

## President's Message

Happy New Year! I hope that you're inspired to get more involved within the Hollis Woman's Club! How are you benefiting from your membership? Have you tried one or more of our Activity Groups? Consider going skiing with us or joining our day trip to New York City. Or, volunteer to serve lunch once a month for the Hollis Seniors. The Strawberry Festival will be here before you know it, and we need YOUR help by serving on a committee or two. All members of the Hollis Woman's Club are requested to participate in some capacity! We are always looking for a fresh face, new ideas, and a warm smile. And, give some thoughtful consideration in becoming a board member in May. We value you and your participation!

Last month, we collected and donated jars of peanut butter to the **Upper Room**, a non-profit corporation based in Nashua which runs a food pantry for those less fortunate. Many thanks to **Christy Gaskill** for delivering the items! And, thank you for donating!

Finally, I hope to see more of you in this new year. Don't be a member who stays at home! Get involved, make new and lasting friendships, and live a happy and fulfilling life. Some of our activity groups meet in the evenings. See you at our next meeting!

## Our Joint Social in February...

is with several PTA organizations within Hollis at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, at Faith Baptist Church. After our general meeting, Amy Dumont, director of Cardiovascular Services at St. Joseph Hospital, will speak on women's heart health. Baby-sitting is available at 12 noon at \$5 per family.

**Our February Charity is the Fisher House**, a unique private-public partnership that supports America's military in their time of need. Their requested troop donations are new and unopened videos (DVD/VHS), and new hard- or soft-covered books (no romance). Please bring your donations to our February meeting. We hope to support our troops through your generosity!

## Bylaws & Nominating Committees

We are in need of 2 members to complete our Constitution and Bylaws Committee. The committee meets once or twice, and most of the work is done by email. Also, we need 2 members to complete our Nominating Committee. Please contact Diana if you'd like to serve on either of these committees.

## It's Never Too Early To Start...

planning for the **2007 Strawberry Festival**, that is! This is such a fun event and is enjoyed by the community in more than one sense. First, they attend the Festival and enjoy all the strawberry desserts, band entertainment and other activities offered. Then, the community enjoys the fruits (no pun intended) of our labor when the proceeds from the Festival are given back to the community. Take a few minutes and think about what area you would like to help with! There are many options, and you'll be seeing sign-up sheets with job descriptions at our meetings. You'll have a chance to get to know fellow members better and for a wonderful cause. We look forward to working with all of you! Jane Taylor, Chair, [taylorclan3@charter.net](mailto:taylorclan3@charter.net), and Diane Raitt, Co-Chair, [jackandiane22@comcast.net](mailto:jackandiane22@comcast.net)

## Upcoming Activities

Grab your skis! Please consider joining us on Wednesday, January 31, at **Mount Sunapee**, where 2 can ski for \$58! We'll meet at 8:30am at the Hollis Village Marketplace and carpool to the mountain. Call Susan Benz at 465-3607 if you are interested. For those of you who yearn for spring, Susan is selling discounted tickets to the **New England Flower Show** at \$15 per ticket -- good any day of the March 17-25th show! Call her if interested. Finally, we are taking reservations for our June 2nd **bus trip to New York City!** Our 5th trip down to the Big Apple! Everyone is welcome -- friends, family! Call Susan if you'd like to join us.

## Service to the Seniors

Once a month, we serve beverages and lunch to the Hollis Seniors at Faith Baptist Church. All meals are provided by Meals on Wheels. We are still in need of a few more volunteers, and your help is deeply appreciated and valued! Our volunteer dates are:

- January 25
- February 22
- March 22
- April 26
- May 24

Contact Laurie at [lauriemiller@charter.net](mailto:lauriemiller@charter.net) or 465-6535 to join our call list. Thank you for your service!

## GFWC-NH Mid-Winter Meeting

The GFWC-NH Mid-Winter Meeting is Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, at the Courtyard Marriott in Concord. Contact Diana if you would like to attend.

## In Memory: E. Marion Lull Howe

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing on December 20, 2006, of our longtime and cherished member, E. Marion Lull Howe. Marion was an honorary and 50-year member of the Hollis Woman's Club. Her outgoing personality and warmth will be sorely missed. Marion's daughter, Sharon Howe, and Marion's sister, Hildra Hildreth, are fellow members of the Hollis Woman's Club. We send our deepest condolences to Marion's families.

