

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Ladies,

Tis the season for numerous holiday celebrations and get togethers with family and friends. HWC is no exception. We had a great turn out at Hoppy Dudes Brewery where we learned all about the new business in Hinckley. The owners are very appreciative and want to give back to the community. Hoppy Dudes is a great place to pick up some Christmas Ale or any other beer that may be of interest. They will can it right in front of you. We had a great turn out for Les Miz at Highland High School; it was an excellent show. We also had a small group that went out to dinner and then to the Christmas Groove which continues to spread the joy of Christmas and was at Parma High School this year. Several members also worked along with the Tift Family Foundation in shopping for gifts to be donated to the Brunswick Salvation Army.

Of course, we can't forget our Christmas party on Thursday, Dec. 16 at 6:30pm at town hall or the Highland choir concert which is my yearly tradition.

Where ever your heart takes you, I wish you the Merriest and blessed Christmas and New Years. Take some time to relax and remember the true meaning of the holidays along with time with family and friends.

 PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL HWC MEETINGS WILL BE HELD AT TOWN HALL FROM DEC.-APRIL.



LOST & FOUND

• Debbie has a plastic rectangle container and tongs from Oct. meeting. If you would like back, please let me know.

THANK YOUS:

- Lauren Alterman for setting up Nov. meeting at Hoppy Dudes Brewery. It was a great time.
- Chris Studor for all your help with Secretarial duties and getting articles into the Record. Thinking of you this holiday season and hoping your daughter is on the road to recovery from foot surgery.
- Vicki Tifft for stepping up to Secretary while Chris takes time off.
- Jacqueline Merker for Chairing Hospitality.
- Patty LaFontaine for collecting and distributing gift cards (along with Melissa Augustine) to 4 families for our Thanksgiving philanthropy.
- To each member that contributed to our Thanksgiving philanthropy as we raised \$640.
- To each and every one of our members that make HWC the success that it is.
 "THANK YOU SO MUCH"

ADDITIONAL INFO.:

- Hopefully everyone got their new red member books in honor of 40 years. Please take time to make sure all your information is correct and add the following to the calendar:
 - Jan. general meeting (town hall) program is Hinckley History presented by Kevin Swan
 - o Feb. program still open
 - March meeting date changed to 24 and program is History of HWC, presented by our own founding president, Heather Liccardi
 - April general meeting program is, Franklin Castle presented by Bill Krejci

- Debbie Moss

SUNSHINE Committee Report

Ho – Ho – Ho! Deck The Halls With Boughs of Holly ... Tis The Season To Be Jolly . . .

Happy Birthday To . . .

Jen Baraukas Spradlin December 25 Joanne Polizzi January 7 Sherrill Parle January 25 Marcy Pappafava January 30

It's The Most Wonderful Time of The Year! So many activities to join in the fun, we hope you've enjoyed some festivities along the way. Hoppy Dudes, Medina Lights, School Plays or Concerts, Christmas Caroling, Shopping for Charity to Benefit Others...

There's just something Magical about Christmas, the nostalgia, the traditions ... be sure to take in an old movie that Warms Your Heart... or listen to music that brings you Jov!

It's A Wonderful Life...

Charles Dickens - A Christmas Carol...

Miracle on 34th Street...

A Charlie Brown Christmas...

Home Alone...

A Christmas Story...

National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation...

The Santa Clause...

Jingle All The Way

Prancer Polar Express ...

Four Christmases...

So.... While you're Rockin' Around The Christmas Tree, Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas.... And Remember the Reason For The Season. Keep Christmas In Your Heart All Year Long.

Merry Christmas To You!

- SUNSHINE Committee Karin Rupert & Nancy Mandilakis



TREASURER'S REPORT:

Please note: the treasurer's report will be provided to our members at our next meeting. Thank you and Have a Wonderful Christmas holiday season!

A festive time was had by all who came out to see the Christmas Groove concert. Some of the members went out to dinner at Antonios in Parma before the wonderful concert.





