



December, 2004 Newsletter [www.holliswomansclub.org](http://www.holliswomansclub.org)

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**S**low your hurried rush this holiday season if but for a moment. Brew yourself a cup of tea and savor this time with our newsletter as a brief respite amid the chaotic splendor this time of year. We women often put the priorities of others before our own, so I'm asking you to take this moment to take a deep breath, relax, and read about what our wonderful group (of women) are doing lately.

**IN THE SPIRIT OF THE HOLIDAY'S:** Our Way's 'n' Means committee has tried two new ideas recently! Shortly before Thanksgiving, the Hollis Woman's Club participated in The Simon Night of Charity fundraiser. Not only did we raise money for OUR club and the many philanthropic contributions we make throughout the year, but a portion of the ticket supported the Simon Children's Charity. What a win-win that fund raiser was! Not only did monies get raised for fabulous causes, but those who attended that evening had an awesome night of shopping, with discounts and specials at all the mall stores, in addition to free snacks and entertainment! Later that week, several of our members represented our club by wrapping gifts at Barnes & Nobles. Thank you to Ronnie Marquis, Nadia Mandzy, Anni Hurley, Kathleen Barnes, Sema Minassian, Lynn Wolaver, Pam Robbins, and Terri McClellan for volunteering that day.

**THE DECEMBER "HOLIDAY COFFEE"** which was held on December 8<sup>th</sup> was a welcome pause to a hectic week. Many of us gathered to wish each other the joys of the season in addition to collecting a whopping mound of 27 coats and 8 packages of large diapers which were swiftly taken to the Nashua Soup Kitchen and Shelter where they were very much appreciated. Additional donations may be dropped at Julie Forgaard's barn until Dec 12<sup>th</sup>. Four new members were welcomed and introduced at the Coffee and we heard about the pilgrimage Jo Davidson will be making along with a team of health care professionals to an orphanage in Romania. That country is currently closed to international adoptions, and space for these abandoned children is critical. The orphanage is in need of many items, which range from infant formula & clothing to toiletry items and educationally developmental toys. We have posted a "wish" list of items for the orphanage is on our web-site. If you feel that you would like to contribute an item, we will be collecting items at our January meeting. Also, the Projects and Pleasantries activity group will be meeting on Wed. Jan 26<sup>th</sup> to assemble 'sock' dolls to be given to the orphans, as they usually have no toy to call their 'own'. Anyone welcome to come and join in the fun that day. (See Upcoming Activities later in this letter for more details)

**NEW MEMBERS:** We welcome Diana Kroeger, Lorie Ball, June Madeira, and Mitzi Davidson - four dynamic women that we all look forward to getting to know! Our membership is now up to 136 and growing!!!

**LAWRENCE BARN FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE:** We are still looking for a 'few good women' to act as Co-chairs for this worthwhile event. How about having a Valentine's Day Dinner Dance with a silent auction? Or perhaps a Designer's Showhouse? By becoming a part of the committee, your voice and vision can be heard! Help choose the event and set the date! This community center will provide a central location where neighbors and friends can come together and enjoy each other's company as they enrich their lives with the gifts that the bond of community has to offer. We are looking to fill the following seats before the New Year:

- Co-Chairs
- Publicity
- Exhibit Coordinator
- Ticket Sales
- Food and Beverage Coordinator
- Decorations

Please call Liz Barbour at 465-6929 for more information and check out [www.lawrencebarn.org](http://www.lawrencebarn.org)!

**100<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIVE ADDITION COOKBOOK!** One of the ideas we had to help celebrate our upcoming 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary was to publish a new cookbook! We are looking for your favorite ones, new or oldies but goodies! This holiday season will be a perfect reason to revisit some of those old family favorites and jot them down! Freda will be looking for them as well as a few interested people to help her compile them. Sound too irresistible? Call Freda @ 465-6562.

**OLD MAN OF THE MOUNTAIN LEGACY COMMITTEE:** We thank HWC past president and current member Mary Jane Merritt for volunteering to represent our GFWC district by joining the Old Man of the Mountain Legacy Committee. We will keep you informed as this group moves forward to create a lasting tribute to the "Old Man".

