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What Did We Do in May?

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Monday May 6th Business Meeting: Women's History & Resource was represented by Denise Wheeler in Nancy Brown's absence. This month the



woman chosen was Sally Ride, an American astronaut, physicist, and engineer. Born in Los Angeles, she joined NASA in 1978 and became the first American woman in space in 1983. Ride was the third woman in space overall. Ride remains the youngest American astronaut to have traveled to space, having done so at the age of 32. After flying twice on the Orbiter Challenger, she left NASA in 1987. She worked for two years at Stanford University's Center for International Security and Arms Control, then at the University of California, San Diego as a professor of physics. She served on the committees that investigated the Challenger and Columbia space shuttle disasters, the only person to participate in both. Ride died of pancreatic cancer on July 23, 2012.

Kathy Sampson volunteered to be the new Arts Chairman and Nora Orfanello and Robin Broberg the new Advocates for Children Co-Chairman. Education Chairman reported that 138 books were donated to More Than Words between the two conferences. A report was made

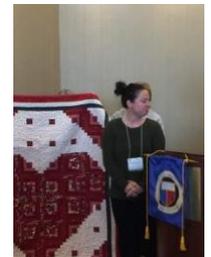
on the two conferences by Robin Gendron and Edith Edlund. Cindy Brogan brought the two matching quilts her daughter Mary Ellen Founds



and Cindy as women veterans received at the GFWC of Massachusetts Conference.

The quilts were made by *The Freedom Quilters of Millbury, Massachusetts*, an official member of "Quilts of Valor". There motto is

"covering veterans one quilt at a time". It was a very emotional gift for our two members, to feel honored for their service.



What Has Our Club Been Involved With Over The Summer?

The Oriental Tea and Luncheon chaired by Nancy Brown took place May 19th at St Nicholas of Myra Parish Center. It



was well



attended; the food was all homemade by club members.

There were the popular raffle baskets and a special



raffle of a large doll with the money going to the Suffragette Fund, a 50/50 raffle and door prizes. Every table had Chinese origami cranes done by Cindy Brogan's son Joe Found that



well attended and everyone seemed to enjoy



themselves.

Our membership voted not to put a team together this year for Relay of Life but donate \$100 to the cause. Members Denise Wheeler and Fran Perry represented our club by attending the Relay for Life meetings. Through club contributions we collectively donated \$300.00.



were taken home by the person on each table with the closest birthday.

May is High School Scholarship Month. The 5 area high schools have their scholarship award nights which are attended by members to bring awareness to the recipients who they have received their \$500 scholarships from. Caroline Griffin and Madeline Masterson from Dighton Rehoboth High School presented by Nancy Brown and Nancy Clark, Cassidy White from Bristol Agricultural High School's was presented by Joyce Clark and Kathy Sampson,



A one mile club walk to support Pathways took place at the Taunton State Grounds on Wednesday June 19h at 6:00pm organized by Nancy Martin and Nancy Clark and Deb Levesque representing the Pathways Committee. We walked from the parking lot to the entrance at Hodges Avenue and back. We raised a total of \$76.17. The walk was to help bring awareness to the organization and what they want to accomplish for the city. Since we have been supporting Taunton Pathways, several members attended their fundraising event on June 9th at Home Plate by bringing a copy of a printed ticket to Home Plate who contributed 20% of their cost of their meal to Pathways.



Hannah Jarvis from Taunton High presented by Nancy Martin, Curtis Belanger from Bridgewater Raynham High School presented by Cindy Brogan and Robin Gendron, and Victoria Pineretta from Bristol Plymouth Regional High School presented by Robin Gendron and Nora Orfanello. These students will be attending the college of their choice in the fall.



