



March, 2005 Newsletter www.holliswomansclub.org

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Let's show this town what a dynamic group of women we are! This is our time to shine!!! Get your response cards in the mail, get your party dress ready, we're having a ball!!! Our community is asking for our help, and the Hollis Woman's Club is rising to the occasion! We need EVERYONE'S support to make this event one that will be talked about for years to come! There's no excuse! Your honey doesn't have a tux? We've got negotiated some deals (mention HWC): rent from Marry and Tux for \$49, get \$50 off rental or 50% off purchase from Classic Tux, or get a \$99 rental including shoes from Mr. Tux. Don't have a date? Don't worry, many other single ladies will be attending! New to town? This is a great way to meet other Hollis people! Out of town? Buy a congratulatory ad or barn peg through our organization, and we'll get the credit! There are many ways to support the ball, but I will admit, that the most fun way is to go!

We are still looking for a few good women to assist us that night with various duties, including raffle ticket sales, registration helper, set-up, and a bunch of miscellaneous duties. And no, we don't expect you to work all night! Just give us a shift, and party on!!! In addition to the fabulous meal being served, we will have a jazz quartet playing during the cocktail hour (cash bar), a fabulous 9-piece band for dinner and dancing, the opportunity to have a professional portrait, and best of all the chance to win some of the over \$3000 in raffle prizes we have collected thus far! We have all sorts of gifts just flooding in, including jewelry, restaurant certificates, art work, spa packages, landscaping, and the list goes on....but the very best thing about all of this, is the fact that this is all being done to benefit the rebuilding of the historical Lawrence Barn to be used by people of all ages as a community center!

This festive event is being co-chaired by our members Lorie Ball and Kathleen Barnes, but we need your help to make this ball the fabulous event we know it can be! Please send in your response cards NOW if you haven't done so already, and encourage your friends and neighbors to join you!

NEWS FLASH : We have a wonderful amethyst diamond ring donated by Cardin Jeweler's to raffle and there are only 100 tickets being sold! For a mere \$20, you could be wearing a pretty nice piece of bling! The winner will be announced during the ball (although you don't need to be present), so if you'd like to buy a chance,

volunteer to help, or just have questions, call me (465-6277) or Lorie Ball (465-3791).

THANK YOU! To so many of you that brought items to our March meeting which will be donated to the local all volunteer charity The Upper Room.

TAKIN' CARE O' BUSINESS- Thanks again to all of you who volunteered to fill our by-laws, budget, and nominating committees. It is people like you that keep our organization running. The results from our all 3 committees were mentioned at our March meeting. In summary, the bylaws committee added a section dealing with our membership list (yearbook) not being used for solicitation of our members for commercial or political reasons. Our nominating committee came up with the following:

- President: Kaaren Eastman
- 1st VP (parliamentarian): Donna Drotter
- 2nd VP (membership): Kathleen Barnes
- Recording Secretary:
 - Board meetings: Trish Martin
 - General meetings: Ann Shedd
- Corresponding Secretary: Andrea Seddon
- Treasurer: Diana Kroeger
- Auditor: Laurie Miller
- Ways and Means: Lorie Ball
- Publicity/Newsletter Dist./ Web Mistress: Susan Benz
- Steward: Chris Furman
- Directors:
 - Activities-Julie Fogaard
 - Handbook-Freda Bromberg
 - Program-Lynn Wolavar

The budget is too long to include in this newsletter, but in addition to being available at the April meeting, you may contact me for a copy if necessary.

TSUNAMI UPDATE: At our Feb. meeting we had voted on sending \$500 to aid in the tsunami relief. Recently our charitable contributions committee met and unanimously decided that the best venue to funnel our funds was through Direct Relief. Just thought you'd want the update!

WORKING HAND IN HAND: With our sisters in the Brookline Woman's Club, we have the opportunity to help feed some hungry workers! As I had previously mentioned in our October newsletter, teens and their adult leaders from throughout our country will be coming to Hollis in July to be part of Group's Work Camp. Their 'home base' will be the Congregational Church of Hollis and they will be eating and sleeping at Hollis/Brookline HS as they spend the week repairing and renovating home of the needy in our area. We have been asked to help provide snack foods as they return from their work day on Thursday, July 21st. In addition to snack items (cookies, popsicles, etc.) we also need one person to help serve. If you can provide a food or helping hands, please call me (465-6277). We are in need of 16 dozen snack items.

ACTIVITY GROUPS: Although our activity groups are well underway, it doesn't mean they aren't open to you! Check out our website for group descriptions and contacts.

Please note our new groups...Chick Flicks & Cookbook Group. We have an even newer group that has just had their 1st

meeting this week! Eleven moms and 14 kids showed up for the first meeting of our 'mother's' group... for moms of infants thru preschoolers, contact Andrea (465-7175). Speaking of new groups...Lorie Ball (newer member) has agreed to lead a golfing group! So think spring ladies! Please call Lorie at 465-3791 to get on her list!

NYC DAY TRIP IS JUNE 11th! Mark your calendars and call Susan Benz at 465-3607 if you want a seat on our day trip scheduled for Saturday, June 11th. Last year's trip was fabulous! We need 30 'bodies' – spouses, kids, neighbors, friends, to book the luxury bus at \$49pp so please call Susan and book your spot NOW!

LOOKING AHEAD! Our annual luncheon will be Wed, May 11th at the Bedford Village Inn. Please look for your invitations in the mail during early April. Also, the annual Strawberry Festival this year will be chaired by Lynn Wolaver and is scheduled for Sunday, June 26th.

- **BOARD MEETING:** Wednesday, April 6th, 9:00 AM. At Ann Shedd's 12 Tyng Hill Road.
- **BLACK-TIE CHARITY BALL:** Friday, April 15th, 7:30 PM. Call Lorie (465-3791) for details.
- **APRIL GENERAL MEETING:** Wednesday, April 13th. 11 AM Social Hour, Noon Annual Business Meeting/brief program
- **BOARD MEETING:** Wednesday, May 4th, 9:00 AM. At Lynn Wolaver's, 3 Rebekahs Way
- **MAY-SPRING LUNCHEON:** Wednesday, May 11th, 11:30 AM, Bedford Village Inn.

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