



Making Friends and Fostering Community

March 2018 Newsletter

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER:

Dear Members,

It has been my pleasure to serve as the Hollis Woman's Club president for almost two years. Coming into the position of president was the next step in my own personal service to the HWC and my immediate community. Leaving with the greater experience of the GFWC-New Hampshire's undertakings and service shows what leadership has added to my own makeup mentally and spiritually. My hope is that I have contributed in small ways towards my own enlightenment and the enlightenment of my fellow club women of the power for good that this grassroots organization has to offer.

Seeing how the efforts of the few can pull together the community, HWC leadership strives to continue to build on the three year old Hollis Town Luminaria. The age-old events like the Apple Festival and Strawberry Festival build part of the character of the Town of Hollis and the quality of community life that is lived there.

In seeing what the dedication of a few can contribute I have seen what New Futures, an organization in Concord, for the recovery from alcohol and substance abuse has done to raise awareness of the dire need for Medicare/Medicaid expansion to combat addiction and provide necessary services for those most vulnerable. They passed it once but must pass it again in a new political climate before it expires in December. Legislative action is the #1 powerhouse for change.

Our own GFWC-NH past president Tina Smith has bravely led the charge here in New Hampshire to pass constitutional legislation in support of Marsy's Law- giving equal rights to victims of crime under the NH Constitution. This is a continuation of our fight to advance GFWC International mandates to help raise awareness and care for human trafficking and abuse victims.

NAMI, The National Alliance for Mental Health, has a tagline "Stomp Out Stigma". After the recent school shooting that tagline has certainly taken a hit. Statistics show that there is less correlation with diagnosed mental illness and violent acts than is being portrayed by the media. Look to Representative Kennedy's opinion for more clarity.

GFWC-NH President, Phyllis Appler's signature project, "Inside-Out," directly speaks to mental health. The outdoor life of beauty and exercise cleanses the mind and gives clarity to having a purpose filled life. The importance of this to the young developing mind is already apparent with programs in our schools like "Screenagers" becoming a necessary new parent education tool. Without support from us for the youth of our towns tragedies like suicide, substance abuse and shootings will be ever more commonplace. HWC supports local programs that bring the outdoors into our children's lives. Let's make it prevalent in all areas of our communities.

The continuation of our club's devotion to bettering our community is apparent in our general membership meetings where we socialize but also have an exchange of ideas and support for the wider region.

Looking forward to Anne Engelhardt's GFWC-NH presidency and her straightforward acceptance of mental health for her project; I encourage all of you to tie ourselves firmly to our youth and communities and in support of the GFWC-NH. We are challenging our members to stretch their awareness of what a small grassroots organization can accomplish when we put our imagination and determination to purpose.

LET'S MAKE GFWC-NH 10,000 HUMANS STRONG AGAIN!

*Betsy Cotton, President*

# VICE PRESIDENT'S DESK – APRIL CHARITY

## WaterAid America

Extreme poverty won't end until everyone everywhere has clean water, decent toilets and good hygiene.

We're determined to make that happen within a generation – and we believe the best way to do it is by working with others. That's why we're part of an active global network. Advisors, policy makers, engineers, campaigners and fundraisers – all of us here at WaterAid are working towards a common goal: Bringing water, toilets and hygiene to the millions of people living without these basic human rights.

By working together, we can enable entire communities to unlock their potential, break free from poverty and change their lives for good. With the help of amazing people like you, this is our strategy. Thank you for making it happen.

*Nora Lewis, Vice President*

## APRIL 11<sup>th</sup> PROGRAM:

### **Venu Rao, Rotary Club member, past Club President (2015-2016) and District Governor (2018-2019, returns to share the Rotary's Safe Drinking Water Project in Bangalore, India**



Please note that, with the belief that Mother Nature understands that we should not have to dig ourselves out of snow in the middle of April, we are resetting the start time of our meeting in April to the usual 9:00am!

Hollis resident, Venu Rao, will be returning to speak to us – this time about Rotary's Safe Drinking Water Project in Bangalore, India. Most of us take for granted that we have easy, affordable access to safe drinking water. However, over a quarter of the world's population is at risk from unsafe water and 2 million children die every year from waterborne diseases.

The Indian city of Bangalore has a population of over 13 million and includes multiple slums. Over half of these slums have no access to water supply lines and none have reliably clean water. Lack of safe drinking water means that 20% of the children in these slums don't reach their fifth birthday.

Venu will explain how Rotary is addressing these issues by installing water purification plants and how the operation of these plants is sustainable.

