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President's Message

Happy belated St. Patrick's Day, and happy Spring! I hope that you're enjoying our warmer weather and are involved with one or more of our activity groups. During our March meeting, the Hollis Woman's Club listened to an in-depth presentation by fellow member Cheryl Villani, who spoke on women's financial education. Here's to saving and investing more money! We collected \$275 in gift cards for **Area Agency of Greater Nashua**, a private non-profit designated by the State of New Hampshire Division of Developmental Services to establish and maintain programs and services that promote growth and independence for individuals with developmental disabilities. Thank you for your generosity!

Our Next Meeting...

will be held our annual business meeting on Wednesday, April 11th, at Faith Baptist Church. Babysitting is available at 12 noon for \$5 per family. After the meeting, join fellow member, Designer Susan Crupi for a tour of remodeled spaces! Find out how you can have a successful remodeling experience. General Contractor, David Crupi, will be on hand to help answer your remodeling questions. Our **April Charity** is **Marguerite's Place**, a transitional housing program for women and children in crisis. Marguerite's Place requests gas station gift cards, and Market Basket/Target/Wal-Mart gift cards. Please bring your donations to our April meeting.

Taking Care of Business

Thanks, again, to those who volunteered to fill our Bylaws, Budget and Nominating Committees. It is through your service that helps to keep our organization running. The list of proposed 2007/08 officers is as follows:

- **President:** Diana Kroeger
- **First VP (parliamentarian):** Donna Drott
- **Second VP (membership):** Shawntel Fugate
- **Recording Secretary:**
 - **Board Meetings:** Trish Martin
 - **General Meetings:** Audrey Augun & Amy Kelly
- **Corresponding Secretary:** Ginny Brooks
- **Treasurer:** Diane Raitt
- **Auditor:** Terry McKillop
- **Publicity:** Jane Taylor
- **Ways and Means:** Susan Benz
- **Steward:** Betsy Cotton
- **Director - Activities:** Julie Forgaard
- **Director - Handbook:** Stephanie Stack
- **Director - Program:** Ellen Walker
- **Director - Historian:** Sharon Hamilton & Anne Brazao

The proposed changes to our Bylaws and our proposed Budget are too long to include in this newsletter, but they will be

available at the April meeting to review before our vote. In addition, you may contact me to receive a copy.

Strawberries!

The **2007 Strawberry Festival** will be held on **SUNDAY, JUNE 24, 2007, FROM 2-4 P.M.** We've had our fair share of lousy weather of late, but the Strawberry Festival planning gives us hope for Spring. Sign-up sheets are available at our monthly meetings. We're still in need of volunteers for all of the areas: hullers, bakers, inside workers, outside workers, cashiers, kitchen/clean-up and cream whippers. We need Chairs for the two hulling sessions and for the bakers. Don't be bashful, now! Give us a call or email, and let us know where you can help. The festival is a great tradition in Hollis. If you are new to the Club, then give us a jingle. We'd be happy to tell you what each job is about. Also, when you're shopping, please keep your eyes open for box flats. These can be found easily at Costo, BJ's, and Sam's. These lid-type boxes are used by our customers as trays for their shortcakes and ice cream. Please bring them to our April and May meetings! Finally, we're working on a very small Art Fair in conjunction with the Strawberry Festival. We are hoping to have 5-10 hand-selected, juried artists exhibit and sell their art. Won't it be great to have a different group of customers who wouldn't ordinarily come to the festival? The Hollis/Brookline High School will be our rain venue. Invite your mates and friends to join in the fun! You'll have a good time, meet up with fellow area residents, and raise money for our projects. Contact Jane Taylor, 465-2849 or taylorclan3@charter.net, and Diane Raitt, 882-9350 or jackanddiane22@comcast.net today!

