



FEBRUARY 2017 NEWSLETTER

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO COME TO THE STATE HOUSE ON A TOUR LED BY OUR OWN CAROLYN GARGASZ. WE WILL BE MEETING UP TO DRIVE TOGETHER ON TUESDAY FEB. 20TH, TOMORROW, AT BETSY COTTON'S HOUSE BY 8:45. RSVP 493-8310.

PROGRAM DIRECTORS SUE BRIDGES AND CHRIS FURMAN HAVE BEEN DOING AN EXCELLENT JOB BOTH WITH THIS YEARS PROGRAMS AND WITH PLANNING NEXT YEAR'S. HERE'S A LOOK AT NEXT MONTH'S PROGRAM:

YOU WILL NOT WANT TO MISS OUR NEXT GENERAL MEMBERS' MEETING WHICH WILL BE HELD AT 11:00 AM ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8TH AT THE LAWRENCE BARN! IN THE PAST, IN MARCH, WE HAVE HELD OUR MEETING AT THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH BUT, WITH THE LATER START THIS YEAR, WE CAN BE ACCOMMODATED AT THE BARN. WE WILL BE HOLDING A "SIMPLY SOUP AND SALADS" POTLUCK LUNCHEON. PLEASE NOTE THAT, WITH IT BEING A COLD MONTH, WE HAVE ADDED SOUP TO THE MENU (ALTHOUGH THE YEARBOOK SUGGESTS JUST SALADS). IN ADDITION, IF YOU LIKE BREAD WITH YOUR SOUP, YOU ARE WELCOME TO BRING THAT TOO. THIS TIME WE ARE NOT IMPOSING ANY BUDGET RESTRICTIONS ON THE COST OF THE FOOD YOU BRING! PLEASE REMEMBER, AS BEFORE, IF YOU BRING SOMETHING WHICH NEEDS TO BE PLUGGED IN TO KEEP FOOD HOT, YOU WILL NEED TO BRING AN EXTENSION LEAD TOO. ALSO, PLEASE BRING LABELLED SERVING UTENSILS. LUNCH WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A PRESENTATION BY PERSONAL IMAGE AND COLOR CONSULTANT, JANICE SEVERANCE. JANICE RUNS THE IMAGE ENHANCEMENT STUDIO IN CONCORD AND WILL TALK TO US ABOUT COLOR AND GIVE US CLOTHING AND MAKEUP TIPS ON HOW TO "LOOK AND FEEL YOUR BEST AT ANY AGE".

THE NEXT FEW MEETINGS DETERMINE IMPORTANT ASPECTS OF THE CLUB GOING FORWARD, PLEASE ATTEND.

- **THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE IS LOOKING FOR DIRECTORS TO LEAD THE CLUB FORWARD**
- **THE BUDGET COMMITTEE WILL PRESENT NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET FOR THE FOLLOWING MONTH'S APPROVAL**
- **THE BYLAWS COMMITTEE WILL PRESENT CHANGES TO THE BYLAWS TO INCLUDE BOARD MAKEUP CHANGES AS WELL AS THEIR ROLES AS LEADERSHIP DIRECTORS**
- **PROGRAMS WILL BE FINALIZED FOR NEXT YEAR**
- **THE ANNUAL CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS WILL BE DISCUSSED AND FUNDS ALLOCATION PASSED BY THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP**
- **INVITATIONS TO THE MAY LUNCHEON WILL BE DISPERSED**
- **THE STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL PLANS WILL MAKE THIS YEAR'S EVENT OUR BEST EVER!!**

SCHOLARSHIPS APPLICATIONS ARE UP ON OUR WEBSITE AND ON THE GFWC-NH'S WEBSITE

OUR MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS STAND AT 113 AFTER THE LOSS OF OUR DEAR FRIEND ANNI HURLEY. SHE FOUGHT A GALLANT BATTLE; YOUR SPIRIT WILL GIVE US HOPE.

PLEASE REVIEW THE FOLLOWING MINUTES FOR APPROVAL AT THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8TH:

Hollis Woman's Club
General Meeting Minutes
February 8, 2017

The meeting was called to order by President Betsy Cotton at 11:25 a.m. Kimber Harmon led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Collect.

President:

Betsy welcomed members and guests before starting the Potluck luncheon. The theme of the Potluck coincided with our monthly charity, "End 68 Hours of Hunger." Members brought a

healthy, nutritious food dish with the value of no more than \$2.50.

Speaker:

Following the Potluck, Sue Bridges introduced our speaker, Jenn Morton, of End 68 Hours of Hunger – Nashua. Members and guests enjoyed an interesting presentation about the organization, which provides school children with bags of food so that they have food to eat over the weekend.