## HWC HOSTS COMMUNITY TEA:



The Club is hosting a Tea to provide interested women an opportunity to learn more about the organization and meet members. All members new and old are welcome to attend. Tea time is Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2 – 4 pm at the Hollis Social Library. Cheerio!

## ACTIVITY GROUP NEWS

Please check out the website under <http://www.holliswomansclub.org/activity-groups/> to find out a little bit about each and who to contact to get on their email lists. The featured activities this month are below:

### PROJECTS & PLEASANTRIES GROUP

**Carol Hanover, [chanovernh@gmail.com](mailto:chanovernh@gmail.com)**

Calling all scrapbookers, quilters, knitters, needle workers, bead workers, and other crafters! Do you wish you had more time to spend on your project? Or would you just enjoy working on your project in the company of good friends? Bring your own project to our Projects & Pleasantries Group to share good conversation while working on your individual craft. Or join us without a project, just to socialize. We meet the 3rd Thursday of each month from 9:30 – 11:30 at the member's homes. Coffee/tea and light refreshments (breads, muffins, fruit or crackers and cheese) are served.

Except for the October meeting, I will send the meeting location with a reminder to kindly RSVP to the hostess the beginning of the week. This is both a courtesy and necessary for the hostess to plan refreshments and accommodate seating.

I'm looking forward to another fun year!

In friendship,  
Carol

### WEDNESDAY LUNCHEON GROUP

**Grace McGinnis, 889-7740 and Linda Reiner, Cell: 603-533-4275**

Especially for those who like to combine great food, friendly people and good times, the Wednesday Luncheon Group meets the third Wednesday at 11:30 from October to May. Members share in planning, preparing and hosting luncheons that run the gamut from "picnic casual" to "epicurean elegance". The homes and committees are determined on a yearly basis and the cost of the food is divided among attendees.



## GFWC-NH NEWS



**Celebrate GFWC Federation Day at the New Hampshire Food Bank!**  
700 E Industrial Park Dr.  
Manchester, New Hampshire  
Tuesday, April 24,  
9 a.m. to 2 p.m.



**Join GFWC-New Hampshire as we celebrate the founding of the General Federation of Women's Clubs on April 24, 1890. We will tour the Food Bank, learn about the programs they offer, volunteer by sorting donated food or performing other tasks, and enjoy lunch prepared by their culinary job training program.**

The New Hampshire Food Bank serves as the only food bank in the state since 1984, working to provide nutritious food and resources to the approximately 10% of New Hampshire residents who are food insecure. The Food Bank supplies millions of pounds of food annually to over 425 partner agencies, including food pantries, homeless shelters, soup kitchens, children's programs, senior centers and more. In turn, these agencies provide hunger relief to those suffering from food insecurity throughout the state.

**Call to Federation Day will be forthcoming when we have a price for lunch. There is no registration fee for this day, but attendees are invited to bring donations of nonperishable food.**

## GFWC-NH ANNUAL MEETING



The Inn on Newfound Lake will be the site of our GFWC-NH Annual Meeting May 18 and 19. There will be an overnight option, a Friday evening supper option, and a two day or one day plan. Those coming on Friday should also be able to participate in a field trip in the area. This is our installation year as well as Honor Roll and a wrap up of our Inside Out theme, so circle the dates on your calendar and plan to be there! Room rates are under a hundred dollars a night, so if you can share a bed, you can do the

weekend quite economically. Those who choose to stay two nights get a special discount! Plan ahead and join us!

# NEWSLETTER

HWC officers, chairs and members wishing to submit articles to be included in the April HWC newsletter need to submit them no later than 4/13. Every effort will be made to get your articles in as requested. However, due the space limitations articles may be reduce to fit it in.

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



- 4/4 Board Meeting @ Debbie Gracy's home
- 4/8 Hollis Woman's Club Community Tea  
Hollis Social Library  
2 – 4 pm
- 4/11 General Meeting
- 4/13 Spring Yard Sale  
Drop off donations & setup  
4 pm – 8 pm
- 4/14 Spring Yard Sale  
Lawrence Barn  
8 am – 1 pm
- 4/24 Federation Day  
NH Food Bank  
700 E. Industrial Drive  
Manchester, NH  
9 – 2 pm



- 4/10..... Bonnie Frisard
- 4/11..... Michelle Carr
- 4/13..... Debbie Gracy
- 4/14..... Krissy Wuerdeman
- 4/20..... Lindsey Sud
- 4/25..... Jane O'Neill
- 4/27..... Kat McGhee
- 4/28..... Teri Almond
- 4/28..... Rachel Tieman