



President's Message

The torrential rain, high wind, lightning, thunder and power outages did not deter our wonderful and faithful community friends from attending our 2008 Strawberry Festival. The brave enjoyed strawberry shortcakes, frappes, ice cream cones and chocolate-dipped strawberries. Thank you to our members, spouses, children, neighbors and friends who braved the weather and worked feverishly to help the Hollis Woman's Club fulfill its festival obligation. Also, thank you to those who helped to sell, work the crowds, set up, clean up, hull, and bake. We are grateful for our organized committee chairs. Extra special thanks go to our fabulous and dedicated 2008 festival chair and co-chair, Diane Raitt and Jane Taylor, who persevered through an unusual set of circumstances! Bravo.

I hope that you will stay connected with our Club throughout the summer months. We have 14 activity groups that appeal to different interests, and some groups meet during the summer. Check our website for more information or contact an activity chair.

Finally, we are planning our 2008-09 monthly charities and are in need of your input! Please contact Shawntel Fugate at 791-4352 or srfugate@hotmail.com with your suggestions.

Don't Forget to Renew

Thank you to those who returned their annual renewal forms. If you haven't already done so, then please remember to mail back your renewal form and check. Also, please indicate which month(s) you will provide food donations for our monthly meetings. We will be working on our 2008/09 membership yearbook soon, and we want to see your name printed in our directory! Questions? Contact Shawntel at 791-4352 or srfugate@hotmail.com. If you cannot find your membership form, then please use the form located online at www.holliswomansclub.org under **JOIN**. Simply mail your form and \$25 dues to HWC, PO Box 1042, Hollis 03049. Thank you!

2008 Strawberry Festival: A Wet & Wild Event

Many, many thanks to the tried and true members and their families, spouses, significant others & children who worked through the rain, without power and gave their all for this event. The final tally is not in, but their efforts were truly "valued beyond monetary worth." The thunder, lightning and rain arrived as mother earth's encore to the first Hollis Town Band's song. There the concert ended, as mother nature took over. An encore we certainly won't forget!

To our hard-working members and friends who stayed while wet, chilled and very, very tired, mainly without power to complete the final clean up, leave the church 'spick & span' and put everything away (they worked until after 6 PM), a thank you alone is simply insignificant compared to the work accomplished.

Everyone who purchased and tried the new addition of Frappes really liked them. The Frappes are more of a milkshake

consistency -- delicious and a keeper for the next festival. Fellow member **Becky's Casey's** donated chocolate strawberries went over well and helped the rained-out Ways & Means.

– Diane Raitt, Chair

HWC Scholarship Recipients Announced

Congratulations to the recipients of this year's \$1,000 college scholarships! William Lindsay, Jr. and Stephanie Pillion were selected among many applicants as the most deserving. Thank you to our Education Committee for choosing such outstanding students. Special thanks to Lindsay Petrella for chairing the committee.

Ways and Means

Ways and Means and the Fundraising Committee want you to reserve Saturday, November 22nd for a big Family Country Barn dance at the Lawrence Barn! This event will be a new fundraiser for the club, and we'll be selling tickets to the entire community! We've booked Frank Woodward - a known caller in the area -- +and his band of musicians. Volunteers will be needed to help run the event. Stay tuned for details.

Please also mark your calendars for Old Home Days on Saturday, September 13th (rain date 14th). We'll have a double booth and will be offering children the opportunity to fold origami animals for \$1.00 each, and we will be selling candy. Susan Benz needs about 3 people per 2-hour shift all day from 9-5pm. Set-up will be at 7:30 a.m. Please email her and grab the time you want! We'll provide all training!

Susan.Benz@hp.com or call at 465-3607.

Monthly Charity Committee Organized

The Hollis Woman's Club board of directors has decided to form a Monthly Charity Committee to organize charity donations. Shawntel Fugate will chair this committee and is in need of two volunteers to serve with her. Committee work will be done through email or by phone. If interested in serving, please contact Shawntel at 791-4352 or srfugate@hotmail.com.

Donation to HWC's Scholarship Fund

The Marathon Bridge Group graciously selected the Hollis Woman's Club Scholarship Fund as the organization most deserving of their 2007-08 contributions. The Marathon ladies raised \$490 for this purpose.

At the end of the season celebration, five tables participated in congratulating the first and second place winners. Barbara Townsend and Judy Zivic captured first and second place while Joan Cole and Betty Fyfe won second. Thanks to all members for their support over the past year. New members are welcome to join. The season runs from September through April. Teams play six times at the convenience of the hostess. Scheduling for the opening in the fall takes place during the summer. For more information, please call 465-2524."

Hostesses Wanted

We are still looking for members to serve as hostesses for our 2008/09 meetings. Please help incoming Chair Becky Casey (varmintb@aol.com or 465-3632) by signing up for a month to hostess or donate. Small sandwiches, fruit/cheese plates and soups are always welcome. Our 'food spread' is available only through member contributions. Thank you for your help!

Fundraising Meeting

The next fundraising committee meeting will be held be at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, July 21 at Jane Taylor's - 12 Durgins Way. Please bring your ideas and enthusiasm as we strategize to boost our reserves to donate more to our community.

Hollis Seniors Received Our Assistance

Our club has done a fabulous service for the Seniors of Hollis. Because of your strong support of this program, we decided to continue this venture. We are on a sabbatical till September. If you would like to volunteer for the upcoming year, contact Diana at 465-2392 or hwcdiana@aol.com.

Apple Festival Co-Chair Needed

Join our 2008 Apple Festival Chair, Diana Kroeger, and help to lead our enthusiastic volunteer staff as the Apple Festival Co-Chair. Most of the team coordinators are in place and come with experience! We are waiting for YOU to help Diana! Please call Diana Kroeger at 465-2392 or email at hwcdiana@aol.com to discuss this important and exciting position!

New York City in December!

Our bus trip to NYC on June 14th was another sell out! Fifty-one enthusiasts spent a wonderful day in the Big Apple. We had so much fun that Susan has booked **ANOTHER NYC BUS TRIP** for Saturday, December 6th. This time, Susan's rented two busses – one leaving from New Hampshire and the other from Massachusetts! Cost to be determined. Holiday shop, see a Broadway matinee', ice skate, go to a museum or watch the Christmas lights! Call Susan at 465-3607 to sign up.

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

STRAWBERRY HULLING: 12-6 p.m., Fri., June 20, in the basement of the Congregational Church. Contact Diane at 882-9350 to sign up.

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

FUNDRAISING MEETING: 9:30 a.m., Mon., July 21, at 12 Durgins Way. RSVP to Jane at 465-2849.

JULY/AUGUST BOARD MEETING: 9:00 a.m., Wed., July 30, at the Lawrence Barn. Members are welcome to attend.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING: Wed., Sept. 10, at Faith Baptist Church, Hollis. Enjoy your summer!

OLD HOME DAY: Fri. & Sat., Sept. 12 & 13, at Nichol's Field. Volunteers needed for 2-hour shifts to man our booth. Call Susan at 465-3607!

FAMILY COUNTRY BARN DANCE: 6:30-9:30pm, Sat., Nov. 22, at the Lawrence Barn.

APPLE FESTIVAL: Sun., Oct. 5. Consider serving as Co-Chair or as a Team Leader! Contact Diana at 465-2392.

NYC BUS TRIP: Sat., Dec. 6. Cost to be determined.

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