

President's Corner

Greetings to all our talented and gifted women of the HWC!

I am very excited to be your incoming President for 2018-2020. When I rejoined the club two years ago, I was not expecting to become Vice President, let alone President. But, here I am... What I have learned in life is that sometimes things fall into place for reasons not immediately known. And, sometimes you just have to run with it. Don't look back; don't dwell on it too much; *just do it!* That is what I will be doing on the official start of my term in August when I look forward to serving you all! I am thrilled to have a wonderful Executive Board to accompany me on this journey and, hope you will enjoy working with us as well.

I have the pleasure of already knowing many of you through various connections in town: the Colonial Garden Club, Old Home Days, the Hollis Brookline school system, the Congregational Church of Hollis, the Boy Scouts, the Girl Scouts, chance encounters at the library, town dump, gas station, etc.

For members I do not well, and, particularly for our new members, let me tell you a little about myself. I have lived in Hollis for nearly 25 years; a 'newbie' by some town standards. My husband and I ended up here when we decided to sell our condo and buy a home where we planned on someday raising a family. Friends who already lived in Hollis suggested coming a little 'further north' when homes and land in Andover, MA did not pan out for us ... Small house-little plot of land-BIG money. A hop, skip, and a jump, forty five minutes 'further north', was one of the best decisions we ever made. To be honest, there was much about the town we were not fully aware of. A good school system was a plus for future children to come, but, many of the great community events in town did not unfold itself to us until we became an integral part of the community. In fact, one of the first Hollis events our family experienced was a Hollis Woman's Club Home and Garden tour. My husband and I pushed our young son around in a carriage and enjoyed the tour with another 'newbie townie'. By the way, if you were the home owner on the tour who displayed your china pattern 'Blue Onion' from Germany, call me. I am also a lover of blue and white! I have yet to find out who you are!

My husband Charles is a transplant from St. Thomas, USVI and, he occasionally reminds me that he is only living in *cold* New Hampshire because of me (winters become less favorable over the years). I am a first generation New Englander, born to Cuban parents. So, like my husband, our roots are stemmed in warmer climates, yet, I love it here, winters and all! I have two children. My son Gabe recently graduated from the University of Vermont (UVM) and is gainfully employed (*yes*)! My daughter, Natalie is a rising junior at Mount Holyoke College. For the past two years I have worked full time in an industry that both my daughter and I share a huge passion for - horses. One of the things I love most about being a part of this community is all that we have to offer. As one who loves all seasons, we have much to share and celebrate in our town. Shortly, the Strawberry Festival will be underway. What a better way to kick-off the start of summer but with fresh, locally grown strawberries. September will reconvene family and friend at Old Home Days. In the fall, shorter and crisper cool days will offer the bounty of what our town produces so nicely - apples, just in time for the Apple Festival. And, now, we are approaching the fourth year of the Luminaria Stroll in December; a great winter event where we can spread joy and holiday cheer. We have much to be grateful for. It is due to our members and other volunteers that we live in a town that we can be extremely proud of. We create lasting memories for family and friends, and, this would not be possible without each and every one of YOU.

Do you see what I see? As written on our website about who we are:

“The Hollis Woman’s Club is part of the General Federation of Women’s Clubs, the oldest and largest volunteer women’s organization in the world. Our club was organized in 1906 and has been active in the community ever since. The goals of the club are fourfold: Social Activities, Educational Needs, Civic Support, and Philanthropic Donations”.

Because of who we are, and what we do, I am honored to serve as your next President.

I look forward to seeing you at the Strawberry Festival.

Sincerely,

Nora



STRAWBERRIES PLEASE

The berries are blooming! It's almost time for those luscious treats. Don't leave town just yet. We need your help to pull off one of our most successful events of the year.

The hulling party begins at 9:00 a.m. Friday June 22nd in the basement of the Cong. Church of Hollis in Hardy Hall. Just come we will have everything ready for you. If everyone comes it will only take a couple of hours.

On Sunday June 24th we will start getting the square all ready for the concert. At noon the band members pull out the tents, tables and chairs and help us set up the event. We prepare the food and get into place for the shortcake factory and start the production lines. We will need your help as well. Many hands make light work. See you at 1:00 p.m. We could always use a few to help clean and move our inventory back to the shed. So don't leave too early. This will be a wonderful day and promises of a great concert. The band is celebrating its 75th year so I am sure the music will be in celebration of this joyous occasion.