The June Social was Chaired by Robin Gendron and was at the Home Plate Restaurant on June 3rd at 6:00pm. Robin greeted everyone with a Hawaiian lei to promote the friendship theme. Collections



were made for local charities and delivered by club members. Everyone

Bags of goodies for firefighters and policemen made at the GFWC Massachusetts Junior Conference were given to new members to be given out in Norton, Lakeville, Freetown, Assonet and Somerset. Donations of eleven Book, Buddy and Blanket Bags to



the Assonet Fire Department were delivered by club member Jane



ordered off the menu and got individual checks, it was



Pacheco. Firefighter/Paramedic Mark Lawrence happily accepted the comfort bags which will be used for children in emergency situations. The club's new member Kathleen Sampson of Somerset, accompanied by her granddaughter Brooklyn Thibault, presented seven Comfort bags to Somerset firefighters Justin Raulino and Jordan DeMelo. Stars were given out to members to give to veterans.

Several members attended MassStar again this year, where our club continues to support the program with yearly money, time and donations. This year it was attended by Robin



Gendron, Joyce Clark and Nancy Clark. They were able to connect with students from



Taunton, Bristol Plymouth, and Bridgewater-Raynham High schools attending the program.



The annual August Fashion Show raised funds for scholarships and local charities. The event featured the Little Black Dress Company and was held on Sunday August 13th at the American Legion Hall on 291 Mill Street in Raynham from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. and was chaired by Nancy Clark.



Fashions were purchased on the same day. The cost of tickets was \$25. The models this



year were Paula Gasperoni, Nancy Clark, Nora Orfanello and Robin Broberg. They each modeled four outfits ending with the black dress that could

be dressed up or down as shown by the models. The food was catered by Avilla's Catering and there was a cash bar. There were approximately 90 people in attendance. We raised about \$2500.

A group of club women went to Edie's house over the summer for a clean out of her storage POD.

Everything in it was donated to the club for our many charities.



Joyce had a wonderful time rummaging through the boxes finding lots of good things for our raffles. A number of boxes

went to Denise for raffle baskets, clothes and kitchen items were sent to Penelope's Place. Cindy Brogan eyed the blankets and pillow items for the mission. All of the arts and crafts were saved for our new Arts Chairman, Kathy Sampson who will be donating those items to the various elementary school teachers in our area. Over 200 books and

DVD's were found that will go to More Than Words and the Prison Book Club. Kelly Campbell spotted note books and binders which we agreed she should take to share with the teachers at Brockton High School for the students of low income families. Whatever is left is being

donated to a charity in the clubs name. Edie sends a thank you to everyone that helped. Special Thanks to Kelly Campbell and David Campbell, Cindy Brogans daughter and grandson and Joyce Clark's grandson Ayden Clark. They did all the heavy lifting and the loading of cars with the items.

Several members Nancy Clark, Joyce Clark and Robin Gendron made an attempt to attend the Women's suffrage Celebration at Faneuil Hall in Boston June 25th, taking the Lakeville Commuter Rail to Boston. Due to the traffic and crowded commuter T they were unable to reach the event. Details about the celebration can be found at: <http://suffrage100ma.org/suffrage-centennial-kick-off/>. The celebration was from 5-7 p.m.

Several of our members assisted at the mission with their time and



donations for the annual backpack drive. A total of 75 backpacks were made and distributed to Taunton local homeless youth and students in need.



Several members attended the "Day at the Forest" at Headquarters in Sudbury, Massachusetts.

A few of our members attended the Club Leader's Day and LEADS Training on Saturday August 24th held at Headquarters in Sudbury. The club donated 4 pairs of shoes for "Soles for Souls", and 130 books and DVDs.

Several members purchased tickets and attended the Benefit dinner for "Wild Heart Horses for Heroes", a program our club continues to support. We were noted with a thank you from the program "I can't even begin to tell you how much the GFWC Taunton Juniors mean to all of us at Wild Hearts"

A group of members attended the Junior Jumpstart Night Thursday August 29th at Headquarters in Sudbury.

Committees:

ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN: - Nora Orfanello & Robin Broberg- Advocates for Children week is September 19-26.

