

General Federation of Women's Clubs
Wilbraham Junior Women's Club
General Membership Meeting
February 26, 2008



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

- wonderful visit by Ben and that guy, our esteemed police dog & trainer, we're in love
- January 26th mid-winter conference report, \$720 raised towards director's fund Jen won a birthday basket at this raffle.
- Birthday Wishes* - explanation of this great service which provides b'day items to children at homeless shelters ... we would like to have someone from Club act as a liaison.
- Cut It Out* - program aimed at mobilizing Salons to "cut out" domestic abuse – we would like to have a junior chair efforts to place the flyers in the windows of salons throughout our surrounding areas.
- Web Site Updates, please have a look at the new information
- Annual Conference April 26th Co-hosting with Agawam: Jen is in charge of decorating. 2-part, morning then afternoon/evening. TOP SECRET: We will be making the centerpieces for the night time event. This is the last Saturday after vacation. We would like a good show from our club at the event, either morning or afternoon or if at all possible, all day. This will be at the Marriott.

SECRETARY: Jocelyn Roy

- Correspondence – no correspondence at this time

TREASURER: Val Boudreau

- Treasurer's Report: on file – report accepted as read

1st VICE PRESIDENT: - Kathy Fuss

Education; Katy Reed

- National Library Month: Request from Library for a shelf for the Children's Department Board recommends Allocate \$49.00 (includes shipping) **MOTION MADE TO ALLOCATE \$49 FOR THE LIBRARY SHELF. 2ND . MOVED.**
- Book Club: Garden Spells by Sarah Addison Allen Lunch at Grapevine Restaurant 753 Maple Road in Longmeadow on March 13th at 12:30. Please let Katy know if you have read the book but cannot attend as Katy submits our numbers to State.
- Next book: Mayflower by Nathaniel Philbriht – lunch location TBD
- Ricky Gomes Scholarship March 1st Deadline – Liz Mederios has applied
- Dr Suess Birthday March 2nd – please read aloud to your children and let Katy know which you have read and how many – she is offering a prize!

Arts*- - Tammey Guihan and Julie Costello

- Art project in lieu of Youth Art Show –Tammey Guihan and Julie Costello Board Recommends Allocate up to \$ 150 for supplies and frames. **MOTION MADE TO ALLOCATE \$150 FOR THE ART PROJECT. 2ND . MOVED.** March 14th @ YMCA. Working with art teacher for students aged 12-18, children from Spfld area will come to Wilbraham with our children to create art. Artwork will be displayed.

Homelife* Darlene Marconi

- Incredible Kid Day – March 20TH - Anne Matthews: day to write letters to your own children or family child members or neighbor hood kids to show love/support/appreciation. Part 2 is

we are writing letters for children from the Y Shelter. 7th Grade WMS kids will help with this project and will be treated to breakfast at Anne's house @ 9:15. Anne has all supplies needed & will deliver to shelter later.

- Toiletry collection for Foster kids – Kathy Fuss – Thursday morning deadline @ Kathy's
- Baby Bereavement Packages – Kathy Fuss took several to Baystate. Homemade by sewing circle.

International * -

Conservation* Tammey Guihan and Julie Costello

- Recycling and Living Green information to be added to our web site

Public Affairs *

- Easter Baskets for Grey House Kids* - Board Recommends allocate up to \$75 – Kathlene & Katy to chair. Baskets for 10 children @ Grayhouse. **MONEY HAS BEEN ALLOCATED.**
- Easter Food Baskets - Meg Cyr and Anne Matthews 2 Families 1 spfld/1 Wilbraham. Sign up on the table. Baskets will be delivered to Y the Sat. prior to Easter. \$75 in budget for this collection.
- Daffodil Days – Lisa Vartanian - \$115 collected to date thru the website. Deadline is March 1st.
- Children's Miracle Network Telethon Fri. March 7th from 10AM – 12 noon - Kathy Fuss – we need 5 or 6 people.

