



Making Friends and Fostering Community

January 2018

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear Members,

Happy Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a Memorable and Merry Christmas and Holiday time! It certainly was a busy December for us, very productive on the community level. KUDOS to Kimber, Chris and Carol for coordinating the efforts of many of our members to celebrate with so many in our community-What Spirit!

A lot is happening as the Board plans for the upcoming Spring events (I like that word-Spring Spring Spring!) which will certainly fly up on us quickly. We have a Membership Greet at Martha's for New Members and Board members. The GFWC NH mid-winter meeting is this weekend, which I will attend with HWC Annual Report in hand. We have accomplished so much when I look back on 2017. Thank you to All for the great performance of our club. It is a privilege to serve as your President.

All the Best,
Betsy Cotton, President

VICE PRESIDENT'S DESK – January Charity Animal Rescue League of New Hampshire



The Animal Rescue League of New Hampshire is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization that helps more than 2,200 cats, dogs, and small animals each year. Being more than a shelter, the League also employs one of only three shelter-based Animal Cruelty Investigators in the state. To help people who love their pets, but are currently struggling to care for them, the League offers community outreach programs, such as a Pet Food Pantry and Low-Cost Spay/Neuter Clinics.

Many of our services are open to all residents of NH, with focus on the local communities of Amherst, Auburn, Bedford, Brookline, Candia, Dunbarton, Frankestown, Goffstown, Hollis, Hooksett, Litchfield, Londonderry, Lyndeborough, Manchester, Merrimack, Milford, Mont Vernon, New Boston, Peterborough, Wilton, and Windham.

The League receives no state or federal funding, and is almost entirely dependent upon donations. Make a tax-deductible donation, and support us today!

Nora Lewis, Vice President

February 14th Program:



This month, we are excited to welcome Laura Klain, Hollis Social Library Director, to read a selection of stories from:-

“Stories of New Hampshire: A Living History of the Granite State” by author, and GFWC-NH Member, Eva Speare

Eva Speare lived most of her life in Plymouth where her husband was superintendent of schools. She was a teacher, civic leader, and author, and for nearly seventy years was associated with the New Hampshire Federation of Women's clubs. Mrs. Speare wrote ten books about her adopted state. At age 94 Eva began writing a series of newspaper columns, relating to the history of New Hampshire, which ran weekly until her death, at age 97, in 1972.

The New Hampshire Federation of Women's Clubs, as its contribution to the State of New Hampshire's celebration of our nation's Bicentennial, came up with a unique project, namely the publication of this volume of the late Mrs. Eva Speare's columns.

Eva Speare was part of the history she retold so delightfully. When she wrote about the hardships of colonial days, she might have been thinking of her ancestors in the Massachusetts Bay Colony. When the subject was Fort Number Four, she wrote with the authority of one who played a major part in restoring that monument of the French and Indian Wars. When she recalled "the good old horse and buggy days," she was remembering her own childhood.



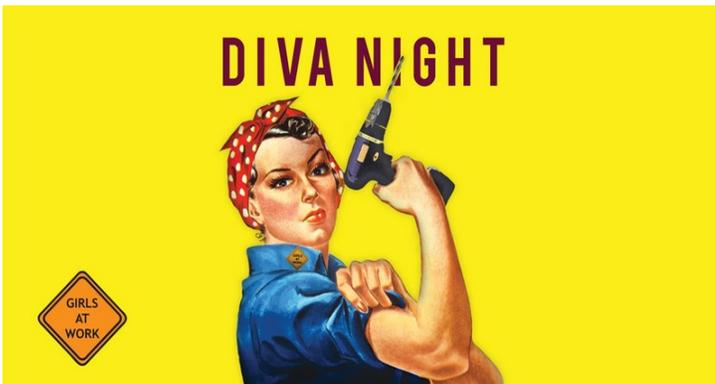
Not only was Mrs. Speare for many years a leading member of the New Hampshire Federation of Women's Clubs, but she devoted much of her life to emphasizing the value of the history of the Granite State. She wanted always to keep clear the memory of the great men and women who by their effort and also through their sacrifices -- often of their lives -- gave us New Hampshire as it is today. Eva Speare did not want us to take for granted the efforts of those who had come before.

HOSPITALITY NOTES:



We would like to remind everyone that our February and March Meetings both begin at 11:00 am (not the usual 9:00 am) to give us a chance to dig out from any snow during these particularly snowy months. With this later start, we will be having potluck luncheons at these two Meetings instead of our usual coffee social time.

Our February 14th Meeting not only lands on Valentine's Day but also on Ash Wednesday. In addition, February is Heart Health Month. Let's do our best to bear all three of these occasions in mind as we select food to bring. We realize that not everyone recognizes Ash Wednesday and Lent but we would suggest that those who do make a meat free dish. Whether you recognize Lent or not, bring something that you are comfortable with and believe others will appreciate. Let's consider heart healthy and heart shaped food too! Oh, and lets wear something red!



