



# Juniors in Action



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## 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 March?

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**Monday February 6th Business Meeting:** The guest speaker Dorothea Maynard was one of 243,000 people nominated who had the honor of carrying the Olympic Flame on December 27, 2001.

She was nominated by her daughter, who has fought pancreatic and kidney cancer. Dorothea feels her daughter is the true hero and has been her inspiration to spread inspiration to others by sharing the torch with schools, civic organizations, assisted living, nursing home, and church organizations. She spreads the word of how we can all be a person of



inspiration in spite of whatever our personal difficulties may be. As torch bearer#29 she carried the torch for two tenth of a mile by walking quickly. The torch was designed by Sam Sheldon is 33 inches long and weighs 3

pounds. She explained how the different parts of the design mean different things. She was a very energetic speaker and left us feeling energized, with positive feelings about ourselves and others. She told a story about a young boy from one of the elementary schools she visited who was so inspired by her and the torch that it made a difference in his demeanor and outlook on life.



Voting for the best photo for the GFWC contest concluded with the picture of the bird by Nancy Clark as the winner.

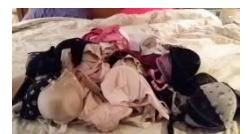


Voting for the MARILYN PERRY LEADERSHIP AWARD and the MARTHA MICHALEWICH CLUBWOMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD was conducted and the winners were Cheryl Carlos for the MARILYN PERRY LEADERSHIP AWARD and Cindy Brogan the MARTHA MICHALEWICH CLUBWOMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD.

Our club members wore red to our meeting in support for **National Wear Red Day - Go Red For Women** day, as February being heart month for good health and wellness for all.



**Thursday February 9<sup>th</sup>:** Our club collected and sent 77 bras for **FreetheGirls.org**, to help with raising funds for women involved in human trafficking. The bras were collected from October to January from club members and friends.



**Saturday February 11<sup>th</sup>:** Recently, our club donated two Valentine themed baskets to the Old Colony History Museum. During the month of February, the Museum was showing 3 films, all of which were

open to members and the public. Shown on the 4th was, "The Butler", the 11th was, "Two Weeks With Love", and the 25th, "Ruby Bridges". Guests were encouraged to take a "Free Chance" to win a



basket. The drawing was held after the movie on the 11th. The two ladies who won the baskets were so delighted at the goodies each basket contained along with our thoughtfulness and generosity!! Many thanks to OCHM

for allowing us to participate in these movie events.

**Tuesday February 14<sup>th</sup>:** **Valentine Kisses** were delivered to fourteen agencies by club members to nursing homes, homebound, homeless, and veterans in the area of



Taunton and Raynham. Cards and chocolates to the Brockton Veterans Hospital, Peggy's Place, Wedgemere Nursing, Samaritan House, Marian Manor, Prime Time and the Arbors to name a few.



Club members cut and assembled sweetheart Kiss Cards and took time to personally deliver 1,044 greetings. This



small gesture we hope brightened the hearts and souls of those who received them.



**Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup>:** Nancy Clark, Joyce Clark and Nancy Martin made a visit to Prison Book in Brockton and brought over twenty books and donated their time for the evening to the program.

#### **Committees:**

**ARTS** – Nancy Clark – Sense of Touch, March 1<sup>st</sup> to April 30<sup>th</sup>. Create a textured "Work of Art" in honor of Earth Day. Your creation can be made out of anything repurposed using minimal supplies. Fluffy, rough, smooth, slimy... you decide! Again, presentation will be the keys to this challenge.

**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 - For all of you Juniors who might be looking for a way to put all your loose change (loose dimes) to great use! Does anyone have an unusual piggy bank (not R rated!) that they wouldn't mind donating for this cause? What a great way to help out the March of Dimes!

**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 newish children books throughout the year. On March 15<sup>th</sup> five scholarships will be sent out to the local high schools totaling \$2500.

**FUNDRAISING** – Jane Pittsley – Thursday, February 23, 2017 was the club sponsored casino trip to Foxwoods. Several members attended and as always Jane did a great job



organizing the event. The next casino trip will be on April 20<sup>th</sup>. This fundraiser supports student scholarships and local charities. Lynne Jorge has the Dine Out Books for sale \$29.95 with \$10 going to the club for book sold. Denise Wheeler will have tickets for the Soup Sampler coming up in March and a sign up for the event. Edie Edlund is running a flower power event; bring in your orders to the March meeting. Cindy Brogan met with the fundraising committee and has new ideas they brought forward at the last meeting. Some new ideas being worked on are a fashion show sponsored by Dress Barn in the summer, a Kids Night at the Historical Society and a Road Race. The Fashion Show details are as follows: Date is Aug 13<sup>th</sup>, Time: 12:30--4:30pm, Venue: TBD, Committee: Mary Barrett, Vel Bleau, Cindy Brogan & Edie Edlund, and JoAnne Matthews. Models have volunteered and Mary is our club's coordinator with the Dress Barn. Of course, we will need your help too to make this a hugely successful

club event! If anyone has gift cards, especially duplicates that we can use at the Fashion Show or if anyone has suggestions as to where to have our Fashion show – we would love your feedback and help if you're able! If you have any ideas for a venue, Mary is asking for your input by March 2<sup>nd</sup>, as they have a meeting on March 3<sup>rd</sup> to begin working on this. Also, if you feel your talents can help artistically or any other way, please let Mary know.

