



Juniors in Action



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What Did We Do in March?

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Monday April 3rd Business Meeting: The Program speaker was Linda Jablecky with 'Coal' a therapy dog. Thousands of people of all ages



benefit every week from the visits provided by our Volunteer PAT Teams, who visit residential homes, hospitals, hospices, schools,

day care centers and prisons. Volunteers with just a small amount of spare time each week work with their own pets, to bring joy, comfort and companionship to many individuals who appreciate being able to touch and stroke a friendly animal.

For the meeting the WHRC committee asked club members to bring pictures of themselves which were used to make a poster board, "GFWC: Backbone of Our Community" then a picture of the members and the board was taken.



A membership table was set up with pictures of club activities over the last few months by Joyce Clark, which she periodically does through the year.



During the meeting Cindy Brogan showed off the 'Pig in a Blanket' coin bank she created for the "March of Dimes" challenge and asked for donations. He wasn't in his blanket tonight. Cindy is going to dress him later for the annual conference challenge.

During this month: We displayed our "Pinwheels for Prevention". This was organized by Joyce Clark for "Domestic Violence Month". The Pinwheels for Prevention® campaign provides a unique opportunity for all of us, individuals and organizations alike, to take action by learning more



about prevention, supporting child and family friendly policies and services, and volunteering at the local, state, and national levels. **The** GFWC Taunton and Raynham Junior Woman's Club remembered five local libraries this week on "Library Workers Appreciation Day" by delivering cellophane wrapped chocolates to each local library. Each package was accompanied by a letter from the clubs President, Lynne Jorge, thanking them for their dedication and passion serving the general public.

The clubs Director Cindy Leonard visited the Berkley Public Library presenting Carol Buote and Cynthia Quinn with the candies. Nancy Brown, club Co- Auditor and a past President of the club, made the remainder of the visits. Receiving



the chocolates were Eden Fergusson, Director at the Raynham Public Library; Jessica Block, in the Children's room at the Taunton Public Library; Laura

Bennett, Director, Blanding Library in Rehoboth, and Lorie Van Hook, Youth Services Librarian, and Britt Grealish-Rust, Circulation Librarian at the Dighton Public Library. This simple and kind gesture was appreciated by each recipient.

The GFWC Taunton and Raynham Junior Woman's Club sponsored a spring run to Foxwoods Casino on Thursday, April 20, 2017 organized by Jane Pittsley that left Silver City Galleria Mall at 7:30 a.m. sharp returned around 5:15 p.m. the cost was \$30.00 each with the money raised going to scholarships for local high school students. It included complimentary donuts and muffins and gifts to all bus riders attending the event and a snack on return trip. It included a \$10 Slot play and food voucher. Thanks to Jane for filling the bus and putting in the time to organize the event.

Jane also raised \$146.00 for St. Jude's at the Soup Sampler with her raffle.

Fran Perry raised \$102 on Poppers she sold to members.

Saturday April 22nd: Was the GFWC of Massachusetts Annual conference at the Holiday Inn in Taunton. "Connect, Grow, Change Our



World" was the theme of the conference. There were two guest speakers, first was Christie Lowrance author of a book about the life of Thornton Burgess who wrote children's books about the environment and conservation. He also wrote over 50,000 articles for newspapers. Her book and copies of children's books were sold. The second was Sally Snowman who is the 70th keeper of Boston Light, a post that dates back to 1716. She's the last of her kind; every other Coast Guard light



station in the country has long since reassigned its full-time keepers in the wake of automation. Secluded on Little Brewster Island for weeks at a time, she's one part watchman,

one part caretaker, and one part historian. Over the summer she's eager to share her island's history with the visitors who flock there and to impart a taste of the tranquility she's found preserving this ancient lifestyle. At this Annual Conference, the club was recognized for their Overall Creative Excellence in Leadership, and received Special Recognition for Education, International Outreach, and Domestic



Violence Awareness & Prevention

programs. They also had their member Cindy Brogan chosen as the Massachusetts Martha Michalewicz Clubwoman of the



Year for her outstanding involvement at all levels of the organization. We are so proud of Cindy, a much deserved award to a clubwoman that puts hours a week to sustaining our club. Time to shine girls! Eleven club members represented our club at the conference.



Committees:

ARTS – Nancy Clark – Bringing

back a favorite from last year. Many of us will have flower gardens, many will walk along and pick wild flowers from a field on the weekend or some will just purchase some fresh cut flowers while at the florist or grocer; but there are spring blooms everywhere we look. The new challenge is to share those blooms with unsuspecting recipients of your choice. Please send us a photo and a description of your participation. This challenge will run from May 1 through June 1 so submissions can be viewed at the July State Board meeting



CONSERVATION – Denise Wheeler – Collect and bring to meetings; newspapers, box tops, plastic bottle tops, fabric, yarn, old batteries and soda tabs; Project 351 – Cradles to Crayons – children's clothing – Infants to Size 14, deadline: April 17.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: - Joyce Clark -- Edie to have lollipops with purple ribbons, to have at May Tea; suggestion to do 50/50 raffle, where all proceeds raised will go to Domestic Violence.

