



General Federation of Women's Clubs
Wilbraham Junior Women's Club
General Meeting Minutes – Sept.16/08

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

- *Welcome Back! Especially to Helene who is looking fabulous! We're happy to have you back.*
- **Fall Conference, GFWC of Massachusetts Junior Membership**
- **October 25 – 9-3pm (Make a Difference Day), Hands on project! Painting/scraping/organizing day Makeover on behalf of the Boys and Girls Club Metro West and the Assabet Valley Area Family Network. in Marlborough, MA.**
 - ✓ *Request Supplies for makeover... - appropriation of funds? Collection?*
 - ✓ **Motion made to appropriate \$200 for supplies. Moved & 2nd. Motion carried.**
- *Speaker: Rosemary Schantz: Program Coordinator - Parent Child Home Program of AVAFN*
 - Request new or gently used picture books for the pre-school of the AVAFN - appropriation of funds – Martha will put a box on her porch
- *Let Brenda know if you would like to attend – **Registration Deadline October 15th.***
- *Clubwoman Magazine! Soldier on! Article about our club for our redesign efforts and Quarters for quarters.*

SECRETARY: Jocelyn Roy

- Correspondence: thanks you note regarding donations – on file

TREASURER: Val Boudreau

- Report: \$18,527.54 \$11,720.11 uncommitted full report on file

1st VICE PRESIDENT: - Kathy Fuss

Education; Katy Reed

- Book Club: Peony in Love by Lisa See – Lunch @ Fusion in E. Longmeadow 12PM, Friday, September 19th
- Next book: They did it with love by Kate Morgan Roth
- Jen Nowak is the new state chairperson for Arts: please feed Jen any great ideas!

Arts*- - Tammey Guihan and Julie Costello

- The New Reality - The Frontier of Realism in the 21st Century at the Springfield Museum – Tammey Guihan: \$10/2or3hrs ... thru November 16th. Suggestion of 2nd week Oct, maybe a Wednesday ... email to come with more information.

Homelife* Darlene Marconi

- Sewing Circle – Monday September 29th at the Middle School sewing room. 7PM – 9PM.
 - Mask straps for pediatric patients at St Jude's in Memphis, TN - Darlene Marconi. Darlene's niece is in St.Jude's and while looking through the hospital website, Darlene realized how our club can help. The hospital now is down to nothing and we would love to contribute several hundred if possible. Look for their website! Email with link to follow.
- Thanksgiving Food Baskets* - 2-4 baskets to be filled & delivered: any local church may be approached for names of the 2-4 families – Sarah & Launie to chair.
- Operation Santa* - shopping for families, usually 2 families from St. Cecilia's with budget. – Cindy Sparago will chair and ask for shoppers.
- Letters from Santa* - Jocelyn & ... - done in a 3 week basis, collect letters, take info from letter & mail back out, 500 forms ready to go, all set up electronically.

- "Shop for a Cause" Day at Macy's - September 20 - 100% of the \$5 ticket purchased will go to GFWC of Massachusetts for "Domestic Violence" also a Shoppers discount. – Jen Nowak will get you the form, but can be done by going to the store & must be noted that it go to GFWC.
- Grey House – needs white shirts/khaki/navy pants and backpacks: backpacks, dictionaries, crayons, and all sent off – more supplies gathered tonight & will be delivered – (you can always leave it at the YMCA with Tammy's name on it) Program starts September 22nd
- "Welcome to Holland" bracelets made to sell at Oct.25th event profits to Downe's Syndrome kids.
- Motion made to send \$500 donation to Red Cross in Texas

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- World Food Day – October 16th – coordinate with PTO's – Martha Ross to coordinate, with a chair needed for each school – then to be delivered to the Survival Center
- UNICEF Raffle* membership suggestion of 50/50 raffle at Oct. membership – Laurie to organize
- Bon Future Fund prayer flags sent to us as a thank you – more info to come on how Club can be involved. (Sarah L.)