## New Diet Activity Group

A new activity group was started this month: a diet group, using the new bestseller YOU: On a Diet by Drs. Roizen and Oz and coordinated by Ellen Walker! As part of this program, several members meet at Nichols Field at 7 a.m. and walk for 30 minutes. They find this a great way to start their day! The time passes very fast! Contact Ellen at [BlueSky@tellink.net](mailto:BlueSky@tellink.net) or 465-3639 for more information.

## "Grab Bag" Craft Swap

Do you want to thin out old crafts and supplies? Have unlikely to-be-used or finished hobby kits, leftovers or project directions? Then package them in GALLON ZIPLOCS with whatever you have: i.e., pine cones, yarn, ribbon, material, old photo equipment, paints, paper, beads, etc. Anything and everything! Bring in your excess craft or hobby supplies and swap them at our general meetings. Bring one and browse for

a treasure bag that YOU have ideas for! Excess bags will be donated to the elementary art and environmental science classes. Kids know how to make stuff out of the craziest things!! Questions? Contact Betsy at 465-7680.

## Lawrence Barn Dance & Dedication

The Lawrence Barn Committee is sponsoring an Old Fashioned Family Country Barn Dance & Dedication at the Lawrence Barn on Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 10:00 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for seniors and children 10 & under, and may be purchased at Harvest Market and at Monument Square Market. Each family is requested to bring a dessert to share. There will be live country and contra music and dancing, as well as table games for young and old. Children (and those adults who are young at heart) are invited to come as their favorite barnyard animal or farmer and participate in the costume parade. Proceeds from this fundraiser will go toward extras that the barn needs. This is the first dance in the finished barn. Come, join in the celebration! Contact Liz Barbour at 465-6929 or Mary Lou Ward at 465-3075 for more information.

## Bowling Activity Group Update

The Bowling Group is cancelled for the snowy winter months of January and February. Sheryl will see if members are interested in restarting in March. Questions? Contact Sheryl at [ellisjs1@charter.net](mailto:ellisjs1@charter.net) or 595-0541.

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

**GFWC-NH MID-WINTER MEETING:** Sat., Jan. 27, at Courtyard Marriott in Concord. Contact Diana to sign up.  
**SKIING AT MOUNT SUNAPEE:** Wed., Jan. 31, where 2 can ski for \$58! Leave at 8:30am from Village Marketplace.  
**FEBRUARY BOARD MEETING:** 9:00 a.m., Wed., Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>, at the home of Stephanie Stack. Members are welcome to attend.  
**FEBRUARY JOINT SOCIAL & GENERAL MEETING:** 11:00 a.m. Social Hour with Hollis PTAs/ 12:00 noon General Meeting/ Program, Wed., Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>, 2007, @ Faith Baptist Church, 43 Wheeler Rd. Babysitting is available at 12 noon at \$5 per family. Speaker is Amy Dumont of St. Joseph's Hospital who will speak on heart health. **February Charity** is the **Fisher House** to support our troops. Please bring new and unopened DVDs/VHS tapes and soft- or hard-covered books (no romance) to our February meeting!  
**LAWRENCE BARN DANCE & DEDICATION:** 6:30-10 p.m., Sat., Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>, at the Lawrence Barn. Tickets may be purchased at Monument Square Market or Harvest Market.  
**MARCH BOARD MEETING:** 9:00 a.m., Wed., March 7<sup>th</sup>, at the Lawrence Barn. Members are welcome to attend.  
**MARCH GENERAL MEETING:** 11:00 a.m. Social Hour/ 12:00 p.m. General Meeting/ Program, Wed., March 14<sup>th</sup>, @ Faith Baptist Church, 43 Wheeler Rd. Babysitting is available at 12 p.m. (noon) at \$5 per family. Speaker is fellow member, Sheryl Villani, who will speak about women's financial education.  
**NEW ENGLAND FLOWER SHOW:** March 17-25 at the Bayside Expo in Boston. See Susan to purchase discounted tickets!  
**NYC BUS TRIP:** Sat., June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Tickets are \$50pp. Contact Susan Benz today!  
**58<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL:** 2-4 p.m. on Sun., June 24<sup>th</sup>, at the Town Common. Contact Jane and Diane to help!

---

**Hollis Woman's Club**  
**P.O. Box 1042**  
**Hollis, NH 03049-1042**