



Making Friends and Fostering Community

December 2017

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello Dear Members,

Happy **HAPPY** Holidays!! I am still on decorating, wrapping, baking, swapping and luncheoning joyously. Despite the weather on the day of the Luminaria we pulled through; not just the HWC but the Town of Hollis as a whole. We all came together for a celebration of spirit. What a wonderful people we are together. KUDOS to you all for the spirit in each of you being a force for light and good!

The special evening of the membership gathering at the Timber Post Bed & Breakfast was terrific. Thank you for hosting us Vivian!

Thank you to all who have participated in our year's events so far. We speed through our events at such a pace that it is good to stop and tally how much a group like ours can achieve. We are stronger than ever as Women with purpose. We need to contemplate how much we each add to our community. Each woman has a family, each contributes to our club just by being who they are, each of us gives to something larger. Together our organization and others in our community make Hollis the very special place that it is. Pat yourselves on the back often for a great year past and in the year to come.

I wish you all the Brightest Holidays and the Happiest 2018.

All the Best,

Betsy Cotton, President

VICE PRESIDENT'S DESK – January Charity Girls at Work Inc.



Girls at Work, Inc. empower girls with the tools to overcome adversity and build confidence to face current and future life challenges.

Our vision is a world where every girl feels confident and capable.

Only a handful of the girls we meet have had the opportunity to learn how to use power tools safely. We pride ourselves in providing girls with a safe and supportive environment to step out of their comfort zone and to build with other girls. Not only do they discover how capable they are, they also discover how exciting it is to work as part of a team toward a common goal.

Girls at Work can bring our program to your location, setting up a workshop on site, and we also offer classes in our own shop in Manchester, NH. We provide customized projects based on the needs of each organization or camp. For example, Girls at Work might spend several days at a camp building an entire shed, while another organization may prefer a one day program to build two picnic tables. Girls at Work has built raised beds,

benches, picnic tables, chairs, bookcases, tables, bird houses, bat houses, a tennis wall, several sheds, window boxes, storage bins and lockers (and there are probably projects we are forgetting to mention!) Your organization will choose the project and determine the number of girls who will build with us and Girls at Work will provide the rest—tools, supplies and instruction.

As a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, it is the mission of Girls at Work to offer programs to at-risk girls in New Hampshire and throughout New England. We actively seek funding and sponsorships to help subsidize the cost of our program to organizations that work with girls from group homes, families of low income, girls with incarcerated parents or parents in rehab, and we work to build partnerships with youth organizations that focus on girls at risk.

Nora Lewis, Vice President

JANUARY PROGRAM

**Elaine Hamel, Founder and Program Director
of**

Girls at Work Inc.



Come and find out how Elaine Hamel is empowering girls by teaching them how to safely use power tools to build something as part of a team. Elaine founded Girls at Work, a non-profit, as a way to build confidence and inner strength in girls, especially those at risk, in NH and other parts of New England. Elaine will tell us about the various programs she runs. And, yes, there's one for adult women too so, if anyone wants to learn the same skills as the girls, Yes, We Can!

Please come and learn about, and support, this amazing

organization which is helping girls and women to view themselves more positively and as strong individuals.

HOLLIS HOLIDAY LUMINARIA STROLL THANK YOU: Hollis Transformed to a Scene from “It’s A Wonderful Life!”



The Hollis Holiday Luminaria Stroll was a magical success. Our square really did look like a Hollywood set, maybe a scene from “It’s A Wonderful Life” The snow was falling, children were frolicking and the candles glowing, it was a night beyond picturesque New England’s best. The snow was gorgeous and helped everyone get into the mood of the season. The snow did hinder the tractor parade. Santa still made his arrival through town on a hay wagon with hoorays and shouts of excitement from the children standing in the square. There were over 225 people in the square and an estimate of 125 who came to the barn to visit with Santa. Our goodies were a success and everyone kept warm drinking hot chocolate. Children attended the story time given by the Hollis Social Library Director, Laura Klain, at the library earlier in the day. The chili supper at church was a rousing success. The concert was overflowing and many

canned donations were collected for the food baskets. So all of the events were wonderful and an overwhelming triumphs for our community.

