



Juniors in Action



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Meeting Monday March 7, 2016 7:00pm Silver Platter at Bristol Plymouth

Our Board Members

Lynne Jorge, President – Mary Barrett, Vice President – Joyce Clark, Recording Secretary
JoAnn Matthews, Corresponding Secretary – Vel Bleau, Treasurer – Jane Pacheco, Auditor
Cindy Leonard, Director

What Did We Do in December?

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December 5th Business Meeting: Our invited guests were first Robin Bryant from the Taunton



Library which was presented with a copy of our history book to be placed in the shelves of

the library. The second guest was Diane Whittaker from Vest-A-Dog which we presented with a check from the funds we raised during the fundraiser we had in November at the Pet Store in Raynham. A book was also donated to the Raynham Library and



delivered by Joyce Clark and Mary Barrett. Joyce displayed the hats made by Joyce Clark, Vel Bleau and her

knitting/crochet group that will be donated for children and babies in need. Cheryl Carlos informed the members that the club donated 731 items for the year to Matthew Mission. Those who work the mission help serve a Christmas



dinner to the homeless and were rewarded with a meal of their own at Villa Roma for their time of volunteerism. The

Christmas Cards we signed organized by Edith Edlund were delivered by Joyce Clark to the veterans. December birthdays were celebrated for Nancy Clark, Joyce Clark, Darlene Brown and Brenda Saben. The Leadership Award this month went to Joyce Clark for the behind the scenes things she does, making of baby hats, delivering vet cards and Thanksgiving



turkeys, and the work she has done with the Domestic Violence shirts at all events to name a few! Fifteen bags sewed by Nancy Brown were made for the



Matthew Mission for Christmas from items collected through the months of October to December by members. Our president Lynne Jorge delivered them to the mission.

The Prison Book has thanked our club along with many others for the contributions we have made both in time and books. They have expressed their gratitude to the donors, volunteers and friends of the Prison Book Program. The Program sent approximately 31,000 books to 12,384 people in prison. That's an almost 50% increase since 2013; 923 people came to Quincy on their own or

with one of 45 service groups. They volunteered 6,713 hours in 2,553 shifts to pick, pack and sort those books. They were able to improve the quality of services to prisoners. The vast majority of those who asked for a GED Study Guide or dictionary got one. Prisoners' requests are now filled within 4-6 weeks – down from 4-6 months a few years ago. The year of 2016 brought the dawn of a political climate that threatens to dramatically increase the number of people housed in America's prisons. Now, more than ever, they remain committed to meeting the needs of the people who ask us for books, no matter how many ask.

Edith Edlund and Cindy Brogan brought \$126 of clothing from the Flower Power fundraiser to purchase sweatshirts, sweatpants and slippers for the female veterans at the VA Hospital.

Cindy Brogan a female veteran donated the \$75 needed to rent the VFW Hall for our next event.

Wednesday December 7th: Jane Pittsley ran a trip to Foxwoods, the fourth organized casino trip this year. She raised \$320 for the club



a total of \$2708.98 for the year. There will be another trip in February this year. The details of the trip are under



fundraising of this newsletter.

Monday December 12th: Was our annual club Christmas party. The event took place at the Boston Tavern in Middleboro from 6:00pm to 9:00pm. The committee for the event was chaired by Nancy



Brown and consisted of members Denise Wheeler, Fran Perry, Nancy Martin and Joanna Alden. The theme was a Charlie

Brown Christmas is 50 but who is 66? There was a cash bar and a buffet of food consisting of steak tips, baked scrod, chicken picrate, rice, salad,



squash and apple crisp and coffee for dessert. There was entertainment throughout the night, group table singing, recounts of special Christmas memories and the 12 Days of Italian



Christmas. Members brought in old jewelry to be donated to Project Dress Up and books for Citizens for Citizens. There was the installation of officers

done by Denise Wheeler, who emphasized how our club has met our objectives and



mission and gone beyond.

The night was enjoyed by all.

Members who had perfect attendance were given fans and



members reaching 10, 15 and 25 years of membership were awarded pins.

Wednesday December 14th: Nancy Martin, Nancy

Brown and Denise Wheeler collected children books throughout the year for donation. Many new books were collected from members at the Christmas party. We were able to donate 54 new books to Citizens for



Citizens Program. The deliver was made by Nancy Clark and Nancy Martin. Each parent will be allowed to pick two books for their child from the many donations.



The remainder of the books not in newish condition was donated to St. Vincent DePaul by Nancy Martin.

In December: the club donated 9 adult coloring books, bought by Lynne and Nancy Clark to the Taunton Art Association along with a box of colored pencils. "Color Your World" continues at the association on the 1st and 3rd Thursday nights

from 6 to 8 p.m. If anyone is interested in going let Nancy Clark know—maybe we can get a group together again this year.

Committees:

ARTS – Nancy Clark - Submit to the Photography contests! Photos must be taken in the calendar year Jan. 1 - Dec. 31. Bring any photos you want to submit to the GFWC contest to our February meeting or voting. Also, bring mounted photos and “Creative Arts Waiver” forms to that meeting unless you want to bring them to me before the March 2nd Club Institute when they are due!

