing to Crossroads in Providence a homeless shelter. We continue to donate clothes to Matthew 25:40 mission when asked and Saint Thomas Church in Taunton; So keep the clothes coming in!

June 7 was the **Federation Day at the Forest** where the Junior Federation honored those members from Massachusetts that passed away this year.

Two of our members Barbara



Spencer and Peggy Smith were honored. Several of our members were in attendance: Joyce Clark, Nancy Clark, and Cindy Leonard.

June 7th was the **Volunteer Cookout for the Matthew 25:40 Mission** at 1:00pm at Paula and Richard Fleck's home. Several of our members who have volunteered throughout the year and summer from Tuesday through Thursday from 8:00am to 1:00pm were in attendance. Members JoAnn Matthews, Cindy Brogan, Cheryl Carlos, Nancy Clark and Nancy Martin have continued to volunteer at the mission helping out; cleaning, organizing and giving out food, talking with the homeless who come in for assistance while serving coffee and breakfast food.

June 8th we had our **June Social** at Boston Tavern in Middleboro



from 6:00 to 9:00pm. The program theme was "Membership" with a purple flare. It consisted of a membership game, two movies "A Year in Review" and "A Tribute to Barbara Spencer" created by Nancy Clark



assisted by Nancy Martin and a cake for desert as a tribute to "Membership Volunteerism" donated by Joyce Clark. Each member attending received purple M&Ms donated by Nancy Martin, a pearl necklace created by Cindy Leonard enclosed in a homemade purple and white napkin created by Joan Curran. A raffle which raised \$113 consisted of a hanger flower plant donated by Cindy Brogan and two bottles of wine

with lottery tickets attached donated by Cindy Leonard. Money, \$50 to be exact was used by the History Book committee. Each



table had a purple flower plant donated by Nancy Martin surrounded by purple confetti which was given to the member on the table whose birthday was coming up next. We wish to thank the June social committee consisting of Nancy Martin, Cindy Leonard, Joan Curran and Joyce Clark for a job well done!

June 10th to 16th the **2015 GFWC Annual Convention**, a celebration of 125 years of federation, was an experience to remember! There were emotional and

uplifting banquets, thought-provoking and laugh-out-loud speakers, action-packed



tours, and many awards, awards, awards. Most importantly, there were nearly 1,000 GFWC members, clubwomen, and friends who got a

chance to connect and re-connect in our fabulous host city of Memphis, Tennessee. Members of our club who attended the convention were Cindy Brogan, Edie Edlund, and Nancy Clark.



Besides the opportunity to sit in their planes cockpit during their layover in Baltimore on the way to Memphis, they thoroughly enjoyed their tours of Graceland, the Civil Rights Museum, and the Rock and Soul Museum. Other highlights included a Memphis Red Birds baseball game where GFWC President, Babs Condon, threw out the first pitch and eating ribs at the Rendezvous.

June 19th-20th was the **Relay for Life**. We had a team again this year led by team captain Fran Perry. The team consisted of members Cindy Leonard and Cindy Brogan our cancer survivors; and numerous club members Mary Barrett, Nancy Brown,



Joyce Clark, Nancy Clark, Robin Gendron, Denise Wheeler and Nancy Martin to name a few some whom stayed overnight. Most members donated money and helped us to raise over \$2000.

July 12th GFWC of MA Juniors hosted a "**Fun Sunday and Scavenger Hunt**" at GFWC of MA Headquarters in Sudbury from 1-3pm in the afternoon.



Nancy Clark represented our club and had a great time!

July 15th Vel Bleau was notified after 18 months of work that we are a registered club, we are now incorporated. Next step is to get our tax exempt number. Kudos to Vel for all her hard work towards this outcome!

July 28th was our "**Membership Meet and Greet Day**" at the First Parish Church in the Matthew Mission room from 5:00 – 7:30pm. There were approximately thirty people in attendance



that showed an interest in our Junior Membership Club. The movie "The Year in Review" created by Nancy Clark and a trifold board created by Cindy Brogan of



activities was on display for their carousel. Also available

was food and wine brought by members. The women were encouraged to attend our first meeting on August 31st.

Sometime in July Nancy Brown organized 7 Buddy Bear Bags and donated them to the Dighton fire Department. She also gathered craft supplies and delivered them to the Prime Time Senior Center in Dighton as a club contribution. Kudos to Nancy Brown for taking the initiative during the summer to follow up on these requests!

Cindy Grogan and several other club members organized and delivered 25 bags of woman essentials to the VA Hospital in Brockton. This was another joint endeavor with the Matthew 25:40 Mission.