Conservation* Tammy Guihan & Julie Costello

- Planter Barrels: Fall planting – Jillmarie DeCarolis & Katy Reed
- Magazine Collection for Cancer patients July/August/September issues - Kathy Fuss: can be dropped off at Kathy's back door

Public Affairs *

- Soldier On II - Jocelyn Roy, K. Sowa, J. Nowak – info to put on website & presentation by Jen to presidents at state level to generate interest and receive commitments. Project will happen in the Spring.
- Rays of Hope Fall Shopping Extravaganza Thursday, September 25th at Ludlow Country Club from 5-8:30pm – 25-30 vendors – all proceeds to benefit Rays of Hope: this is also a Club Social, Lynne G. has organized a carpool @ St. Cecilia's
- Rays of Hope Walk Team Just Hope Oct. 26 – Lisa Vartanian & Val Boudreau
- Hampden / Wilbraham Chamber of Commerce golf tournament on October 3rd at Wilbraham CC looking for "Hole Watchers". There event starts at noon until approximately 5:00. There will be 4 holes that need eyes – Set up – 2-3 people needed - Jen Nowak

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

- Dress for Success: November Collection - Marie Aquilino, Sara Lloyd, Laurie Buck, Lynne Gosciminski : (large sizes needed): shoes, jewelry, pocket books, panty hose Queen Size's needed!! Needs to be cleaned, business wear in good shape.

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

- Triathlon at the YMCA June 29th Tammy Guihan: beautiful day and thanks to the early-morning juniors who volunteered & participated
- Summer Concert Series: Jill Marie DeCarolis, Ann Matthews: 2 of the 5 evenings were rained out, but these 2 performers will be participating in the Fall Fest on October 18th. Hay rides, pony rides, games, slide, Hburgs, Hdogs, chile, face painting, pumpkin painting ... free admission with purchases on site for food and other itmes. Scarecrow contest chaired by ??? The lovely scarecrow should be delivered to the Festival ... a social?

2nd VICE PRESIDENTS: JillMarie DeCarolis & Lynne Gosciminski

- Membership Activity: Oct.15th Membership Tea at the Brooks Room from 6to9pm. Ad to go in paper.
- Socials: Shopping @ Ludlow CClub, then possibly a Spa night or nite @ City Stage.

WAYS & MEANS: Lori Callahan & Laurie Buck – we need your ideas!!! Or else!

PROGRAMS: Sarah Lloyd & Lynn Vreeland

- October: Comfort Pillows

- November: Cathleen Delany & Stacy Garvey – Healthy Eating! Dash N’ Dine with a thanksgiving theme! Come & taste & learn.

HOSPITALITY: Anne Matthews & Wendy Peterson – *sign up on the table for the month*

PUBLICITY: Susan Medeiros – if you are at an event or activity, please take photos & forward to Susan – Thanks!

- Sherry from THE TIMES will be doing a story on the Juniors, photos & information were provided.

COMMUNICATIONS: Linda Fawcett

- Website juniornewsletter@yahoo.com . Email Linda: linbilfawcett@charter.net

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

ON GOING COLLECTIONS:

- Cell phones - YWCA Shelter – Karen Derose
- Soda tab collection for Ronald McDonald House – Kathy Fuss
- Festival of Trees: Pirates and buried treasure theme – Jocelyn Roy, Launie Buck, and Maria Paolucci: we need an old chests, small to set under the tree; also a parrot for the top of the tree.
- Box Tops for Education Ann Matthews and Karen Derose
- Conference Baskets: – Kathy Reed, Cindy Lyons and Janet Valickus
 - o October theme ... anything having to do with Pumpkins & Pancakes – deadline around Oct.15th

COMMUNITY/ GENERAL INTEREST

September 21 - **National Women's Friendship Day** _

September 24 - **National Women's Health and Fitness Day**

www.fitnessday.com/women/index.htm

September 27 - **Family Health and Fitness Day** www.fitnessday.com

October 18 - Fall Festival – Fountain Park, Wilbraham, MA

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 21st, 2008, 7 PM

Senior Center Room @ YMCA

