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MAny thank to those members who recently gave their time and diligence to fulfill the budget, by-laws and nominating committees. Each year, members are asked to serve to help make our club more efficient and vital. Without these women, we wouldn't be able to sustain our club. Thanks so much to the following women for going the "extra mile": Bev Waitt, Victoria Witt, Shawntel Fugate Donna Drottar, Laurie Miller, Freda Bromberg, Ann Shedd, Julie Forgaard, Ginny Brooks, Betsy Cotton, Susan Benz, and Kathleen Rowe. We really appreciate your commitment to our club!

OUR FEBRUARY MEETING taught us a lot about other cultures, beliefs and values. Our speaker, Dr. Barbara Baudot, professor from St. Anslem's College was very informative and tales of her recent trip to Africa were very interesting. The **centennial charity** for February was **Bridges**, a local organization with centers in Milford and Nashua, dedicated to assisting women of domestic and sexual violence. With your generosity, of items and money, we were able to donate over 200 much need items!! Wow, we doubled our goal!! Way to go ladies!!! Thanks to all of you for helping us achieve our goal for this deserving organization!

AT OUR MARCH MEETING, our centennial charity will be **Heart of America**. Check out all the wonderful things they do at www.heartofamerica.org. We will be collecting new and gently used children's books to be donated to an impoverished school in Manchester. We will also be taking cash donations which the Heart of America will use to purchase books directly from the publisher for only \$1 per hard covered book! We appreciate all that the GFWC-NH has done to support this group, and we hope that our club will also be able to help make a difference.

At our **March meeting**, Hollis author Allison Anneser will be on hand to speak on nutrient dense whole foods and how to get

them into a daily diet. Feel free to bring a friend or neighbor to any of our meetings!

WE WELCOMED new members Peggy Bradshaw, Sherry Lucas, Jane Taylor, and Cheryl Villani to our club at the meeting this month! Welcome aboard!

HOLLIS SENIORS NEED OUR HELP! The seniors of Hollis gather each Thursday for food and fellowship at Faith Baptist. All meals are provided by Meals on Wheels, and the area they need help in is serving the meals and preparing beverages for the group. What is required is 2 or 3 volunteers each time we help out. The next dates our club has committed to are the following Thursdays: February 23rd and March 23rd. Club members, Freda Bromberg, Sheryl Ellis, Addie Saunders and Cathy Clements were able to help out in January and all reports say that the experience was very worthwhile. Please call me to let me know if you would be interested in volunteering also! Let's show our sense of community by sharing our hospitality! This group really needs our help, and all it requires is a commitment from about 10:00-12:45. If we can get enough women to help, it would be wonderful if the Hollis Woman's club could start to assist this group on a monthly basis. Please call me for further information. (Kaaren-465-6277).

SPRING ACTIVITES ARE HERE! Susan Benz has 30 reduced price tickets for the **New England Flower show** - \$15 each. Good for all! The show is from **March 11-19** and is at the Bayside Expo Center in Boston. We are planning a carpool for Wed, March 15, but your ticket is good any day you want to enjoy the show. Tickets will be at the March 8th meeting, or you can get them by calling Susan at 465-3607 or Kaaren at 465-6277.

At **Mt Sunapee**, we'll enjoy **Ladies Day** on **Tuesday, March 14th**, which means \$39 for a full day lift ticket, nice buffet lunch, discounted CHILD CARE, and discounted ski lessons! Please call her at 465-3607 so that we can add you to the carpool! We will

all carpool from the Hollis Village Marketplace. This is our 3rd year of organizing these trips and they are usually a blast!

A DAY IN THE BIG APPLE!

Our plans are set for our annual luxury bus **trip to New York City**. \$55 per person gets you a relaxed trip down to the Big Apple with plenty of time for shopping, touring, or a Broadway Matinee. Date is **Sat, June 3rd**. Please call Susan to sign up!

DON'T FORGET! If you are interested in getting tickets to join us at the **Celtics/Bulls game** on Sunday, March 26th (4pm), please call me before February 26th. Tickets are only \$35 and we have over 30 people going already! Join in the fun!!!

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.

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION:

Plans have been started for our upcoming centennial celebration which will be occurring the weekend before school starts! There is still time to join our "fun team", call me NOW for more information!

A BIG HUG AND GOD'S BLESSINGS to Bev Waitt on her upcoming marriage and move this month. She has served our club in numerous positions including President, and most recently treasurer. We wish you every happiness!

LOOKING AHEAD

MARCH BOARD MEETING: Tuesday, March 7th, 9:00 AM @ Donna Drottar's home, 18 Springvale Drive. All are welcome. **Please note change of date!**

MARCH GENERAL MEETING: Wednesday, March 8th, 11:00 social/12:00 meeting/program, at Faith Baptist Church, Wheeler Road. Featuring Hollis Author Allison Anneser will speak on nutrient dense whole foods and how to get them into a daily diet. **Centennial Charity for February: Heart of America** (new and gently used books for children)

APRIL BOARD MEETING: Wednesday, April 5th, 9:00 AM @ Trish Martin's home. 58 Wheeler Road. All are welcome!

APRIL GENERAL MEETING: Wednesday, April 12th, 11:00 social/12:00 meeting/program, at Faith Baptist Church, Wheeler Road. Annual business meeting and short program from Livi's Bunz, Hollis artisan and angora/wool felter.

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