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March 2008 Newsletter

## President's Message

Happy St. Patrick's Day, and happy early Spring! During our March meeting, our members listened to **Alice Morris** from the University of New Hampshire Coop Extension Office, who spoke on vegetable gardening and organic methods. We collected postage stamps for **Home Health & Hospice Care**, a non-profit Visiting Nurse Association since 1883 that serves patients of all ages and all circumstances in southern New Hampshire and northern Massachusetts. Thank you!

I forgot to write in our last newsletter that Treasurer Diane Raitt presented the proposed 2008/09 budget to the membership during our February meeting. The proposed budget will be voted on by the full membership of the Club during our April business meeting.

## Our Next Meeting...

will be our annual business meeting on Wednesday, April 9, at Faith Baptist Church. After the meeting, **join fellow member Jane Taylor**, who will speak on organ transplant and donation programs. Babysitting will be available at 12 pm (noon) for \$5 per family, so please pre-register for this service by contacting Shawntel at [srfugate@hotmail.com](mailto:srfugate@hotmail.com) or 791-4352.

Our **April Charity** is **Southern New Hampshire Rescue Mission**, which provides services to the homeless and poor and is located on Palm Street in Nashua. The items requested are snack pack food items, Shaw's and Market Basket gift cards and men's socks and underwear. Please bring your donations to our April Meeting. Thank you for your continued generosity!

## 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 proposed 2007/08 slate of officers is as follows:

- **President:** Jane Taylor
- **First VP (parliamentarian):** Shawntel Fugate
- **Second VP (membership):** Open
- **Recording Secretary:**
  - **Board Meetings:** Susan Durham
  - **General Meetings:** Audrey Augun
- **Corresponding Secretary:** Ginny Brooks
- **Treasurer:** Diane Raitt
- **Auditor:** Terry McKillop
- **Publicity:** Diana Kroeger
- **Ways and Means:** Susan Benz
- **Steward:** Betsy Cotton
- **Hospitality:** Becky Casey
- **Director - Activities:** Julie Forgaard

- **Director - Handbook:** Julia Greenspan
- **Director - Program:** Ellen Walker
- **Director -Historian:** Open

*As you can see, we have 2 board openings that need to be filled immediately. Please consider serving YOUR Club! Contact me ASAP to fill the void! The slate will be voted upon during our annual business meeting on April 9<sup>th</sup>. The proposed changes to our Bylaws and our proposed 2008/09 Budget are too long to include in this newsletter, but they will be available at the April meeting to review before our vote.*

## Fundraising Meeting

Julie Forgaard, 51 Pepperell Road, is hosting a Hollis Woman's Club fundraising meeting at 11 a.m. on Friday, March 21<sup>st</sup>. Please bring your fresh ideas and warm smiles as we strategize to boost our reserves to donate more to our community. Please RSVP to Julie at 465-6463. See you there!

## Food for Your Thoughts

We need more volunteers to donate food items for our April meeting. Small sandwiches, fruit/cheese plates and soups are always welcome. Please contact Jan Welch at 465-3645 if you will help with our April 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. Our 'food spread' is available only through member contributions!

## May Spring Luncheon & Member Renewals

Our annual May Luncheon will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, at The Mileaway. Our afternoon entertainment will feature fellow member and singer Ann Siglin, who will be accompanied by member Terry McKillop! 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 Ellen Baker and her committee for organizing our luncheon plans.

## Strawberries!

From Festival Chair Diane Raitt:

Come and join the fun as we work with the Hollis Town Band to produce our annual Strawberry Festival to be held on Sunday, June 22, from 2-4pm on the Town Common. We work together, laugh together and enjoy each other's company thru the 'oops', the hysterics and the wonderful final day.

We need people for hulling, whipping (cream), baking shortcakes, putting the shortcake packages together, cashiering, and outside workers (putting the individual orders together, traffic control for the lines of people, and runners).

Bring your best friend, your pal, significant other, your spouse, kids.....we will gladly welcome them! Some of you may like to be a committee chair.....now is your time to shine! We need 2 people to handle the new item – Strawberry

**Smoothies!** Blender training only takes 5 minutes. Please sign up on the festival sign-up sheets at each general meeting or contact me at [jackanddiane22@comcast.net](mailto:jackanddiane22@comcast.net)/882-9350 or Co-Chair Jane Taylor, [Taylorclan3@charter.net](mailto:Taylorclan3@charter.net)/465-2849. We are anxiously awaiting your email and phone messages!