August 12th several club members help to



make 32 bags of toiletries for members of the

Council on Aging and Bethany House at the mission. They were Nancy Clark, Nancy Martin, Cheryl Carlos, Joann Matthews and Cindy Grogan.

August 18th once again our membership offered a fundraising trip to **Foxwoods Casino** coordinated by Jane Pittsley assisted by Cindy Grogan. It was a full bus and helped



to raise \$840. Jane has been successfully running these trips over the last few years and has helped to raise thousands of dollars for our club.



She gets donuts and coffee donated for the beginning of the trip, gifts given out during the ride to the casino with everyone in attendance receiving something and then snacks for everyone on the ride home.

August 26th and 27th club members Cindy Brogan, Nancy Clark, Cheryl Carlos and Nancy Martin help to organize and make



school bags of supplies to be given to families in need. Our club donated \$50 to purchase some of the supplies as well as club members private donations.

Committees:

ARTS – Nancy Clark – Any new people who have artwork to share at a meeting, please see me. Continue taking pictures for future photography contests

CONSERVATION – Denise Wheeler – 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.

Continue to support the statewide book club and “ESO.” On September 29, 2015 (the fifth Tuesday in September) will be the next All Clubs Statewide book club meeting at Headquarters from 6:30 to 8:30. The next book that will be discussed is the beloved classic, “To Kill a Mockingbird”, by Harper Lee. To Kill a Mockingbird is primarily a novel about growing up under extraordinary circumstances in the 1930’s in the Southern United States. The story covers a span of three years during which the main characters undergo significant changes. In the spring of 2016, the club hopes to finish the Book Club series with Harper Lee’s sequel of sorts to “To Kill a Mockingbird” with “Go Set a Watchman”. It features an aging Atticus Finch and his grown daughter, Scout. The 304 page novel, which is scheduled for release this July, tackles the racial tensions brewing in the South in the 1950s and delves into the complex relationship between father and daughter. Try to attend one Book All Clubs Statewide meeting – it is fun, informative and an informal way to meet members from other clubs.

FUNDRAISING – Denise Wheeler – Soup Sampler September 26th from 10 to 3pm.

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

INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH – Cindy Brogan – Continue to collect for Shot of Life and Heiffer.

LEADERSHIP – Nancy Brown - - Do you have what it takes to be a leader, of course you do; that’s why you’re a junior!

MEMBERSHIP – Joyce Clark – Continue to encourage friends and families to come to a meeting.

PUBLICITY – Nancy Brown - Bring newspaper articles and pictures.

PUBLIC ISSUES– Robin Gendron – Bring women’s robes and slippers for VA Hospital in Brockton.

HOSPITALITY – Cindy Brogan - August meeting: Susan Carlson and Cheryl Carlos; October meeting: JoAnn Matthews and Fran Perry

PROGRAMS – Joanna Alden – Contact Joanna with ideas for future meetings. Massachusetts Jr Woman’s Club is now sponsoring Saint Jude’s Children’s Hospital and Research. More to come!

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

Yearbook - contact Nancy Clark for a copy or go on line and download

Don’t forget unless otherwise stated all club meeting will take place at the Lecture Hall at Bristol Plymouth!

Next Board Meeting is September 28th at 6:30pm



Happy Birthday from your fellow club members!

Cheryl Carlos – August 21st

Judy Ackerman – September 4th

JoAnn Matthews – September 11th

What should you bring to the meeting on Monday August 31st?

- Pennies to donate to the Historical Society
- Change for the Heiffer Pig
- Ladies slippers with nonslip bottoms to donate for the VA Hospital
- Blankets for Home Life to be used to make more Buddy Bear Bags
- Old pillows and blankets for the animal shelter
- Print out of this newsletter to share with others and receive a prize!

Upcoming Events

106th GFWC New England Region Conference – September 11 to 13

At the Boston-Newton Marriott on 22345 Commonwealth Ave. Newton MA.

Engaging and informative speakers, door prizes and vendors - Bring Your Spirit!

We currently have 10 ladies signed up to go to Conference and that is exciting!!

If you haven't already signed up and would like to attend the conference, please call Nancy Clark and she will do the necessary paperwork, club pays for admission!

Our Club is in charge of a session at one o'clock on Friday to make greeting cards for soldiers to send home to family and friends. Joyce Clark is the organizer of the event. Our club also hopes to donate \$50 worth of peanut butter crackers for the registration table.

Sunday September 20th Raynham Pride Day 1:00 to 4:00pm

Saturday September 26th Soup sampler from noon to 2pm

Monday October 5th our 65th Club anniversary at the First Parish church Monday 6:00 to 9:00pm

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