GIRLS AT WORK INC. – JANUARY PROGRAM

Those who were present at the January 10th General Meeting were really in awe of what Elaine Hamel (contractor and Founder of Girls at Work Inc) accomplishes when she introduces young, mainly at-risk, girls to making something using power tools. Not only

do they create useful items like picnic tables and bookshelves but along the way they confront their fears and negative thoughts and turn them around to a “Yes we can” attitude giving them powerful tools for life!

An annual fundraiser that Girls at Work Inc runs is called the “Diva Night” which features wine, chocolate and comedy. Who can resist that combination! We don't have all the details as yet but it will be held on Saturday, March 3rd at 6 pm at Southern New Hampshire University. A number of people have already expressed an interest in attending. Please email Kimber Harmon if you would like to add your name to the list. We will let interested persons know cost and further details as soon as we know more. (To give you some idea, we think the cost will be somewhere between \$25.00 and \$35.00.) We also understand that men can attend – not just women!

Moving forward, some of us may wish to attend one of Elaine's workshops (or organize a private one of our own) and learn how to use power tools. If 8 to 12 year old girls can do it there's no reason why we shouldn't! We will notify you further once we decide what form this should take and what we might make! We may also be able to find a way to help out with a “Done in a Day” project.

Tina Murguia, Kim Fredette and Sue Bridges

HOLLIS NOR'EASTERS SNOWMOBILE CLUB
PINK RIDE
FEBRUARY 10TH @ 10:30 AM
SILVER LAKE STATE PARK



2017 PINK RIDE

On Saturday, Feb. 10, the Hollis community has a chance to support the Pink Ride, an event sponsored by the Hollis Nor'Easters Snowmobile Club to benefit St. Joseph's Hospital Breast Care Center. The event will take place at Silver Lake State Park. Over the past six years, the event has raised over \$102,000.00 for the hospital. The snowmobiles will begin their ride at about 10:30; but, you don't have to be a snowmobiler to participate. Come, see the dog sled demonstrations, join us at the BBQ about 11:30, check out the vintage snowmobile display, enjoy the DJ, warm up at the bon fire, take a chance in the raffle or just make a donation. It is a fun way to meet friends both new and old, and enjoy the beautiful area of the town forest and the state park. Just think the good our participation and support will do for the Breast Care Center which is there to help all of us. There will be a special area for visitor parking in the parking lot. If you are unable to attend but would like to make a donation, make checks out to: St. Joseph's Hospital Breast Cancer Care Center and forward to Pink Ride, c/o Bentley Management Group, 12 Murphy Drive, Suite 100, Nashua, NH 03062.

Jeanne Cleveland

ACTIVITY GROUP NEWS

Please check out our website under <http://www.holliswomansclub.org/activity-groups/> to find out a little bit about each activity and who to contact to get on their email lists. The Couples Nite Out and Hollis Moms activity groups are highlighted below:

Couples Nite Out

Suzanne Recke, klrsuz@charter.net

This new group will be held several times a year at different venues. It's a chance to socialize with other couples at a sporting event, concert, bar – the possibilities are endless! Dates and times TBD but please contact Suzanne to get on her email list.

Hollis Moms' Group

We are looking for a Coordinator. Please contact Debi Davis at debidavisnh@gmail.com, 465-2510 if interested.

This group is geared towards moms and kids. This group plans play dates, field trips and other fun activities with the younger set and their moms. They also offer support and share information with each other.



GFWC-NH NEWS

GFWC-NH Merrimack South District Meeting

Brookline Community Church
2 Main Street
Brookline, NH
March 3, 2018
9 am to 3 pm

NEWSLETTER

HWC officers, chairs and members wishing to submit articles to be included in the February 2018 HWC newsletter need to submit them no later than 2/19. Every effort will be made to get your articles in as requested. However, due to space limitations articles may be reduced to fit it in.

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, 2/7 – Board Meeting @ 9 am

Wednesday, 2/14 – Club Meeting & Potluck Lunch
Starting our Club Meeting later to avoid any morning snow, we'll enjoy a Valentine's Day Potluck Lunch. Let's do our best to make at least some of our food with Valentine's Day in mind – think heart-shaped, heart healthy, red, chocolate, etc. Wear red in honor of Women's Heart Healthy Month.



2/1	Chris Furman
2/3	Linda Bailey
2/5	Hilda Bennett
2/7	Lori Dwyer
2/9	Susan Benz
2/10	Grace McGinnis
2/18	Julie Forgaard
2/22	Leola Lowder

