

HOLLIS WOMAN'S CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Presidents Message

Chick Wetherbee had all of us thinking survival during his program for our February meeting. I learned a lot and hope I never need to test my new found lessons.

We had a really nice turnout for the meeting and had several new members as well as guests whom we hope will join our club. I am so pleased that our attendance has been so good this year. We all need the human contact that the HWC affords us through both the monthly General Meetings and the many interest groups we have to offer. Please do take advantage of these groups. If you aren't sure what they are, you can learn about them on our website, www.holliswomansclub.org and click on activities. Julie Forgaard has assembled a description as well as the contact person for all of our activities.

We collected many baby items for our Feb. charity. The Stork Project had requested gently used baby clothes and bedding and you came through once again. Shawntel will be delivering a nice selection of items for a deserving baby and mom.

Fortunately this winter is on the down side and we have two projects to look forward to. Our first ever yard sale is coming on April 18 and the Strawberry Festival committees are working on our next festival on June 28th. There is more on these two projects in the newsletter. Please read about these and let the chairs of these projects know where you will help them.

Red Cross Local Blood Drive

There will be a Blood Drive Saturday, February 28 at the Hollis Congregational Church from 10 am to 3 pm. Coupons to Chic-Fil-A Restaurant will be offered to donors on that day.

The American Red Cross consistently meets the blood needs of all hospitals in New Hampshire. Blood donated through the American Red Cross can also be sent to patients being treated at medical centers throughout the entire New England area and, in times of disaster, can be made available anywhere in the country. Blood donated through the American Red Cross is "**Blood Without Borders**". It is the ultimate way to think globally and act locally.

An Invitation to Us All

I would like to host Woman's Club members at a House session or committee hearings. The House and Senate meet in session on Wednesdays. Committee meetings are on Tuesdays and frequently on Thursdays. The schedule is online at nh.gov, click on legislature, click on house, and click on calendars and journals. There is a calendar each week with the schedule of committee hearings. If there is a session, the bills that will be voted on are listed with explanations. There is always something interesting going on in committee meetings and the topics of discussion are quite varied. With everyone having busy schedules I believe it would work best for individuals, or perhaps a carload, to make arrangements for the best day to come to Concord. Call 465-7463 or e-mail me at cgargasz@cs.com if you are interested. If you send an email put in the subject line Hollis Woman's Club. I wouldn't want to accidentally delete your email. I would love to show you around. It's an interesting experience.

Carolyn Gargas

Spring Yard Sale

Start spring cleaning now! We are holding a Yard Sale at the Lawrence Barn on Saturday, April 18th, from 8-11am (early birds can come at 7am for \$20). We'll do set up the evening before. All tables are \$25 each or \$20 for a space for your own table. If you just want to donate stuff for us to sell for our charity donation, please start saving it and drop it off Friday, April 17th from 6-8pm. We'll take care of the rest. Large furniture pieces and clothing are not requested. Diane Raitt will pick up your items for the HWC tables for a fee of \$10.00. You can contact Diane at jackanddiane22@comcast.net or 882-9350. Call Susan Benz at 465-3607 or email at susan.benz@gmail.com to reserve your space or table if you are selling for yourself. SPACE IS LIMITED so please reserve NOW if you plan to have your own sale there. This is open to the public so spread the word!

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

The milder temperatures and the melting of ice and snow have us hopeful for the upcoming change in seasons. Soon it will be Spring, which will give way to summer. You know what that means! **Strawberry Festival time!**

The 2009 festival will be held from 2-4 p.m. on Sunday, June 28, on the Town Common. This event is co-sponsored with the Hollis Town Band, and it is one of our major scholarship fundraisers. Our community considers this an event not to be missed!

We are looking for a 'few good members' to join our fun Committee Chairs. Specifically, we're in need of chairs for the following committees: Volunteer Coordinator, Beverages and Clean-Up.

On the festival day, the Volunteer Coordinator will manage volunteers who will serve as runners, bringing the prepared strawberries, whipped cream, and shortcakes to the tent. The Chair will keep the tent supplied with spoons and napkins and will replace trash bags.

The Beverages Chair will sell water bottles. Little standing required!

The Clean-Up Committee Chair will assist in taking extra supplies from the church to store in the shed, preferably by car. The chair will help transport leftover desserts to a local shelter.

Also, we'll need members to hull the strawberries, bake the shortcakes, serve as cashiers, work in the kitchen to serve the shortcakes, help to make whipped cream, work under the tent to assemble the desserts, help with crowd control, and to clean up after the event. There are many positions for every member in our club!