May Spring Luncheon & Member Renewals

Mark your calendar! Our annual May Luncheon will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 9, at the Crowne Plaza - Nashua. Babysitting will be available at Faith Baptist Church on a reservation basis only. Luncheon invitations and membership renewals will be mailed in the same envelope in early April. Thank you to Ginny Brooks and Ellen Walker, who continue to work behind the scenes to organize our luncheon plans. And, thank you to Shawntel Fugate for organizing the membership renewals.

Activities

Spring in the Big Apple! Mark your calendars and pick up the phone! We are heading to the Big City and a fun day of shopping and sightseeing or anything that YOU want to do! Date is Saturday, June 2, price is \$55 per person, and EVERYONE is invited. We leave Nashua at 6 a.m. on our luxury coach bus, and return before midnight. Please RSVP to Susan Benz **NO LATER** than May 1st to reserve your seat. This has sold out every time. You don't want to miss out!

Lunch Bunch

We are still in need of a couple volunteers to serve beverages and lunch to the Hollis Seniors at the Lawrence Barn. All meals are provided by Meals on Wheels. Our volunteer dates are April 26 and May 24. To volunteer, please contact Laurie at 465-6535 or lauriemiller@charter.net. Thank you for your service to the Hollis Seniors and to our community.

Strawberry & Apple Cookbook

Ways and Means Chair Diane Raitt is updating our \$1 Strawberry Cookbook and is creating a new Apple Cookbook. Both will include stories, anecdotes, and memories to accompany the recipes. Diane is looking for recipes for appetizers, drinks, salads, main courses, side dishes, desserts, casseroles, jams, jellies... Please email your recipe to Diane at jackanddiane22@comcast.net or mail to 165 Cypress Lane, Nashua, NH 03063. All items are due by **APRIL 1**.

New Walking Activity Group

Come and join us from 9-11 a.m. for brisk Wednesday hikes beginning at Beaver Brook Association land. The pace will be steady but kind. All you need is enjoyment of the outdoors, waterproof boots, and a spirit of adventure. Our walk will be

canceled should there be inclement weather. Call Kathleen Barnes at 465-3926 the night before (or the morning of) a hike, so that we know to expect you. The trails in our town are wonderful and if you are not walking them, then you are missing one of our great resources.

Harbor Homes' Buckingham Place

The Hollis Woman's Club is encouraging our members to donate their gently used furniture and more to finish units at Harbor Homes' Buckingham Place, the new Veterans F.I.R.S.T. transitional housing facility on Spring Street in Nashua. Please contact me if you are interested in touring a unit and donating your furniture and more.

"Grab Bag" Craft Swap

Want to thin out old crafts and supplies? Then package them in GALLON ZIPLOCS with whatever you have: i.e., yarn, ribbon, material, pine cones, paper, beads, old photo equipment, paints, etc. Bring in your excess supplies and swap them at our general meetings. Excess bags will be donated to the elementary art and environmental science classes. Questions? Contact Betsy at 465-7680.

Upcoming Events – please check our website under EVENTS for more details!

APRIL BOARD MEETING: 9:00 a.m., Wed., April 4, at the Lawrence Barn. Members are welcome to attend.

APRIL ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING: 11:00 a.m. Social Hour / 12:00 noon Annual Business Meeting/ Program by Designer Susan Crupi, on Wed., April 11, 2007, @ Faith Baptist Church, 43 Wheeler Rd. Babysitting is available at 12 noon for \$5 per family.

MAY BOARD MEETING: 9:00 a.m., Wed., May 2, at the Lawrence Barn. Members are welcome to attend.

MAY LUNCHEON AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS: 11:30 a.m., Wed., May 9, at the Crowne Plaza. Babysitting is available at Faith Baptist Church for \$5 per family. Luncheon invitations will be in the mail in April!

NYC BUS TRIP: Sat., June 2. Tickets are \$55pp. Contact Susan Benz today!

58th ANNUAL STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL: 2-4 p.m. on Sun., June 24, at the Town Common. Contact Jane and Diane to help.

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