First Vice President's Report:

Following the speaker's presentation, Nora Lewis reported that the gift basket was circulated and \$470 was collected. The March Charity is Dress for Success, and we are seeking donations of gently used/current professional business attire, new winter hats/scarves/gloves, winter coats, plus-size clothing, black professional hand bags, pearl earrings and necklaces, and unused sample items. Clothing needs to be clean and on a hangar.

Nora is compiling a GFWC-NH annual report on Club member volunteer service hours. See Nora for more information.

President's Report:

President Betsy Cotton reported that the October 12, 2016 and January 11, 2017 minutes were approved as written.

Betsy encouraged everyone to reach out to members not at the meeting and ask if they need a ride to our next meeting.

Corresponding Secretary:

On behalf of Regine Martin, Betsy read a letter from the Hollis Elementary PTA, who is proposing another option for the HWC to donate to instead of the annual First Grade Bus Run. The PTA proposed that the HWC donate to "movie night" in 2018. The cost of the rights to show a movie is \$200 each. Betsy suggested the HWC could also help with a HES book sale to benefit the schools' libraries.

Sunshine Committee:

On behalf of Chair Jeanne Cleveland, Betsy announced the passing of long-time member Anni Hurley. Please contact Jeanne if you know of a member who needs cheer.

Audit:

Auditor Carol Birch reported that the first quarter has been completed, and she is waiting for the books for the second quarter.

Spring Yard Sale:

On behalf of Chair Jeanne Cleveland, Betsy reported that the Spring Yard Sale will be held on Saturday, April 8th at the Lawrence Barn. Set-up will take place on April 7th. The cost is \$20 for a space and \$25 for a table. We need workers for the sale, bakers to donate for the baked goods table, and members to help clean-up after the event. A sign-up sheet was passed around. Contact Jeanne if you have yard sale donations that need to be picked up.

Bylaws Committee:

Kimber Harmon reported that a group is rewriting the Bylaws in anticipation of obtaining a 501c3 status. Kimber said that our Bylaws state that the business of our club is conducted during the general membership meeting; instead, the executive board has been running the HWC's business, which goes against the Bylaws. The group will rewrite the Bylaws to state that more business can be conducted during the board meetings. The group is also proposing the reduction of board member positions to avoid quorum issues.

Budget Committee:

Betsy reported that the proposed budget has been completed and will be presented to the membership at the March general meeting.

Programs and Trips:

Co-Chair Sue Bridges announced that the March HWC general meeting will also start at 11:00AM and will be a soup and salad Potluck. Please bring an extension cord if your soup needs to stay heated. Sue reiterated the cancellation policy of the Club: all Club meetings and activities shall be cancelled for inclement weather if the Hollis public schools are closed.

Co-Chair Chris Furman asked the membership if it was still interested in seeing musicals at the Palace Theater. The vote was in the affirmative, so Chris will consider more outings.

Chris reported that the next trip will be a State House Visit in Concord with lunch on February 21 and arrival at 10:00AM. Carpooling is suggested. A sign-up sheet was passed around.

Scholarship Committee:

Betsy asked for help in promoting and updating our scholarships on our Club website. Scholarship applications may be found online.

Ways and Means:

On behalf of Chair Kat McGhee, Betsy reported that Kat is exploring more items to sell, with the possibility that our Club's tagline would be included on them. Suggestions of items to sell are welcome and should be sent to Kat.

Nominating Committee:

Betsy reported that the three-member Nominating Committee consists of Lynne Dougherty and Jan Lambert. Joline Manseau volunteered to fill the vacant position on the committee.

Luminary Event and Town Meeting:

Co-chair Kimber Harmon asked members to sign up to help solicit donations for the Luminary Event during the annual Town Meeting on March 18.

Hospitality:

Grace Calileo thanked the Program Chairs for the Potluck and speaker, and she thanked the February Hospitality Chair, Tina Murgia, and her committee for a job well done.

Strawberry Festival:

Co-Chairs Lori Dwyer and Cathy Gast reported that the Town Band was responsible for solicitation. Members were encouraged to serve in some capacity, and sign-up sheets were circulated. This will be the 71st annual strawberry festival.

GFWC-NH:

Lori Dwyer is the GFWC-NH Merrimack South District Director and the district meeting will be held on Saturday, March 4. Cost is \$25 and includes breakfast and lunch. See Lori for details.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:15PM.

Respectfully submitted by Diana Kroeger

Thank you Diana for the wonderful and thorough job you do !!!

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**IN PRINCIPLE, LIKE OUR GRANITE;
IN ASPIRATION, LIKE OUR MOUNTAINS;
IN SYMPATHY, SWIFT AND FAR REACHING
LIKE OUR RIVERS.**