**HOME LIFE** – Nancy Brown – [Prime Time](#) is still looking for small Kleenex tissues, crackers, cookies, and any small items for Bingo prizes. Puzzles of 300 or 500 pieces, and craft supplies are still requested. [Book, Blanket and Buddies](#) Right now we are ok with stuffies and books, but can use the blankets, so please watch for the three for \$10 sales if you plan to buy. That's the best deal right now. If you find them for less please share with all.

**Our Presidents Special Project:** Lynne is requesting club members to continue supporting the homeless at Matthew Mission. They are in need of breakfast food such as bagels, muffins, bread and half and half.

**HOSPITALITY** – Vel Bleau, Joan Curran, and Denise Wheeler will provide refreshments for March.

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



**Leadership:** - **Nancy Brown** – Leadership Ribbon will be given out during the meeting.

**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](mailto:MRMartin947@aol.com)

**PUBLICITY** – Nancy Brown – Please save any articles that you may see in The CALL, The Taunton Gazette, The Rehoboth Reporter, or The Brockton Enterprise. When clipping any article makes sure

you include the header that has the paper's name, page #, and date of said article. The easiest would be to save the entire page and bring it to our business meeting. Be aware that our events and announcements are also run on Cable TV and on-line at AmericanTowns.com and Wicked Local, and on Facebook. Please call me if you would be interested in getting your feet wet with PUBLICITY for the club. I will be happy to help out. In the meantime save those papers!

**PUBLIC ISSUES** – Cindy Brogan, see our website **PROGRAMS** - Joanna Alden- This month we will have a visit from our pet friends Diane Whittaker, VP of Vest-A-Dog in Walpole, and Officer Frank Pacheco of the Raynham Police Department with their dogs for a K-9 Meet and Greet. Officer Pacheco has a 4 year old black German Shepherd, *Kyro* and *Diane* a black lab, *Quinn*, a trained cadaver sniffing dog who will model 2 varieties of canine vests. Both handlers and dogs have gone through extensive training. Although the vests alone are expensive - approximately \$2500 each, the entire training process, first aid packs, air conditioned/heated vehicle crates, etc., can cost anywhere from \$6,000-\$10,000.

**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 on Legislation 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 to register. Also, if you get a response from GFWC, your senator, or representative, forward it to me at [webmaster@nclark.net](mailto: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.

**WHRC** – Nancy Brown/Denise Wheeler - **March is Women's History Month.** We will not have a calendar or a crossword in March, but I would like

everyone to please bring in a favorite photo of yourself. (4x6, no larger than 5x7) All photos will be returned. DON'T FORGET!

YEARBOOK- Nancy Clark & Nancy Brown - Our new edition will be out very soon.

Happy Birthday from your fellow club members

Ann Marie Barry

Vel Bleau

Joan Curran

Thelma McCaffrey

### What should you bring to the meeting?

\$29.95 for Dine-Out Books being sold by Lynne Jorge

Pennies for Old Colony History Museum

Change for Heifer Pig

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

Old cellphones for Soldiers

Dictionaries, thesauruses, and other books for Prison Book Program

Children Books, fleece blankets, for firefighters

A favorite photo of yourself (4x6, no larger than 5x7)



## Upcoming Events

Casino trip April 20<sup>th</sup> to Foxwoods Casino cost \$30

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

Relay for Life June 16<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup>

Next business meeting is March 6th; 7:00pm at B.P. Silver Platter

Our next executive board meeting will be Monday, March 27th, 6:30 pm. at B.P. Silver Plater

Fashion Show is Aug 13<sup>th</sup>

Club tea Fundraiser Sunday May 21st

## President's Corner



March is a month full of a zillion traditional and quirky sounding holidays! Whether you're celebrating Ash Wednesday, National Pig Day, Old Stuff Day, I Want You to be Happy Day, National Frozen Foods Day, International Women's Day, Johnny Appleseed Day, Ear Muffs Day, Everything You Do Right Day, St. Patrick's Day, Corn Dog Day, Human Rights Day, International Goof Off Day, National Chip and Dip Day or Make Up Your Own Holiday Day, spend every day celebrating yourself and all the differences you make in the world being a Junior!