

IT is so wonderful to finally get a taste of spring! It is hard to believe that another year of the Hollis Woman's Club will be culminating at our Annual Luncheon in just a couple of weeks! If you haven't made your reservation yet, deadline is **May 1<sup>st</sup>!!!** Call me immediately if you have NOT received your invitation! We are looking forward to a lovely time at the Manchester Country Club and look forward to swearing in our new officers for the upcoming year!

**AT OUR APRIL MEETING:** Thanks again to all of you who volunteered to fill our **by-laws, budget, nominating, and charitable contributions** committees. It is people like you that keep our organization running. The results from our all the committees were reported and voted unanimously upon at our April meeting. I am counting on all of you to thoroughly support our new board which consists of:  
President: Diana Kroeger

1<sup>st</sup> VP (parliamentarian): Donna Drotter

2<sup>nd</sup> VP (membership): Shawntel Fugate

Recording Secretary:

Board meetings: Trish Martin

General meetings: Suzanne

Jackson/Diane Raitt

Corresponding Secretary: Ginny Brooks

Treasurer: Sheryl Ellis

Auditor: Laurie Miller

Ways and Means: Monique Delage and Denise Pustizzi

Publicity/Newsletter Dist./ Web Mistress:  
Susan Benz

Steward: Betsy Cotton

Directors:

Activities-Julie Fogaard

Yearbook-Stephanie Stack

Program-Ellen Walker

**CONTRIBUTIONS COMMITTEE:** has recommended and the board has approved the following additional contributions for this year:

\$50 Hollis Fire Department

\$179 (monies collected at Holiday Coffee) to Nashua Pastoral Care Center

\$500 Nashua Soup Kitchen

\$1000 DARE program (elementary)

\$1200 Alstead Flood Relief

\$1000 Beaver Brook Forever  
Campaign

Local artisan Lynda Petropulos showed us her unique wearable and decorative creations made from a variety of natural fibers including angora from her own rabbits.

Our **Centennial Charity** for April was **Nashua Pastoral Care Center** for which we collected **126** items (mostly paper and hygiene products) which were greatly in need. Thanks to those of you who gave so generously. I am grateful to our own member Theresa Lucier for volunteering to transport the items to the Center.

**THE CENNTENIAL CHARITY FOR MAY** will be the **Southern New Hampshire Rescue Mission**. As May will be our luncheon, we thought it was only fitting to collect items for those who might go hungry. Items most in need are snack sized items that can be put in kid lunches or handed out to the homeless. Ideas might include those small packets of peanut butter/crackers, pretzels, raisins, fruit cups, etc. We are hoping through your generosity to again achieve our goal of 100 items!!!

**THE STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL IS COMING!!!** Ginny Brooks (chairwoman) and Sheryl Ellis (co-chair) of this year's Strawberry Festival have been hard at work behind the scenes for weeks now! They have gotten volunteers to head all the committees, but are now in need of workers. We have a variety of positions available, in addition to a variety of days available! If you would like to volunteer, please e-mail Sheryl Ellis at [ellisjs1@charter.net](mailto:ellisjs1@charter.net). If you need more information as to what is involved with the job, time required etc, please review the Job Descriptions at:

<http://www.holliswomensclub.org/knowledge/main.htm#Strawberry>

The Strawberry festival, as you know is one of our major fundraisers. We need an "all hands on deck" view of this event. So please help us this year.

Also, **Ways and Means** is looking to update their **Strawberry Cookbook-let** and need your yummy strawberry related recipes.

Please email Monique today at [mdelage@charter.net](mailto:mdelage@charter.net) with your submission!

**HOLLIS SENIORS RECEIVE OUR ASSISTANCE!**

Our club has done a fabulous service for the Seniors of Hollis. By your support of this program, we have decided to continue this venture next year as well. We are still in need of help on April 27<sup>th</sup>, and May 25<sup>th</sup>. If you are available for either day, or would also like to be on our call list, contact Laurie Miller ([lauriemiller@charter.net](mailto:lauriemiller@charter.net)) We are especially looking for people in April as it is during Spring Break.

**A DECORATOR'S SHOW HOUSE** will be on tour in Pembroke as part of a fund-

raiser for the GFWC-NH's Old Man of the Mountain project. If you are interested in helping out by "hostessing" a room or attending the tour, I can give you the details! The home will be open to the public from April 22-May 14, tickets are \$15 and I have some on hand if needed.

**CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION:** Plans have been started for our upcoming centennial celebration which will be fun for the whole family! It will be held at the Lawrence Barn the weekend before school starts! Mark your calendars for Saturday, August 26th! There is still time to join our "fun team", call me NOW for more information!

**TRIP TO NEW YORK CITY:** We have just TWO seats left – if anyone is interested. Call Susan at 465-3607 if you are!

**LOOKING AHEAD**

**MAY BOARD MEETING:** Wednesday, May 3rd, 9:00 AM @ Kaaren Eastman's home, 70 Crestwood Dr.. All are welcome. (Centennial Celebration Committee to meet afterward)

**MAY ANNUAL LUNCHEON:** Wednesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 am by reservation at the Manchester Country Club. Babysitting Available. New officers sworn in. **Centennial Charity for May: Food Pantry:** Assorted non-perishable snack foods.

**JUNE COMBINED BOARD MEETING:** Wednesday, June 7th, 9:00 AM @ Diana Kroeger's home 28 Sumner Lane All are welcome!

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