The Grinch even stopped by for a visit. The members of Christmas Groove include many students from the area who performed a Christmas drum and percussion song for the crowd.



HWC Shirts Available:

A few HWC T-Shirts are still available:

2 long sleeve (1 large, 1 med) - \$20

2 short sleeve (large) - \$15

Contact Heather Liccardi if you're interested: hliccardi@yahoo.com. Make checks payable to Hinckley Women's Club.

A Shopping & A Wrapping

On December 4th, in cooperation with the Tifft Family Foundation and Salvation Army, a group of our very own Hinckley Women's Club and their families and friends got to shop for local area children. It was a very fun time. After we shopped, we got to wrap all the gifts while listening to Christmas music.



HWC By-Laws Update:

By-Law decision (Art. III - Membership) will be at our **January** meeting. "Membership is open to any woman residing in Hinckley or adjoining communities."

Think about this and that:

a. Sometimes members from farther away have wanted to join. Should we add this statement:

"Women from outside the area may join upon member recommendation and approval from a majority vote of members present at the meeting where the recommendation takes place"?

b. HWC always seems to have less money to spend than we need for worthwhile projects and activities. Is it time to offer "Sponsor Memberships", where for ____\$ you or your business can be `` ` an official sponsor of HWC? Questions would be: What advantages can we offer them in return?

Will we need a Standing Committee to attract and maintain Sponsors?

- - By-Laws Committee: Heather Liccardi, Cheryl Valasik, Lauren Alterman, Marge Palik



Coats for Kids

This past Saturday, in cooperation with the Hinckley Police Department, a few of our members got to help out passing out Coats for Kids. There was a Santa and Mrs. Clauss station, a station for photo ops, a station for kids to write their letters to Santa, and the Pancake/Eggs/Sausage breakfast station for takeout, as well as the hats/coat/scarf/gloves/mittens --- and even some crocheted afghans station.

I have never been so warmed by the kids and families' responses. Some of the parents and kids were brought to tears of joy for even having a matching scarf to wear with their new coat. It was a wonderful experience. New and old, this was a treat for all to remember.

















- Lynne Rotundo

HWC CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 16th@ 6:30 pm

Please come and enjoy a few hours of holiday fun and friendship.

All members are asked to bring appetizers and desserts to share!!

Last names beginning with the letters A to M---please bring an appetizer to share.

Last names beginning with the letters N to Z---please bring a dessert to share. The Christmas committee will provide beverages.

There will be a "New England Gift Exchange". Bring wrapped consumable gifts from \$10 to \$15. Examples include: seasonal treats, candy, cookies, wine, cheeses, floral... Be creative and get in the spirit of Christmas!!!

Thank you, and enjoy!

- Beth Crosley

Hello members,

Thank you to everyone that has signed up to provide donations to our Christmas Giving campaign!

Please be reminded that the items are due on **Dec. 18th**.

If you would like items picked up, please let me know or bring them to our party on Thursday.

There are still 7 slots that need to be filled with donations. Please consider a donation of any proportion.

Thank you, Patty LaFontaine Philanthropy Chair

SET YOUR CALENDAR FOR SATURDAY! FEBRUARY 19th

We are hosting A Benefit Dinner Dance at ValleAire Golf Club. The cost per person is \$50.00 which includes. Buffet dinner, DJ, door prize. Cash bar. From 6-10 pm. We will also have dancing lesson from our own Connie King to break the ice.

We have 32 members/ guests signed up to go. We need 60 to make a profit, so please consider signing up.

Any questions, email Ann Leo or call 330-304-4988. Ann should have the tickets at the December meeting.



HOPE YOU ALL HAVE A WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR FILLED WITH LOVE, LAUGHTER, AND FRIENDSHIP THAT WILL MAKE LASTING MEMORIES FOR EACH OF YOU.

- Lynne Rotundo, Newsletter