ARTS - Kathy Sampson- Take a project you already do, add a contest to it inviting in the community . For Example if your club hosts an event for children incorporate a coloring contest to bring when they attend. Boxes of school supplies put together by Kathy with contributions from Edith are being delivered by members to elementary schools in our districts.

COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC RELATIONS - Nancy Brown – How will you use video in your club promotions?



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: - End Campus Sexual

Assaults, Take Action. There are

Domestic Violence Grants available–



go to the GFWC MA website for details. View the short film "Not My Life"

EDUCATION – Nancy Martin/Joyce Clark – If you have a new baby in the family, daughter, son, granddaughter, grandson, great-grandmother, or great-grandson, please let us know so we can honor them with a "A Book A Baby



Program" by donating a book to your local library in their name.

FUNDRAISING – Cindy Brogan – The committee would like to thank everyone for attending at helping at the fashion show to make it a success. Once again we are having a Lottery Ticket Raffle, same as last time.

HOME LIFE – Nancy Brown- Prime Time wish list: Individually wrapped snack size; raisins, cookies, chips and crackers. Please note that they now have someone with sensitivity to peanuts. They also need puzzles; 100-300 pieces, LARGE pieces. They are also looking for a volunteer to lead a monthly sing-along. So if you play guitar or piano, and enjoy making others happy, and have a few hours a month to give please call Sheila at 508 669-6272

HOSPITALITY – Robin Gendron – September is Darlene Brown & Judy Ackerman.

October is Joann Matthews & Susan Johnson



INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH –Cindy Brogan- The International Institute of New England is a great resource– check out Suitcase Stories® is a traveling live performance series that features foreign and U.S.-born residents sharing refugee and immigrant stories. The format of storytelling in a theatrical

setting is especially suited to these powerful tales of real-life experience. <https://iine.org/suitcase>

LEADERSHIP: - Paula Gasparoni and Joan Curran – Nothing at this time

MEMBERSHIP —Jane Pacheco/Joyce Clark – 2 new members will be sworn it this 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- Celebrating the Centennial,

PROGRAMS- Joanna Alden – October we will have a visit by “Heroes at Both Ends of the Leash”, where veterans and dogs train together.



PUBLIC ISSUES –Cindy Brogan –Delivers of the “Pick-Me-Up Kits” from Annual Conference to our local Police and Fire Departments were made by our new members.

PUBLIC POLICY & LEGISLATION– Nancy Clark – 2 new initiatives: call or email your U. S. Representative and Senators on September 23rd about the Miranda Vargas School Bus Driver Red Flag Act and on October 23rd for the 3D Printed Gun Safety Act.

WEBMASTER – Nancy Clark – If you haven’t gone on the site yet, visit the site

WHRC – Nancy Brown- We are buying a brick with a members name engraved on it to be placed in the Unity Walkway at headquarters. We are very close to our goal of \$1000.

YEARBOOK– Nancy Brown– If you haven’t received a book, let Joyce Clark know.

What should you bring to the September meeting?

- Cans and bottles for Turning Point
- Books of any kind hardcover and paperback
- New or gently worn shoes: Sole 4 Souls
- Change for Turning Point
- Children Books for “Citizens for Citizens”
- Bra Clips for Turtles

Happy Birthday to members: Judy Ackerman

JoAnn Matthews

Up Coming Events

Pride Day September 9th

St Jude Wal/Run in Boston Common on Saturday September 28, in honor of Diane McCurley

GFWC New England Region Conference in Nashua, New Hampshire october 4-6

GFWC Massachusetts Fall Meeting in Great Pond Hall, Braintree on October 19th

GFWC Massachusetts Junior Membership Fall Conference in Dedhamon Saturday october 26th

BINGO Designer Purse Bash, FUNRaiser for the American Heart Association in Braintree on November 7th

IT'S STILL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

they don't have to hit you, choke you,
or slam your head into a wall
in order for it to be domestic violence.

they can degrade you, humiliate you,
blame you, scream at you, lie to you
cheat on you, and withhold finances,
or even just try to control you +
it IS still domestic violence.

Simple.