Many people and organizations made this day a success. The HB Rotary gave us a generous donation and their Interact Club members helped filled the bags as well as lit them. Several of their members also helped with pedestrian traffic on the main streets. Thank you to the Agricultural Commission and Brookdale Farms for sponsoring the parade and hosting the filling station. Thank you to the Nor Easters for helping pay for the police detail and good intentions of participating in the parade but instead showed off their tractors in the field across from the barn. Thank you to Suzanne Recke for coordinating the home deliveries of candle kits and managing Henry Burns, his family and the boys scouts. Thank you to members of the boys scout for placing the bags and Sunday morning cleanup. Thank you to Betsy Cotton, Peter Baker, Sue and Frances Bridges, Carol and Ron Ace, Ginny and Don Brooks, Stephanie Melone, Florence Baker, Joline Manseau, Nadia and John Mandzy, Vivian Girard and her friend Jim, Kathy and John Nannicelli, Kim and Kevin Fredette, Tina Murguia, Meredith West, Pattie Tures, Debi and Alan Davis, Dan Harmon, Randall Clark, Cindy Robbins, Ken Recke for setting up the luminaries, placing them around town and Sunday morning cleanup. Thank you to the members of the Agricultural Commission: Dan Harmon, Randall Clark, Mark Post, Steve Jambard, Trevor Hardy. Thank you to Chris Lussier for providing the audio and a tent at the square for the tree lighting. Thank you to Peter Band for lighting the tree. Thank you to Tiffany Wentzell of Hollis House of Pizza for supplying lunch (7 delicious pizzas) to the decorators. Thank you to all the behind the scenes helpers who helped organize and get the event going. Thank you to Cathy Gast for all her publicity help, Betsy Cotton and the Board, town selectmen, the police and fire departments, the deacons and trustee boards at the Hollis Congregational Church and the Hollis Town Band.



Chris Furman out did herself in turning the Lawrence Barn into a Holiday Enchantment. We also want to thank Randy Forgaard for his time and talents for perfecting Santa for a third year. Thank you to Julie, Santa’s biggest helper and ours. Chris’s right hand woman was Yvonne Kleist, she put on her Santa elf’s hat and worked her magic throughout the night. Chuck and Susan Benz, Vivian Girard and Jim, Grace Calileo, Martha Smith, Mary and Joe Csakai and Lori Dwyer were Chris’s and Yvonne helping decorators. Carol and Jack Hanover served the most delectable Christmas cookies along with hot beverages. Carol was very clever in packaging cookies and encouraged the patrons to buy extra cookies for

their holiday needs. A special thanks goes out to Carol’s kitchen help: Tina Murguia, Lorna Rupert, Mary Lou Ward, Joan Emus; Carol’s bakers: Ann Siglin, Brenda Gibson, Patti Tures, Carolyn Gargas, Debi Davis, Ginny Brooks, Grace McGinnis, Grace Calileo, Carol Ace, Deb Gracy, Dot Pitman, Florence Baker, Jane O’Neill, Jeanne Cleveland, Joline Manseau, Sue Bridges and Kim Fredette. Without their baking skills we would not have raised over \$470.00. I want to thank each and every one of you.

If I omitted your name I am sorry but know without your efforts this event would not be a success. As you see it takes many elves to make this event a magical evening for the families of Hollis. Chris and I want to thank you for making this a new tradition for our community.