Strawberry Hulling is Friday, June 20, from 12 noon to 7 pm. at the Congregational Church (please designate which hours you can assist). Sunday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> starts earlier as we do the set up to serve, slice the shortcake and whip the cream. The doors are open, so COME ON DOWN!

## 2 New Activity Groups

Diane Raitt is interested in organizing a new 9-hole Golf Activity Group! Contact Diane at 882-9350 or by email at [jackanddiane22@comcast.net](mailto:jackanddiane22@comcast.net) to join the fun.

Our other new group is the Tennis Group, chaired by Jan Welch. If interested in joining, please contact Jan at 465-3645 or [Welch\\_Jan@hotmail.com](mailto:Welch_Jan@hotmail.com). You'll have a ball!

## Four Seasons Supper Club

The Four Seasons Supper Club meets five times a year, generally kicking off our year with a cocktail party so that all members, new and continuing, can mix and mingle and get to

know one another. Members are usually accompanied by their spouse or significant other, but others choose to attend solo. After that, we meet four other times at rotating members' homes. Each member is asked to host only once every other year, and her committee takes care of all meal preparation.

In anticipation of the dinner, guests assigned to a hostess's home meet with her to create the menu and divide the cooking tasks, or arrangements are made by email. The night of the dinner, the intimate setting fosters an atmosphere of friendship and provides a delectable variety of culinary delights. Costs are divided among the participants. For more information on this exciting group, call Mary Csakai at 465-6282 or email at [mcsakai@charter.net](mailto:mcsakai@charter.net).

## Bridge Activity Group

The Bridge Group meets every Tuesday morning, and we play and learn as we go. The group is interested in growing and would like to form new evening groups. So, if you haven't played in a long time, want to learn, or want to make new friends, come and join us to see if we are right for you! Contact Eve Day at 465-3214 for more information.

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

**HOLLIS SCHOOL DISTRICT 2008 ANNUAL MEETING:** Tues., March 18<sup>th</sup> at Hollis Brookline Middle School gym.

**SKIING AT MOUNT SUNAPEE:** 8am, Wed., March 19. Contact Susan at 465-3607 for more information.

**HWC FUNDRAISING MEETING:** 11am, Fri., March 21, at Julie Forgaard's home (51 Pepperell Road). Contact Julie at 465-6463- if you may attend!

**HOLLIS ELEMENTARY PTA AUCTION & TAPAS NIGHT:** Sat., March 29<sup>th</sup>, at Nashua Country Club. Contact Audrey Augun at 465-3165 for details.

**HOLLIS TOWN BAND ANNUAL POPS CONCERT:** Sun., March 30, at Alpine Grove. Doors open at 1:30pm with music by the Dixieland Band. The HTB will play at 2:30. Cost is \$18/pp and a dessert buffet will be served. Tickets must be purchased in advance by contacting any band member or from David Bailey, conductor.

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

**APRIL BUSINESS MEETING:** 11:00 a.m. Social Hour/ 12:00 p.m. General Meeting/ Program, Wed., April 9, @ Faith Baptist Church, 43 Wheeler Rd. Babysitting is available at \$5 per family, *so please pre-register for this service by contacting Shawntel at 791-4352 or [srfugate@hotmail.com](mailto:srfugate@hotmail.com)*. Member Jane Taylor will speak on organ transplant and donation programs. **April Charity is Southern New Hampshire Rescue Mission.** Requested items are snack pack food items, Shaw's & Market Basket gift cards, and men's socks and underwear. Please bring your donations to our April meeting.

**MAY BOARD MEETING:** 9:00 a.m., Wed., May 7, at the Lawrence Barn. Members are welcome to attend.

**GFWC-NH ANNUAL MEETING:** Thurs.-Fri., May 8-9 in Nashua.

**ANNUAL LUNCHEON & INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS:** 11:30am, Wed., May 21, at The Mileaway in Milford. Invitations will be mailed in early April along with membership dues renewal. © **May Charity is Marguerite's Place.**

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

**NYC BUS TRIP:** Sat., June 14. Leave the Welcome Center at 6 a.m. Questions? Contact Susan at 465-3607.

**STRAWBERRY HULLING:** 12-7 p.m., Fri., June 22, in the basement of the Congregational Church. Contact Diane at 882-9350 to sign up.

**59<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL:** 2-4pm, Sun., June 22. Contact Diane at 882-9350 or Jane at 465-2849 to help!

**OLD HOME DAY:** Fri. & Sat., Sept. 12 & 13, at Nichol's Field.

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