**ACTIVITY GROUPS:** Come and sample one or several of our activity groups. You don't need to "join" the group to check it out! Did you ever wonder about what these groups are actually doing? The best way to find out is to attend one. **NO OBLIGATIONS!!!** Although joining one or more groups is by far the best way to make new friendships within our club as it affords members the time and opportunity to talk and get to know each other while sharing a commonly shared interest. Call me, Julie (Activity Chairwoman-465-6463) or an individual Activity Director! Descriptions of groups are available at our web site.

**UPCOMING ACTIVITY GROUPS:**

**12-15-Wednesday** 11:30AM--Wednesday Luncheon Gourmet—Rotate homes throughout the year and enjoy luncheon with fellow members! Contact Chris 882-5416

**12-21-Tuesday** International Lunch & Learn Explore cooking international foods with friends! For more info, call Freda @ 465-6562.

**12-22-Wednesday** 9:30 AM—Projects and Pleasantries Catch up on your favorite project while enjoying good conversation with friends. For more info, call Lynn at 465-7385.

**1-7-Friday** 10 AM--Book Club: Meets at Barnes & Nobles in Nashua—discussing *The Miracles of Santo Ficot* by Dennis L. Smith. Call Jan 465-2443 for info.

**1-9-Sunday** Dining Out Group—Dinner at Picola Italia-Join us at this charming restaurant in Manchester. For info call Julie at 465-6463.

**1-13-Thursday**-9:30 AM-Projects and Pleasantries (see above)

**Early January-Craft Group** to meet. Call Victoria for date and project at 465-9196.

**1-26-Wednesday**-9:30 AM-Projects and Pleasantries-meeting at Bev Waitt’s home (14 Marion Dr) making “sock” dolls for the Romanian orphans. Anyone welcome to join them for the day!

**NEW ACTIVITY GROUPS!**

**Chick Flicks**-This new group has already seen 2 great movies, Shall We Dance and Bridget Jones. They are looking forward to doing it again soon! The “core” group of die-hard movie goers has generously decided to extend the invitation to our general membership, so watch your email for last minute outings for this group! Don’t have email? Then call Chick Flick chairwoman Kathleen (883-5438) to be put on their ‘call’ list!

**Cookbook Book Club**-headed up by new member Virginia Martin will be starting in January! Interested in joining? The planning meeting will be held at 10:30 Wed. Jan 12<sup>th</sup> (just before the general meeting) Contact her at 882-0243 for more information!

**Mother’s Club**-Is a group still in the planning stages. If you have not already signed up for this, please contact Julie @ 465-6463.

**CULTURE COACH:** Will be skiing this winter at Sunapee! Look for dates/signups at the Jan. meeting and newsletter!

**YEARBOOK CORRECTION-** Please note that the dates for the Jan. Board meeting and General Meeting are incorrect in the book – they are correct below. Let Susan Benz know of any other corrections at susan.benz@hp.com.

**BOARD MEETING: Wednesday, Jan. 5<sup>th</sup>**, 9:00 AM. At Freda Bromberg’s (1 Depot Rd.) All are welcome! Please park around the town common – her house is right on the corner.

- **JANUARY GENERAL MEETING: Wednesday, January, 12<sup>th</sup>**, 11:00/12:00. Faith Baptist Church, Wheeler Road. Program: Your Personal Chef-Liz Barbour with a fascinating cooking demonstration.
- **BOARD MEETING: Wednesday, February, 2<sup>nd</sup>**, 9:00 AM at Andrea Seddon’s (50 Wheeler Road) - All are welcome!
- **FEBRUARY MEETING: Wednesday, February 9<sup>th</sup>**, 11:00/12:00. Faith Baptist Church, Wheeler Road. Program: Valentine’s Tea Party! Danielle Beaudette of the Cozy Tea Cart will teach us the fine art of “tea”! **Wear a hat!**

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