Special Projects (Nat'l, MA & Jrs) = Domestic Violence,

- **Veterans & Child Advocacy –**

2nd VICE PRESIDENTS: JillMarie DeCarolis & Lynne Gosciminski

- Membership Report: "Four More would be great in 2008" 64 members for this year. Each meeting we will have name labels. Please update your info at any time by adding to attendance sheet.
- Yearbook and Membership Directory – Linda Fawcett – new, colorful & bright. Please inform Linda of any changes needed.

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

Reading is fundamental (RIF) – Raffle \$144.00 – won by Maria Ardilino!
CHIPS - January 9th Mile Tree 257 Children
Book Club Meeting- "Kabul Beauty School" Michael's Pasta in the Pan 5 Juniors
Movie & dinner night in January 10 People....Mad Money
Juniors Dinner at Pinocchio's 4 juniors & husbands
Magazine Collection for cancer patients 73 dropped off

WAYS & MEANS: Lori Callahan & Launie Buck

– In Good Taste 2008 YMCA March 29th - Jillmarie DeCarolis – 2 tickets per member available this week, then thru Hilda or at the YMCA. Cash & carry. Don't be late!
- Allocation of funding for fundraiser: Projected income: \$13,500 but on target with our budget needs in relation to the 2006 event. **MOTION TO ALLOCATE \$3000. 2ND . MOVED.**

PROGRAMS: Sarah Lloyd & Lynn Vreeland

- February – sewing room – making items for In Good Taste – Here tonight
- Our Police Dog : Ben & Officer Joe Brewer (Ben's Dad)
- Shelly Bath Lenn; Director of Rick's Place, she will come at another time
- Draw-string bags w/hygiene items for foster kids. Collecting toiletry items.
- March Speaker: From Better Life to speak about healthy ways to care for your homes, your bodies
- Lynn & Sarah putting together a survey for interests. It will be online @ doodle and you can enter your preferences.

HOSPITALITY: Anne Matthews & Wendy Peterson

- sign up for next month on the table, please take a look and sign up

PUBLICITY: Susan Medeiros

- Soldier On Articles. Board Photo, Republican, TIMES, Metro East & CHIPS photo.
- Ben's photo with us should also show up very soon in our local papers.

COMMUNICATIONS: Linda Fawcett

- Website to juniornewsletter@yahoo.com . Email Linda: linbilfawcett@charter.net
- Please streamline email requests to Linda so that she only gets 1 request per group as at times she has been getting multiple requests.
- When sending items from your office, please do not send with your work logo or signature, it must be Juniors logo or addresses only. Out to the public is where this rule is most important.
- Any info in the booklet to be updated will be emailed to all members and each person is asked to pencil it in on their own.
- Please be aware that many women are at work and need time to respond to emails that fly through the day with junior business

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

ON GOING COLLECTIONS:

- Cell phones - YWCA Shelter – Karen DeRose
- Soda tab collection for Ronald McDonald House – Kathy Fuss
- Bell of the Ball – prom gown collection - – Jocelyn Roy
- Festival of Trees: Pirates and buried treasure theme – Jocelyn Roy, Launie Buck
- Conference Baskets: – Kathy Reed, Cindy Lyons and Janet Valickus
 - o April: April Showers bring May Flowers
 - o October: Pumpkins and Pancakes

COMMUNITY/ GENERAL INTEREST

- Agawam Junior Women's Club Fashion Show: Sunday March 30th Chez Josef 11am Tickets \$30 Per Person
- Uxbridge Woman's Club Fashion Show: March 9, 2008 Pleasant Valley Country Club, Sutton, MA Tickets are \$30 per person. Additional information or to purchase tickets – contact Donna Hardy @508-476-1555. Ticket deadline is 2/28.
- Baystate Children's Hospital, in collaboration with Spiritual Services, is creating an all-volunteer clown troupe to brighten the days of the children receiving care at the hospital. For more information contact Barbara Miller at 413-794-3269
- Marianne's kids fundraiser Friday, February 29, 2008 @ 6:00 PM Hampden Country Club
- Annual Healthy Kids Day, April 12th at the YMCA

***Next General Membership Meeting March 18, 2008 7PM
Scantic Valley YMCA Senior Center Room***