ACTIVITY GROUP NEWS

Please check out our website under <http://www.holliswomensclub.org/activity-groups/> to find out a little bit about each activity and who to contact to get on their email lists. The Chick Flick Club activity group is highlighted below:

Chick Flick Club

Susan Benz, susan.benz@gmail.com, 465-3607

Do you enjoy going to the movies with friends? If so, contact Susan Benz to get on the Chick Flick Club distribution list! We attend movies on the 3rd Tuesday or Wednesday of each month, usually at the Cinemagic Theater in Merrimack, at approx 7:00 pm, depending on the show and location. The Friday or Saturday prior to the meeting, Susan will email a few movie suggestions, ask you to add your own if you have any, and rank the movies according to your preference. On the Monday evening prior to the meeting, Susan will notify members which movie got the most votes, and then we'll meet at the theater to enjoy the show!

NEWSLETTER

The newsletter will be published August through June for the HWC year 2017/2018. HWC officers, chairs and members wishing to submit articles to be included in the January HWC newsletter need to submit them no later than January 15th. Every effort will be made to get your articles in as requested. However, due to space limitations articles may be reduce to fit it in. The January newsletter will go out a few days later than usual as I will be away on vacation. I hope to have it out to you no later than 1/19.

Lori Dwyer/ HWC Newsletter Editor

SUNSHINE CHAIR



If you are aware of anyone in the Club that is in need of some cheer, please contact Dot Pitman @ 465-7672.



EVENTS CALENDAR

Wednesday, January 3 – Board Meeting @ Hollis Congregational Church @ 9 am

Wednesday, January 10 – General Meeting at Lawrence Barn @ 9 am

Saturday, January 20 –GFWCNH Mid-Winter Meeting @ 9am @ The Derryfield Restaurant,
Manchester, NH



A Wish for You on your Birthday,
Whatever you ask,
May You Receive,
Whatever you seek,
May you find,
Whatever you wish,
May it be fulfilled,
On Your Birthday and Always

Stephanie Melone	January 2
Lin Westberg	January 2
Jeanne Cleveland	January 3
Sema Minassian	January 5
Jean Duffy	January 8
Darcy Hamlin	January 11
Carol Scrima	January 12
Suzanne Recke	January 12
Catherine (Kate) Dougherty	January 18
Carolyn Gargas	January 24



GFWC-NH NEWS

Official Call to Mid-Winter Meeting

Saturday, January 20, 2018

9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Derryfield Restaurant, 625 Mammoth Rd, Manchester NH

GFWC-NH President Phyllis Appler

New Hampshire Inside Out!

8:30-9 a.m. Board of Directors Meeting

9:00-9:30 - a.m. Registration/Social

9:30 Call to Order

Phyllis Appler, President

GFWC Greeting: Deb Strahanoski

Business:

Recording Secretary

Corresponding Secretary

Treasurer's Report

Board Recommendation

Report of the Nominating Committee

Photo Contest Instructions

10:30 Canine Companions for Independence Speaker and Doggie Shower

11:15 Deb Strahanoski

11:45 GFWC Bingo FUNdraiser

12:00 Lunch/Social/View Photos/ Voting for GFWC-NH officers/Raffle opportunity

1 p.m. Chairmen updates with idea sharing from clubs

1:30 Tote Bag Inside/Outfit Competition

Jeanne O'Sullivan and Sheila Casey

2: 15 Sled Dog demo (tentative)

2:45 Photo Contest winners announced

Sheila Casey

Other announcements

3:00 **Adjournment**
Evaluations
Raffle winners

**Members are asked to bring recycled tote bags for creating a tote bag inside/outfit.
We will also have a Doggie shower for Canine Companions for Independence. Items from the CCI wish list
include the following:**

- **Nylabone - Galileo Original Flavored Dog Chew Toy (X-Large/Super Size)**
- **Goughnuts – Original Dog Chew Ring (we use green and black)**
- **Peanut Butter (please make sure it doesn't have xylitol in it)**
- **Ground canned dog food (we use Eukanuba, but will welcome any brands)**
- **Treats (any brand)**
- **Natural Balance Rolled Dog Food**
- **Classical Music CD's for the dogs!**

Please mail form and payment by Monday, January 8, 2018

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Morning refreshments: Seasonal Fresh Fruit Cups, Assorted Yogurts, Coffee and Tea

Hot Buffet Lunch: Tomato Rosemary Bisque, Caesar Salad, Grilled Salmon, Baked Stuffed Chicken, rolls, Chef's choice of starch and vegetable, and assorted Desserts and Pastries. A few vegetarian meals will be available for those who do not eat fish or fowl. Please note below.

