

**General Federation of Women's Clubs  
Wilbraham Junior Women's Club  
General Meeting Minutes – October 20, 2009**

*Junior Pledge:* I pledge my loyalty to the Junior Clubwomen 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, Marie Aquilino Presiding**

GFWC Fall Conference, Saturday, Oct. 24, Mercy Center, Worcester, MA.  
Collecting children's books to donate. Finished valances and a bookshelf cover.  
Elementary reading level books can be left on Jen's porch and she will donate on our behalf. Conference basket needs \$20.

***Motion made & Second to appropriate \$20 to finish the raffle basket. Passed.***

- Community Improvement Project report will be written by Jocelyn with help from Jen so we might
- 2008 A year in review, a [youtube.com](http://youtube.com) video on the GFWC website showing snippets of 12million hours of volunteer work
- Looking for Nominating Committee tonight
- NEngland Regional Conference: approx 275 attended from all 6 NE regional states.
- Jenny Award: outstanding commitment to Club/Community/Family. T Jablonski was one of the recipients that will go forward to state level.
- Jen is also looking for another rep to accompany her to the state meetings.

Jen's Report: October is our membership month and tonight we have 2 visitors – welcome. November 25<sup>th</sup> is the date to get our 5 new members.

GFWC 100<sup>th</sup> New England Regional Conference: Oct. 15 -18.

Donation requests need to be in within the next couple of weeks.

Bylaw revisions:

- 1) Suggest to increase dues from \$35 to \$40 which will allow us to cover our operating expenses. \$20 of the \$35 goes to state.
- 2) Suggest that we be able to send information REGARDING BYLAWS via email 1 week prior to the general meeting so members can vote, by proxy, in writing to the President yeah/nay to the particular bylaw change. The point was raised that people may miss the opportunity to have any type of discussion.

Nominating Committee: need 5 people: past pres, 1 from board, 3 members from general membership without repeating the position from the previous year.

Launie, Martha, Wendy, Susan & Theresa have stepped forward.

**Secretary: Jocelyn Roy as Keena Gravanda has resigned from this role.**

Correspondence – on file; Thank you extended to the group from Brenda. She appreciates the lovely cards, meals, help and flowers that she has received over the last several weeks.

**Treasurer: Val Boudreau**

Report: tax return filed on time! Uncommitted Funds: \$4,131.99

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice Presidents: Margaret O'Donnell and Marie Aquilino**

*Education: Katy Reed.* Book Club is reading Strength in What Remains by Tracy Kidder. Lunch scheduled for Oct. 29 in Northampton. Carpool leaves Wilbraham at 10:30 a.m. Also visiting Holy Ghost bakery. RSVP to Katy. Reading the book is not mandatory!

*Arts: Tammey Guihan.* Donating holiday tree to give to Gray House. Working with children there to create ornaments. Also making pj bottoms for children. Need fleece donations. Keena will help come up with the crafting ideas for ornaments. Information on this will be in next week's Weekly Email Update.

*Homelife: Darlene Maconi.* Thanksgiving Food Basket chairs are Susan Medeiros, Val Boudreau, Martha Ross with names coming from the United Church.

Operation Santa chairs are Kathy Fuss & Cindy Sparago.

Letters from Santa – **need chair** – Maureen Denault will assist. Jocelyn did this last year and has the supplies for the next chair. It should start right after Thanksgiving and Deadline for letters is around December 10<sup>th</sup>.

*International: Sarah Lloyd.* Report on World Food Day, working in conjunction of the school. Collected close to 1800lbs for the Survival Center. And tonight's donations will also be delivered.

*Conservation: Tammey Guihan.*

Planter Barrels: Lisa Vartanian cleaned out planter barrels. Lumberjacks from high school to do winter decorating. Bulbs are now in the barrels for the spring and they plan to put in Greens for the winter. The barrels will soon need to be replaced. The ones near the garage need to be taken away. Lisa will negotiate with the town and 16 Acres and see what can be done.

*Public Affairs: Kathy Fuss.*

Fall collection of items for troops 145 boxes were filled. Our club gave 68 paperbacks. Items go to 3 of our local soldiers. Lisa McDiarmid had the kids at memorial make cards.

Rays of Hope Walk, Team Just Hope, Lisa Vartanian & Val Boudreau captains, 10/25. If you get to the shuttle site, near American Saw, a few minutes before 9 and then onto Temple Bethel, we will begin our walk together @ 9:30. Donations can be given at Rays of Hope and our team JUST HOPE. Carpool? Call Lisa.

ART clothing drive: Linda & Kathy will go again this week. Kids aged 7 to 18. Also looking for gently used shoes and winter boots.

*Special Projects: Domestic Violence, Veterans, & Children's Advocacy*

Project Homeless Connect 2009 – Sarah Lloyd, Launie Buck, Barb Nehmer, Martha Ross. This year was much busier and the location of the station was much better.

It was sad and amazing how many people have lost their jobs and now searching for another and appreciate this service and are very grateful. The collection of clothing is ongoing.

**Second Vice Presidents: Susan Medeiros & Maureen Denault**

Swap Meet: great stuff: runner, curtain rod, perfume, jewelry.

Membership Tea was cancelled but we welcome our 2 new guests tonight: Mary Ellen Swift & Michelle Tremblay, and welcome back Diane Weston!

Progressive Dinner to be held Nov.14<sup>th</sup> @ 3 different homes \$20pp - call

Shopping Trip on Tues.Dec.1<sup>st</sup>: call if you would like to go, leaving from St.Cecilia's at 8:30.

**Ways and Means: Launie Buck**

Bullets in the Bathtub Fundraiser, 10/24, 6 p.m., Ludlow Country Club

All baskets are done, cash donations received, approx 60 tickets sold to date.

Ludlow Country Club has been very accommodating and easy to work with. Quinn's has donated a beautiful chandelier diamond necklace valued at over \$500. Maureen, Jen & Marie made a beautiful quilt to be raffled. Baskets included: chocolate basket, dessert a month, dinner for 6. The dinner is salad/rolls roast beef/scrod/ziti parfait & cash bar. \$40 each, tickets may be purchased at the door!

**Programs: Sarah Lloyd**

Hostess for holiday party is needed. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Sarah.

**Hospitality: Wendy Peterson**

**Publicity: Maribel Kane**

**Communications: Jocelyn Roy**

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**Unfinished Business:** Chips @ Middle School will be in February

**Ongoing Collections:**

Dress for Success – Give unwanted, good condition career clothing to Launie Buck, Sarah Lloyd, or Lynne Gosciminski.

Cell phones for YWCA shelter – Karen Derose

Soda tab collection for Ronal McDonald house – Kathy Fuss

Magazines for Bay State Hospital – Kathy Fuss

Box Tops for Education and Campbell soup labels – Ann Matthews and Karen Derose or Wilbraham Town Hall

***Next General Meeting: November 17, 2009, at the Senior Center.***

***Hope to see you there!***