CONSERVATION – Denise Wheeler – Collect and bring to meetings; newspapers, box tops, plastic bottle tops, fabric, yarn, old batteries and soda tabs.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: - Joyce Clark – t-shirts will continue to be displayed at our events to promote awareness of domestic violence throughout the year.



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. Denise Wheeler will be collecting children books throughout the year.

FUNDRAISING – Denise Wheeler – Thursday, February 23, 2017; leaves from Silver City Galleria Mall @ 7:30 a.m. sharp arriving at Foxwoods around 9:00 am, will leave Foxwoods at 4:00 p.m., arrive back at Silver City Galleria Mall around 5:15 p.m. the cost is \$30.00 payable to GFWC Taunton & Raynham Junior Woman’s Club.

Complimentary Donuts/Muffins will be available and everybody is a Winner – Gift to all bus riders with a snack on return trip. Call Jane at 508-822-5437 or email her at flower57@comcast.net. She will be selling tickets at the next two meetings. First call basis for reservations - as long as there are seats available we can accept money up to the time we board the bus. Bonus package consists of \$10.00 slot play and food voucher or a full buffet. Transportation



provided by Fisher Bus Inc. This fundraiser supports student scholarships and local charities.

HOME LIFE – Nancy Brown – Fleece blankets are still needed

Our Presidents Special Project: Lynne is requesting club members to continue supporting the homeless at Matthew Mission 24:10.

HOSPITALITY – Mary Barrett – Listed in the new yearbook of 2017

INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH – Bring your change for the pig for Heifer. Get any type of shot at Walgreens, and a child gets one free. Eight members participated in this venture during this past year.



Leadership: - Nancy Brown – A leadership ribbon will be awarded during the meeting.

MEMBERSHIP – Joyce Clark – Continue to invite friends to meetings who might want to join.

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

PUBLICITY – Nancy Brown – collect any articles you see and give them to Nancy.

PUBLIC ISSUES – Robin Gendron see web page

PROGRAMS – Joanna Alden – None this month.

PUBLIC POLICY & LEGISLATION– Nancy Clark - Did anyone besides Nancy Brown, Nancy Martin, Lynne Jorge, Cindy Brogan, or Edi Edlund; send emails through the GFWC Legislative Action Center in 2016? If you didn’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 and Public Policy page that allows you to sign up for alerts. Also, if you get a response from GFWC, your senator, or representative, forward it to me at webmaster@nclark.net! There have been no new alerts this month but you if you have submitted before you can submit to any currently on the GFWC page—link on our page.

YEARBOOK- Nancy Clark-the new ones will be out


very soon.

WHRC – Nancy Brown – The history book is still available see Nancy if you wish to purchase one.

Happy Birthday from your fellow club members

Judy DeAbreu

What should you bring to the meeting?

Any slightly new or used bras including sports, nursing and camisoles to be sent to  FreetheGirls.org

We have almost 40 bras need about 10 more to send a group of 50!

\$29.95 for Dineout Books being sold by Joan Stevens

Pennies for Old Colony History Museum

Read over By-Laws and Resolutions and bring to meeting

Change for Heifer Pig

Newspapers and Advertisement flyers for Denise, Martin School and Parker Middle

Old cellphones for Soldiers 

White Socks for the Mission

Dictionaries, thesauruses, and other books for Prison Book Program

Children Books, fleece blankets, for firefighters

Upcoming Events

Casino trip February 23, 2017 to Foxwoods Casino cost \$30

Dine Out Books for \$29.95

General Federation of Women's Clubs of Massachusetts Midwinter Meeting Saturday, January 28, 2017 at Westford Regency Inn & Conference Center 219 Littleton Road Westford, Massachusetts 01886

Soup Sampler at the VFW on March 26th from noon to 2:00pm

Relay for Life June 16th -17th

Next business meeting is January 9th; 7:00pm at B.P. Silver Platter

Our next board meeting will be Monday, January 30th, 6:30 pm. at B.P. Silver Platter

7 Rules of Life

1. Make peace with your past so it won't screw up the present.
2. What others think of you is none of your business.
3. Time heals almost everything, give it time.
4. Don't compare your life to others and don't judge them. You have no idea what their journey is all about.
5. Stop thinking too much, it's alright not to know the answers. They will come to you when you least expect it.
6. No one is in charge of your happiness, except you.
7. Smile. You don't own all the problems in the world

Whisper of the heart

President's Corner



Another new year is upon us now and I think about what's to come? I think about what I want to do for myself and for others. For others, that answer is obvious to me. I will continue to give what I can to help, whether it be time spent having conversation with people, giving a simple 'hello', opening the door for someone or volunteering by helping those in need. And then there's 'me time', because this time is just as important as time given to those around you. I'm guilty of putting others first, because it's easy that way. But we all must learn to allow ourselves time to do what makes you happy, what makes you 'you'. There is only 'this time' and once this time passes, there's no getting it back. Make your life a journey well lived, make it special!