Special Dietary Restrictions: _____

Total Cost per person \$35.00

\$35.00 X # of members = \$ _____ (total due)

Cost includes registration fee, morning refreshments, lunch, gratuity, and facilities fee.

Club Name: _____

Member Name: _____

(Include any positions held, State Officer, Chair, etc...)

If submitting multiple names from the same club:

Member Name: _____

Member Name: _____

Member Name: _____

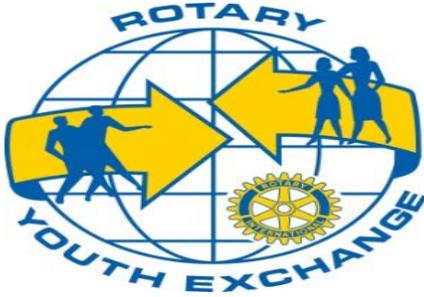
(Please check with your club president to see if your club will register as a group with one check coming from your club treasury.)

Directions to the Derryfield Restaurant, 625 Mammoth Rd., Manchester NH 03104. You can use your GPS for the address above

OR

From I-93 North or South, take exit 8 and proceed right off the ramp. At the light, turn left onto Mammoth Road. Go 2/10 mile. The entrance is on the left, 50 yards after the fire station.

Reports: Presidents should have submitted reports electronically by the date of this meeting, so you do not need to bring a copy unless you have had a problem submitting by our new system.



Rotary Youth Exchange

Please Consider Hosting Exchange Student Lukáš Kořínek!

As a host family of a Rotary Youth Exchange student, you will add to your family for several months Lukáš Kořínek, a carefully selected, Rotary-sponsored young person from the Czech Republic, absorbing, sharing, and exchanging information with him about life in a different culture.

The stay of exchange student Lukáš with his first host family will end on January 10, 2018, and the Hollis Brookline Rotary Club is seeking a second (and final) family to host Lukáš from that date until his departure for home after the end of school. The new host family will provide room, board, and a place to study for Lukáš, but they will also “adopt” him into their family circle as a full-fledged (but temporary) member, thus giving him a look at family life here in America.

Hosting is an amazing opportunity. Involvement with an exchange student enables a host family to become familiar with another culture, and it provides an opportunity to share a student's hopes and ambitions. These opportunities promise to enrich the lives of every member of your family.

Host families in this program might have a student from any one of 40 or so countries living in its home. Lukáš is from the Czech Republic. Not only will you provide an unforgettable experience to a student from abroad, but you also will educate your family about the larger world that's out there.

We ask that you as host family will exercise general parental supervision of Lukáš, just as you do for your own children. We hope that you will involve him in the family's daily household duties and recreational activities; just as all other family members are treated. We hope that you will:

Make Lukáš feel at home as part of the family;

Help Lukáš continue to master the language;

Involve Lukáš in chores and obligations just like those established for your own family members;

Help Lukáš meet his Rotary obligations, which include attending monthly Rotary functions, Club meetings, and occasional other Rotary activities;

See that Lukáš continues to interact with other young people;

Provide a safe environment for Lukáš and ensure his safety;

Take advantage of the opportunity to learn from Lukáš about life and culture in an interesting central-European country.

Rotarians take care of much of the logistics of the exchange. HB Rotary arranges school enrollment and other educational matters with HBHS. HB Rotary appoints a Rotarian Counselor and provides a monthly allowance for the student. The Rotarian Counselor maintains contact with the host family and the student throughout the exchange. Rotary members can help to provide transportation when the student is required to attend exchange-program events, sports events, and just around town.

For more information, please email Rotary at exchange@hbrotary.org or leave a message at (978) 743-6143.

