

General Federation of Women's Clubs  
Wilbraham Junior Women's Club  
GM minutes – February 24, 2009



I pledge my loyalty to the Junior Club Women by doing better than ever before  
what work I have to do; By being prompt, honest and courteous;  
By living each day trying to accomplish something, not merely to exist.

**PRESIDENT: Brenda Willard**

- Ricky Gomes Memorial Scholarship and GFWC Scholarships
- Annual Convention May 3-5 Falmouth Mass. Deadline is April 1<sup>st</sup> – Basket is baseball theme! Deadline is April 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Changes in Board positions:
  - o Publicity will be filled by Mirabel, thank you Linda for your work!
  - o Programs co-hosted with Sarah who is looking for a partner!
  - o Hospitality
- Welcome to Ellen May who is visiting from the Wilbraham Women's Club

**SECRETARY: Keena Gravanda – absent, Jocelyn filling in**

- Correspondence – none at this time

**TREASURER: Val Boudreau**

- Report on file – available balance: \$312.44

**1<sup>st</sup> VICE PRESIDENT: - Marie Aquilino and Margaret O'Donnell**

**Education; Katy Reed**

- Book Club: Veil of Roses : Beth Fitzgerald Lunch 12pm at Café Lebanon: Friday March 20<sup>th</sup>
- Book a Month Donation: February: Possibly Wilbraham Library – Katy R to coordinate
- National Library Week: Waiting to hear
- Dr Suess' Birthday: March 2<sup>nd</sup>: Read Across America challenge – read with your family!
- Top Floor Learning Raffle Basket\*- Kathy & Darlene to chair basket due April 24<sup>th</sup> **Request allocation of up to \$100. Motion made. 2<sup>nd</sup> and passed.**

**Arts\*- - Tammey Guihan**

- Springfield Symphony Orchestra lunchtime Concert Friday, March 13, 12:30-1:30 PM  
Tickets are \$14 and can be purchased at the door. Box lunch can be ordered from BigY.
- **Homelife\* Darlene Maconi**
- Mask straps; St Judes Hospital: in progress 160 sent to date
- American Red Cross: Fleece Blankets & deodorant collection: Brenda collecting any time!
- Children's Miracle Network Radio-A-Thon: March 5<sup>th</sup> 10AM – 12PM – 8 volunteers ready to go! With lunch afterwards. Carpool from Wilbraham.
- Grey House Kids Easter Baskets – Martha Ross: **Request allocation of up to \$75. Motion made. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed.** 8 girls 5 boys (on the older side)
- Easter Food Baskets – Margaret O'Donnell – 2 families: Single mom with 7 older children. Single mother with 4 children.
- Bunny Breakfast- Launie Buck & Sarah Lloyd: Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> St Cecilia's Church – we need helpers in various areas – call Launie or Sarah to help out
- Acute Residential Treatment (ART) Program: Linda Fawcett and Kathy Fuss: Visit the facility! Monday March 9<sup>th</sup> – gently used twin-sized comforters & blankets needed. Carpool from St.Cecilia's about 10am approx 2hr visit.
- American Cancer Society: Relay For Life\* Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> & Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> (date to be verified)

- Kick off meeting Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup> 10AM @ WMA – Speaker Yvonne Williams will be at this meeting
  - WNCC Team: Martha Ross
  - Lisa Gastyer's Team: Lisa Gastyer
  - Juniors will also help offering volunteer help throughout

**International - Sarah Lloyd**

UNICEF Raffle at February meeting – won by Val. \$67 raised to donate

**Conservation\* Tammey Guihan**

- Planter Barrels: Maureen Denault: the Boy Scouts will care for them in the Spring, then the Lumberjack Club will take over from there.

**Public Affairs: Kathy Fuss**

- Soldier On II - Jocelyn Roy, Kathy Sowa – Email will be circulated asking for donated, gently used items. Our date is set for Saturday May 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Daffodil Days\* : Lisa Vartanian – these can be ordered online or as a gift for another
- Easter Food Baskets- Margaret O'Donnell
- Festival of Trees 2009\* We have the tree & the lights – now we need you!
- Conference Baskets – Maureen Denault and Jen Nowak:
  - Spring: 'Take Me Out to the Ball Game' - baseball items at the March & April meeting
  - Fall : 'Are You Ready for Some Football' - football items

**Special Projects(Nat'l, MA & Jrs) - Domestic Violence, Veterans & Child Advocacy**

- Dress for Success: - On Going Collection; Marie Aqilino, Sara Lloyd, Launie Buck, Lynne Gosciminski .

**WRAP-UP REPORTS (Please submit Project Sheets to Kathy Fuss)**

- GFWC Midwinter Conference report and Conference Basket: January: theme Winter Comforts: Maureen Denault and Jen Nowak. 59 Letters for Incredible Kids day were given to Dina, of Gray House, along with centerpiece baskets
- Book Club: Monique in the Mango Rains by Chris Halloway: Lunch 1/30 12pm at Abruzzo's We Care Box Assembly: Jen Nowak
- Magazine collection (ongoing) for Cancer patients at Baystate Medical Center: Kathy Fuss
- Socials: Feb. 11th Truffle and card making hosted by Susan – 8 participated
- Reminder from VPs to turn in their Blue Project Sheets (can be found online)

**2<sup>nd</sup> VICE PRESIDENTS: Susan Medeiros and Maureen Denault**

- Membership Update - 51 members confirmed
- Secret Pals – sign ups & names picked to night.
- Socials: Movie March 12<sup>th</sup>, Thursday evening approx 6:30'ish

**WAYS & MEANS: Launie Buck/ Lisa Vartanian**

- Fundraising: Comical Murder Mystery Dinner: March 28<sup>th</sup>, St Cecilia's Church
- Tickets are ready to sell & please spread the word! \$50 includes dinner, entertainment and a portion will go to our club for our upcoming charity programs. Cash Bar. A special event that evening will be a dessert auction with fabulous decadent desserts which tables will bid for/against each other.

**PROGRAMS: Sarah Lloyd**

- March: A Mystery????

- April: working on getting Lianne Azevedo from Forget-Me-Not Jewelry – money raised goes to orphans.

**HOSPITALITY:** Wendy Peterson

**PUBLICITY:** Linda Fawcett hands the torch to Mirabel.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Jocelyn Roy

- Website to [juniornewsletter@yahoo.com](mailto:juniornewsletter@yahoo.com) . Email Jocelyn: [jmilleroy@charter.net](mailto:jmilleroy@charter.net)

**- UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Yearbook 2009: Linda Fawcett & JillMarie DeCarolis – this will be an online, printable version for everyone. In keeping green, there will not be a booklet made this year.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**ON GOING COLLECTIONS:**

- Cell phones - YWCA Shelter – Karen Derose
- Soda tab collection for Ronald McDonald House – Kathy Fuss
- Box Tops for Education Ann Matthews and Karen Derose
- Campbell Soup Labels: Ann Matthews and Karen Derose

**COMMUNITY/ GENERAL INTEREST**

- Agawam Junior Women's Club Fashion Show: Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup> Chez Josef \$30 tickets

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PartyLite Spa Night hosted by Kathy Sowa, 310 Soule Road – 596-5462

Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup> - 6:30PM social with Spa beginning @ 7:00

**25% of proceeds will go to SOLDIER ON**

Everyone is invited to come, relax, have a glass of wine & a bite.

If you are not able to attend, please consider placing an order.

**Next General Meeting: March 17<sup>th</sup> 7pm  
Scantic Valley YMCA**