

President's Corner

Happy 'almost Thanksgiving'!

We had a great turnout at the last General Meeting – and a very interesting presentation by a couple of people from Marguerite's Place. Did you know that they provide temporary housing for single moms and their kids? They can stay in this housing for up to 7 years. This organization is also working on building a new apartment building in the 'tree street' area in Nashua to be able to offer even more needed apartments. They offer job coaching, daycare, and educational services as well.

As I mentioned in my email, one of the things they like to offer new residents is a 'Welcome Home' package of starter supplies for the apartments. I created a Sign Up Genius for those of you who would like to contribute – and thank you to those of you who did already!

That link is here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084CACA928A2FB6-50597932-welcome#/>

Lin Westberg and I will have our SUVs parked at Jane Richard's house (55 Cobbett Lane) during the Holiday Social on Dec 11th – and you can drop off your items before you enter Jane's house for the get together! No need to wrap anything – this is NOT a holiday collection, but something to help support Marguerite's Place year-round. Please see further in this newsletter for our December charity idea.

I also want to mention that the membership approved a donation of \$1,000 towards a monument honoring Women Veterans in NH which will be installed in the New Hampshire State Veterans Cemetery (NHSVC). We will get our club name engraved into the base of this monument to commemorate our donation. It's a worthy cause and I appreciate that the membership agreed!

Thank you!!

Our Annual Luminaria Event with Santa's Visit is fast approaching! See more below and please sign up on multiple committees to help!

See you at the Holiday Social on Dec 11th! (4-7pm)

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Yearbook updates:

In case you missed the new members or yearbook corrections, here's a list from our Membership Director Jane Richard. The handout given at the last General Meeting may have had a typo, so please check this list!

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Luminaria Help (Still) Needed!

For those of you who attended the meeting this month, you heard from Kimber Harmon on the need for Volunteers to run the annual Luminaria Event. Some of the needed tasks are:

- placing bags and lighting candles around the Hollis historic district
- Bag Making Factory (Brookdale Farm)
- Folding Bags
- Cookie Baking for individual cookie sales
- Refreshment Table during Visit with Santa
- Clean-Up Sunday morning

If you can help for a few hours on any of these tasks, contact Susan.Benz@gmail.com for cookie baking, and Kimber Harmon (ferreehil@gmail.com) for the rest. Cathy Gast could also use help setting up and cleaning up for Santa (c_gast@yahoo.com). We need ALL of you to help!

Our December Holiday Social!

We will gather at Jane Richard's house, 55 Cobbett Lane, on Wednesday, Dec 11th from 4-7pm to share some holiday cheer! Please bring an appetizer or a dessert to share. This event is BYOB.

In addition to those of you who bring something for Marguerite's Welcome kit, we will have a basket out for Gift Cards (Walmart, Dunkin's, Target, etc) or monetary donations for area charities that have families in need especially during the holidays. Thank you!

Volunteer with Us!

We have multiple open positions for the upcoming year which has started. This club needs YOUR help to be successful! Here are some of the current open positions. Many of these can be co-chairs. I can answer any questions you may have and point you to folks who have done this job in the past.

Vice President - You do not have to be President 'after'! I need a backup...

Strawberry Festival Chair – Jane Richard (but we need one co-chair to help her)

Please contact me at susan.benz@gmail.com if you are interested or have questions.

Activity Group News

We have many Activity Groups. Please check out the website under <http://www.holliswomensclub.org/activity-groups/> to find out a little bit about each and who to contact to get on their email lists.



Chick Flick met and enjoyed 'Conclave'.

NEWSLETTER

HWC officers, chairs and members wishing to submit articles to be included in the December newsletter need to submit them to me no later than December 15th. I am especially interested in pictures from our Activity Groups!

EVENTS CALENDAR

- Wednesday, Dec 4th, 9:30am, Board Meeting via Zoom (all are welcome)
- Wednesday, Dec 11th, 4-7pm Holiday Open House, home of Jane Richard (55 Cobbett Lane) Come and bring an appetizer or dessert to share! BYOB.

Optional Charity: Bring a gift card (to Target, Leda Lanes, Walmart, Dunkin' etc) and we'll donate to needy families or charities in the area.

- Saturday, Dec 14th – 10th Annual Hollis Town Luminaria Event!

We will welcome Santa to the Lawrence Barn and sell cookies and refreshments. Plenty of opportunity to volunteer. Mark your calendar and plan to help!

- Wednesday, January 8th, 9:30am, Board Meeting via Zoom (all are welcome)
 - No General Meeting in January!
- Wednesday, February 5th, 9:30am, Board Meeting via Zoom (all are welcome)
- Wednesday, February 12th, 9-11:30, General Meeting, Lawrence Barn

Program: Out of the Shadows - Our own member Nora Lewis will give a talk on the 'hidden' Black population in NH and their important role in NH history.

Charity: Black Heritage Trail of NH

GFWC-NH News:

November 11, 2024

Dear GFWC – NH Clubwomen, Happy Fall. Hope you have enjoyed the warm and beautiful days. It has been a busy month. Clubs are in full swing with exciting projects and programs. GFWC National Day of Service in NH and Federation wide with numbers just released from GFWC. We have made an impact to the food insecurity issue in our communities. Unfortunately, this will continue to be a growing concern. I know that GFWC – NH Clubwomen are supporting this effort year around though the End 68 Hour of Hunger Program, Weekend Backpack Programs, Food Pantry meals, Community Fridge meals and dry goods.

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH Nancy Greenberg Our Civic Engagement and Outreach Community Service Program encompasses many essential areas within our towns, our state

and our nation. November salutes our military - those currently serving and those veterans who have served. Unfortunately, many of our veterans and active-duty personnel are facing food insecurity. The following suggestion is a program that provides food for those veterans or currently active-duty personnel who are in need. VOUCHERS for VETERANS Vouchers for Veterans is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that provides vouchers in New Hampshire and Maine that can be redeemed at farmers markets. Veterans or active duty receive fresh, nutritious food including fruit, vegetables, meat and baked goods from local producers. Indoor farmers markets begin in November and operate through April. Farm stands and dates open are listed on the web site. This program also helps our farmers and bakers, as they are reimbursed for any vouchers redeemed at their farm stand. info@vouchersforveterans.org 603 817-6030.

Don't forget our WOMEN VETERANS! If you would like to contact the Women Veterans Program Manager Laura Caisse to find out how your club can support those in need, contact her at Laura.Caisse@va.gov Laura did ask recently if I knew of any members or club that could provide a workshop or program of crafts or art. This would take place at the VA in Manchester, early December. Any volunteers?

GFWC - NH presented a \$10,000 donation to the New Hampshire Women in Military Service Memorial making them a 4-star donor. GFWC - NH clubs across the state have added donations boosting donations to a 5-star level. The NHWIMS Memorial, (prototype displayed) is being erected at the NH State Veterans Cemetery. GFWC - NH Clubwoman Sheila Casey, a US Navy Veteran has spearheaded this project. It is not too late to give a club or personal donation. They are accepting donations until December 31.

<https://www.nhvca.org/donate/womens-service-memorial>