If you would like to contact one of the chairs below to offer your assistance that would be so marvelous of you.

Carol Birch	Bakers
Patti Tures/ Tina Murguia	Hulling Party
Nancy Birch	Cashiers
Julie Forgaard	Beverage Chair
Kat McGhee	Outside Workers
Grace McGinnis	Vendors
Kaaren Eastman	Ways and Means
Lori Dwyer/ Ella deBakker	Inside Workers

In Gratitude
Kimber Harmon & Kim Fredette
Strawberry Festival Chair

HWC ALTERNATIVE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

The Hollis Woman's Club is proud to announce the recipient of the Hollis Woman's Club Alternative Scholarship 2018. This \$1,000.00 scholarship is available to a woman who is working toward completing a program or degree that will help her learn a new skill, or return to or advance in a job.

The 2018 recipient is attending Southern New Hampshire University and will graduate in May 2019. She works full time, volunteers at a high school PTO, volunteers for fund raising events for Children's Hospital at Dartmouth Hitchcock Hospital and runs a business repurposing lumber materials. She accepted the current position she holds with the requirement that she receive her college degree. She completed her Associates Degree in April 2017 and in May 2019 she will be the first college graduate in her family. As she expressed in her application, achieving her Bachelor's Degree was not only a personal goal but she wanted to show her daughters by example; that it is never too late to set and conquer goals.

HWC HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

The Hollis Woman's Club is proud to announce the recipients of the Hollis Woman's Club Hollis Brookline High School Scholarships for 2018.

Hannah Hayes lives in Hollis, though she has had nine addresses in her 17 years. Hannah's dad and grandfather are veterans of the army and navy, and she intends to follow in their footsteps by joining the military after college. Her interest in Sustainability will guide her as she determines her double major at Oregon State University. With all the moving in her life, Hannah has learned the importance of family and loyalty.

Mackenzie Powers lives in Brookline. She will be attending the University of Rhode Island where she will enter a six year program in Pharmacology. Mackenzie is a very hard worker who won't give up or give in. When obstacles get in her way, instead of giving in, Mackenzie figures out ways to make the best of them. For example, when she tore the labrum in her shoulder her junior year, instead of quitting the volleyball team, she sat on the sidelines for the rest of that year and cheered her teammates on. She returned to the team the following year, was named Captain of the team, and helped the team win their third straight State Championship. Mackenzie says she has learned from her parents that the successful person isn't always the smartest, or the one to whom things come easily, but the one who works the hardest.

Committee members this year were: Danielle Scott, Lori Dwyer, Maria Schmid, and Linda Kemper.



Monadnock Music Village Concert in Hollis!

Sunday, July 15, 3pm – The Congregational Church of Hollis

Monadnock Music has provided world-class live classical music performances to Southwestern New Hampshire for over 50 years. For the first time, Hollis is honored to be a host of the Monadnock Music Village Concert Series. The mission of Monadnock Music is to make classical music accessible to all. There is no admission fee to attend the concert, but a free will offering is welcomed from participants to help pay for the cost of the program.

The Village Concert will feature the music of Tobias Picker at the Congregational Church of Hollis followed by a reception. *Doors open 30 minutes prior to the concert. This concert is open to the public. If you are interested in serving on the Hollis Village Concert Committee or would like to help provide refreshments for the reception please contact:*

*Nora Lewis
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| 7/1 | Dottie Perlow | 8/3 | Gretchen Gray |
| 7/3 | Martha Smith | 8/6 | Nora Lewis |
| 7/5 | Janice Lambert | 8/9 | Florence Baker |
| 7/7 | Ann Mitchell Siglin | 8/12 | Joan Prue |
| 7/16 | Meredith West | 8/12 | Doris Rafferty |
| 7/20 | Ina Ivarson | 8/13 | Kimber Harmon |
| 7/21 | Janet Pitman-Anderson | 8/16 | Linda Kemper |
| 7/23 | Sarah Sirlin | 8/20 | Karen Calabro |
| 7/28 | Deborah Davis | 8/26 | Tina Murguia |
| 8/1 | Danielle Scott | 8/27 | Emma Dougherty |