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. Nancy Martin will be collecting newish children books throughout the year for Citizens for Citizens. Book Swap: Bring books you have read to swap with others or donate to *Friends of the Library*

FUNDRAISING - Lynne Jorge has the Dine Out Books for sale \$29.95 with \$10 going to the club for each book sold. Edie Edlund made \$304 on Flower Power. The GFWC Taunton and Raynham Junior Woman's Club's spring fundraiser is a 'Derby Time Tea'. Please come and join the winner's circle and reserve your seat now. The tea will be held on Sunday, May 21st from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at St. Nicholas of Myra Parish Center, 499 Spring Street in No. Dighton. Tickets are \$10.00 Adults, under 12 years, \$5.00. There will be raffles, and photo ops, along with surprises, sandwiches, pastries and tea. Hat wearing is strongly encouraged, and ladies and gents donning hats will be entered in a drawing for a special prize. Tickets are limited. Contact Nancy at 774 218-1456 or Denise at 508 813-7392 to reserve your table, or tickets now. Benefits student scholarships.

HOME LIFE – Nancy Brown – Prime Time Senior Day Center needs puzzles, crackers or cookies, individual tissue packs, and craft supplies. Blankets for the Book, Blanket and Buddy Bags are also still needed.

HOSPITALITY – Cindy Leonard, Nancy Martin & Gina Rego will provide refreshments at our May meeting.

INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH –Bring your loose change for the pig for Heifer. Get any type of shot at Walgreens, and a child gets one free.



Leadership: - open

MEMBERSHIP – 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

Our Presidents Special Project: Matthew Mission they will be closing as of May 1st, but will offer a barbecue twice a month on Sundays. Food for the barbecue will be needed.

PUBLICITY – Nancy Brown – We have been published online and in the newspapers, as well as on Facebook. Please save any newspaper articles you may see and bring to club meeting

PUBLIC ISSUES – Cindy Brogan,; If you take a flag apart by unsewing the stripes etc. then you can use the stars for veterans.

PROGRAMS - Joanna Alden – This month is Julie Lovely: Wild Hearts Horses for Heroes; who work with Veterans with PTSD, a Non-Profit Organization in West Bridgewater, Massachusetts. *To transform the lives of our participants, their families, and all who work with us through the healing power of horsemanship.* Wild Hearts also offers one-on-one EFP sessions with our therapist. EFP an experiential form of therapy that allows the client to engage in activities with a horse that illustrate the dynamics that the client experiences in everyday living. This experience provides opportunities for the client to learn about themselves and new ways to cope with their everyday life. Participants gain horsemanship skills, forge an indescribable bond with our horses, and simultaneously address life and coping skills. Our un-mounted Healing through Horsemanship program touches lives in ways never thought possible.

PUBLIC POLICY & LEGISLATION– Nancy Clark – Continue to send emails through the GFWC Legislative Action Center in 2017. If you haven't take action this year, please consider going to our

website and clicking on the "Take Action That Matters to You" banner on our Home Page and click on the red link at the top of our Legislation to register. Also, if you get a response from GFWC, your senator, or representative, forward it to me at webmaster@nclark.net! This month the topics are child mistreatment and fully funding UNICEF.

WHRC – Nancy Brown – Pictures of club members have been placed on a poster and will be displayed at all club events.

YEARBOOK- Joyce Clark – If you haven't received yours see Joyce.

Happy Birthday

Cindy Brogan

Lauren Founds

Jane Pittsley

Judy Riley

What should you bring to the meeting?

Bring donations such as wrapping paper and games for MassStar for Birthday Wishes
Books for Book Swap
\$29.95 for Dine-Out Books being sold by Lynne Jorge
Pennies for Old Colony History Museum
Newspapers and Advertisement flyers for Denise, Martin School and Parker Middle
Old cellphones for Soldiers
Dictionaries, thesauruses, and other books for Prison Book Program
New childrens Books for Citizens for Citizens
Children Books, fleece blankets, for firefighters



Upcoming Events

Our next Business meeting will be Monday, May 1st, at 7:00 pm, at BP's Silver Platter Restaurant
May 7th Project Bread Walk/Run for Hunger, Boston
April to June several Walks for the March of Dimes
Derby Time Tea Fundraiser is Sunday, May 21st
Our next executive board meeting will be Monday, May 22nd 6:30 pm. at B.P. Silver Plater
June Social June 5th
June 9th-11th MassStar Conference, Lasell College, Newton
Relay for Life is June 16th -17th
Sunday, June 17 - Pilgrim State Park, Plymouth 9 AM start
June 23 – 27 GFWC International Convention, Palm Desert, California
Fashion Show is Sunday, August 13th
September 23rd St Jude Wal/Run, Boston
September 20th Club Leaders Evening
October 19-22 New England Region Conference, Windsor, CT
GFWC MA Junior Membership Fall Conference



Have a great Spring!

Join The
WINNER'S CIRCLE
GFWC
Taunton and Raynham Junior
Woman's Club
PRESENTS
Derby Time Tea
Sunday, May 21, 2017 Adults \$10.00
Under 12 \$5.00
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
RAFFLES
St. Nicholas & Myra Parish Center
499 Spring Street, No. Dighton
FREE drawing for Ladies and Gents wearing HATS!
To reserve tickets CALL Nancy 774 218-1456
Benefits Scholarships and Charities

President's Corner



May is Spring's final month. Warm breezes, longer and warmer days, the colors of green grass, of flowers blooming, Mother Nature showing us more signs that our seasons are changing. Whether celebrating Cinco de Mayo, Mother's Day, Armed Forces Day or Memorial Day, however you spend celebrating the Month of May, I hope this is a special month for you! Bring on Summer.