As you can see, the responsibilities are small, but the rewards are huge. Please, get involved and help. All members are requested to help in some capacity. Working on the festivals is an outstanding opportunity to meet new members and make new friends.

For more job information, go to <http://holliswomansclub.org/meeting.htm> and scroll down the page until you get to the Strawberry Festival documents. Simply click on 'Job Descriptions' for details.

Finally, please save your cardboard box flats for the festival. We use them to serve desserts. Thank you!

To volunteer, contact Festival Co-Chairs Diana Kroeger (465-2392) and Lynn Dougherty (465-2723). We look forward to your call.

NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting is scheduled for March 11 at Faith Baptist Church. Rivka Schwarz of Beaver Brook Assoc. will be on hand to teach and demonstrate methods of preserving the harvest, including easy, traditional fermentation techniques. As always our social time begins at 11 am with the general meeting at noon followed by the program. Babysitting is available at noon at \$5 per family. Contact Ellen Baker at 465-7981 or ellenvbaker@yahoo.com to pre-register. Inclement weather policy: if the HB schools are closed, our meeting is cancelled. If there is a delay, the meeting is on schedule.

Spring time in New York City

Our spring New York City day trip has been reserved for Saturday, June 6. We have plenty of room for you, your friends, spouses, or children - all are welcome. Each seat on our luxury coach bus is \$60 and includes the round trip fair, map of NY, snacks, and surprises! Please email Susan.benz@gmail.com or call 465-3607 to reserve your seats today. We leave the Welcome Center at 6am and return before midnight. Come and join us for a great spring day sightseeing, shopping, or see a museum or show!



Membership Updates

Please add the following new or renewing members to your current yearbook:

Hanna Boyd, 29 Main St., 465-2076,
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Michaeline DellaFera, 94 Wheeler Rd., 465-2843
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Donna Drottar, 18 Springvale Dr., 465-7141
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Sandra Grant, 33 Lake Rd, PO Box 659, 673-7703
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Carol Hanover, 158 Farley Rd., 465-3641
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Joanne Johnson, 7 Farley Rd., 881-3958,
Jmjohnson7@hotmail.com

Email updates

If you know of someone whose email address has changed because of the switch over Verizon to FairPoint, please let them know that I need their new address so that the monthly newsletters can be delivered to them. Thanks.

Jane Taylor

Administrative Committees

Our bylaws require that several committees meet each late winter. One of these is the Nominating Committee. If you haven't given Ellen Walker a call at 465-3639 or emailed at bluesky@tellink.net to let her know of a position with the HWC you would like to hold, then please do. Positions not filled before she and her committee meet will require a phone call to our membership. Don't be bashful! Give her a call or email and join the workings of our invaluable organization. I did and I've not regretted that first phone call once! Jane Taylor

HWC Scholarship Applications

The Scholarship Committee is soliciting applicants for the two scholarships that are awarded annually to two Hollis Brookline High School seniors. One of these scholarships is awarded to a senior accepted to a four year college and the other to a senior accepted to a technical school. Last year our technical school scholarship didn't have any applicants. If you know of anyone who would qualify for either of these scholarships, please let them know the applications are available at the Guidance Counselor's office at Hollis Brookline High School. In a few days the applications will be available by logging onto the Hollis Woman's Club website: www.holliswomansclub.org and then click on "club docs". Let me know if there are any problems getting the applications via the website. Audrey Augen is chair of this committee and is working hard to get the process going for the awarding of these scholarships. Jane Taylor

UPCOMING EVENTS: Please check website under events for more details

Board Meeting: 9:00 a.m., Wed., March 4 at the Lawrence Barn. Members are welcome to attend.

March General Meeting: March 11 at Faith Baptist Church, 43 Wheeler Rd. Program is Rivka Schwartz from Beaver Brook. Social hour at 11 am, general meeting at noon followed by the program. Babysitting available at \$5 per family.

Preregister with Ellen Baker at ellenvbaker@yahoo.com

Yard Sale at Lawrence Barn: April 18. Set up on April 17. Contact Susan Benz at 465-3607

NYC Bus trip June 6: Contact Susan Benz at 465-3607.

Annual Strawberry Festival: Sunday, June 28, 2-4 pm. Contact Diana Kroeger, hwcdiana@aol.com or Lynn Dougherty, ldougherty@charter.net to volunteer to work or for more information.