



**General Federation of Women's Clubs  
Wilbraham Junior Women's Club  
General Meeting Minutes - September 18, 2007**

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'S REPORT:** *Michelle*

- Welcome back
- Congrats to Jen Nowak on her State Board appointment as Western Ma. Regional Rep & Nominating Committee.
- Michelle attended Presidents conference in Aug. Focus on empowerment & domestic violence. Reminder – go to [www.ndvh.org/million](http://www.ndvh.org/million) and take a moment to sign your name and make a difference. Our Club, Kathy & Brenda, submitted grant for \$100 PJ project.
- NERC – 9/15 Donna S. submitted us membership award for our themed meetings, cross your fingers!
- Fall Jr. Conference in Boylston MA, 9to3pm Oct 20<sup>th</sup>, let Michelle know if you are interested in attending with her – sign up at general meeting. Yvonne Williams “Its all about the Shoes” will be the speaker

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** *Jocelyn*

- On file

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** *Lynn*

- Financial report, on file

**1<sup>st</sup> VICE PRESIDENTS AND DEPARTMENT CHAIRS:** - *Kathy and Brenda*

**UPCOMING PROJECTS**

**Education** *Katy*

- Scholarship for 2008 – Discussion was held whether we take over or keep with scholarship committee – **VOTE: Motion that we are more diligent with the scholarship committee that our criteria has been met. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Carried.**

**Arts** –

**Homelife\***

- Grey House project – Margaret O'Donnell chair - update. Also looking for tutors @ Grey House, 1hr/week for 6mos. Kudos to Eastfield Mall for giving extra backpacks when they heard of our cause. 25 backpacks were delivered.
- Thanksgiving Food Baskets – Susan & Lisa
- Operation Santa\* - names & ages from St.Cecilia's, shopping, wrapping & delivering.
- Letters from Santa\* - flyers, names collected & writing letters, proofing & mailed. This event funds the ideas from Operation Santa.
- Fall conference basket – Baking/Cooking Theme – Katy R update

- Rays of Hope Walk – Sunday, 10/28 –Lisa V update + vendor table. Also looking for people to make bows (call Lisa for material and instructions)
- Shop for a Cause- Macys 10/13 – info available at meeting
- Sewing Circle – 9/24 WMS – will make Million Voices Campaign D.Violence banner, club name, max size 72wx45l use purple, message: end domestic violence – due @ conference 10/20

### International \*

- UNICEF Raffle – at October meeting, bring some cash to buy tickets to win!
- World Food Day – October 16<sup>th</sup> – coordinate with PTO's\* - need chairs for each school
- Maria/Stony Hill, Mile Tree/Jen or Marie A, Martha to find chair for Soule Rd.
- **\*NOTE: Linda to send email out asking for chairs as not many at meeting**

### Conservation\*

- Cell phones being collected – Karen DeRose – for YWCA shelter
- Planters – Katy Reed/Jillmarie update – planting & water schedule – Mums in for fall
- Soda tab collection for Ronald McDonald House – Kathy will collect/deliver.
- Bell of the Ball – prom gown collection for less fortunate teens – bring for June thru Oct – Jocelyn

### Public Affairs

- Festival of Trees – Gift of music” items – Linda F. – donations welcome

### Special Projects (Nat'l, MA & Jrs) = Domestic Violence, Veterans & Child Advocacy –

- Quarters for Quarters – Linda F.
- United Vets of America – Leeds - Brenda/Linda F. Current collection of items for women's wish list – reminder to bring to meeting (can be new/gently used):
  - o Curtains/tablecloths: sizes TBD
  - o Lotions/shampoos/potholders/hand towels/blankets/pillows, brushes, combs, sewing machine, pots & pans, sheets, dishwasher soap & ironing board.
  - o Request a chair at next meeting – collection of personal items for meeting and visit by Lynne G, Brenda, Kathy & Linda - update on trip to the Womens Veterans Home
- CHIPS – Mile Tree still working on a date (probably winter) – Martha R - WMS Nov 8<sup>th</sup>
- Backpacks of love - looking to collect 2 new backpacks new with soaps, brushes, small toys, small games, pillow cases, crayons, school supplies for various ages. Due at 10/20 fall conference – benefit children of domestic violence. Board recommends: buy 2 backpacks and fill with items \$40 – **VOTE: Motion made, then amended, to appropriate \$100 to buy & fill backpacks for teens. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Carried. Susan volunteered to shop!**

### **WRAP-UP REPORTS** **(Please submit Project Sheets)**

- Circus Smircus: July 12-14<sup>th</sup> - Katy had a group of students at her home.
- Operation Firepower – powered drink mix collection – 67 boxes mailed out after general meeting, another event in the works! Lisa Carney to come up with another collection in '08.
- Summer Concert Series – Jillmarie/Maureen – thanks to volunteers! Reach Out students helped at all the events.
- Magazine Collection for cancer patients receiving chemo – 2 boxes of items, will be done again later after the holidays
- Peach Festival – Jen N said thanks to all volunteers.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> VICE PRESIDENTS: Martha & Lisa

- Membership Report – Tea Thursday October 11 – 7pm Lisa V. home – email her with names or if you are planning on attending.

- Book Club "The Other Boleyn Girl" by Phillipa Gregory. 9/21 12:25 @ St. Cecelia's – carpool to new Thai restaurant in Sturbridge on 21<sup>st</sup>. Needs head count for the restaurant.
- Breakfast Social @M. Ross's house 9/14, informal Juniors & friends
- Fall Festival Oct.13th – Martha R – social for Jrs. To make a Scarecrow for contest. Sign up please.
- Lynn Vreeland heading up Cooks on Call!
- Wear Pink next meeting.

**WAYS & MEANS:** *JillMarie and Marie*

- In Good Taste Deux 2008 – sign ups out, a few more chairs needed.
  - o Date = YMCA ... March 1<sup>st</sup> or 29 with our 1<sup>st</sup> choice on the 29<sup>th</sup>.
  - o All chairs to meet at date Sept.26<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 @ Brenda's.

**PROGRAMS:** *Jen and Maria*

- October comfort pillows to sew/stuff & make bows for Rays of Hope Walk @ the Middle School sewing room, email to be sent home asking if people can make them at home.
- November – @ YMCA, Emancipation Network Inc., discussion about Human Trafficking, amount of \$500 will be donated at that time – They are also bringing items to sell
- December Holiday party
- January annual banquet

**HOSPITALITY:** *Maureen & Susan* - Thanks to Brenda for set up!

- think pink for treats

**PUBLICITY:** *Susan*

- our group photo is available for purchase from Susan G. Martha to contact her re price & ordering how to's

**COMMUNICATIONS:** *Linda*

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**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- Committee to help co-Hosting w/Agawam for April 2008 annual conference - Jen update

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Next General Meeting October 16th @ 7 p.m.  
Sewing Room @ WMS**

**WEAR PINK + pink treats**

**\*\*\*\*\*THINGS & DATES TO REMEMBER \*\*\*\*\***



- Festival of Trees – "Gift of music" items needed
- Next conference basket items needed: Baking & Cooking
- 10/20 – can you attend Jrs Fall Conference in Boylston, Cyprian Keyes C. Club
- 10/28 – Rays of Hope Walk (need bow makers)
- Wear pink to the October meeting