## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy 2022!!! Let's hope this is a much brighter year for all.

Once again, COVID has put a snag into HWC's plans. The board has decided to cancel the dinner dance scheduled for Feb. 19 due to the uncertainty of this crazy recent spike. The board also discussed changing up the event for the future to attract more ticket sales. We will discuss it at future meetings. A HUGE "THANK YOU" to Ann Leo for all her efforts in planning. As of this writing, we are still not sure if our Jan. social to Skyview (note wrong day and date in member book) for FRIDAY, JANUARY 28 at 6:30 pm is a go. This has been a fun wine/dance social in the past. Look for any upcoming emails on status. The same is true for our Behind the scenes of Playhouse theaters tour also a January social. Both have been put on hold as of 01/19/22.

Our January 20th meeting will take place at Town Hall on Thursday, January 20 at 7pm. Our guest speaker is Kevin Swan, Hinckley resident and owner of Western Reserve Plumbing, who will speak about the history of our wonderful township.

Also, please note our MARCH 17 MEETING HAS BEEN MOVED TO MARCH 24TH to accommodate our "Irish" friends.

Our current committees hard at work, or soon to be, include: scholarships, nominating and Easter Egg Hunt.

Let's continue to work together to make this 40th anniversary of HWC as fun as it can be despite COVID.

#### **NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

We are in need of 1 more member to join Jacqueline & I in serving on our 3 member

nominating committee. This committee works on an officer slate and makes sure all committees have enough members to function. Email dabmoss@aol.com if interested. This position needs to be filled soon.

Again, Thank you to all that make HWC the wonderful club that it is and Cheers to another 40 years!!

Stay warm and be safe,

--- Debbie Moss

### By-Laws - Article III - Membership.

At the January meeting, we will vote on Article III - Membership. Please read Article III in your membership book before the meeting. Section 1 deals with Eligibility, Section 2 - Dues, Section 3 - Members in Arrears. So far, there has only been discussion on eligibility.

- a.) Keep membership open to residents of Hinckley and adjoining communities
- b.) Open membership to anyone, no matter where they live.

Please think about how you feel about this before we vote.

Article IV - Officers - We plan to vote on Article IV at our February meeting. Please read over Article IV and let me know if you have ideas for change.

Heather Liccardi
 By-Law Committee: Lauren A, Marge P,
 Cheryl V, Heather L



#### **HINCKLEY CHAMBER NEWS:**

Buzzard Day may or may not happen in person in 2022, due to COVID. The Chamber will wait a little while longer to assess the situation and let us know for sure. Meanwhile, we have taken a look at our new venue - NEW Hinckley Elementary School. It will be exciting to do our HWC Volunteering in this brand new classy facility - IF we can. So keep the date, March 19, in mind - Tentatively.

Heather Liccardi

# How are Our Scholarship Recipients <u>Doing?</u>

I am preparing a bit of HWC history to share among our members. From early-on, we have been giving scholarships to those who have earned it. If you know of an HWC Scholarship recipient who is now using what they learned (our investment in them), please let me know so I can share it. — An example would be my son, Keith. He was granted an HWC scholarship in the 1990s, got his degrees in Physical Therapy (Gannon University, Erie PA), and has been a PT for over 20 years. Married with 5 children, his PT skills also come in handy as he's involved in local kids' sports.

- Heather Liccardi



#### PHILANTHROPY:

A heartfelt THANK YOU goes out to the members who have so generously provided gifts to help families so that they may have a more joyous Christmas. With your help, we were able to provide clothing, toys and gift cards to 3 local families. I can tell you personally that the recipients were very emotionally moved and grateful for these acts of love. A large portion of the funds for the grocery gift cards was donated by our friends at the Brooklyn Exchange Club. Heart

I had the privilege of working with Detective Kinney, Hinckley Police Department and Highland Support Network on this joint endeavor. Through the police department's Shop with a Cop initiative, member Lynne Rotundo and her husband Mike represented HWC at the coat distribution on a Saturday before Christmas at the town hall. Thank you, Rotundos! It is a very fun and important event held yearly in Hinckley. I had found out about this event rather late in the season or else I would have gathered more volunteers. I am going to be looking for volunteers to assist the Hinckley PD with their program next December!

Because all of our philanthropic programs this year have been entirely funded by our members, we are fortunate to have funds still remaining in the community philanthropy budget. Therefore, if you know of any person or family that could use a helping hand, please make either myself or Debbie aware of these situations.

- Patty Lafontaine Chairman, Philanthropy Committee

# **EXTRA! EXTRA! READ ALL ABOUT IT!!!**

# CANCELLATION OF FEBRUARY 19, 2022 DINNER/DANCE

First, we would like to thank all the members who got behind this event and were interested in attending. But, due to the new wave of Covid going through our community we did not feel that it was safe to go forward with a large indoor gathering. We had some cancellations and we didn't want to have anyone feel awkward about not feeling comfortable attending the event.

Second, we have some ideas for next winter that will be something new and different.

Stay tuned in the next several months. In the meantime, stay safe and healthy.

- Ann Leo

### **SUNSHINE COMMITTEE:**

#### Here's To YOU in 2022!

Happy Birthday....

Joanne Polizzi January 7
Sherrill Parle January 25
Marcy Pappafava January 30
Wendy Burns February 1
Natasha Kalas February 5
Lauren Alterman February 11

Happy Birthday To You! And Any Other January-February Birthdays!

To Celebrate our Hinckley Women's Club 40th Anniversary, how about some 1981 Trivia! So sharpen your memory, be ready to play at our meetings!! Example: We all know who the First HWC President was during 1981-1982.... But do you know.... Who the President of the United States of America was during 1981?

# 40th Year Anniversary Celebration! May, 1981 – 2021

There was a dream.... a Wish... to establish a Club, a Group of Women, within Our Town, Hinckley, dedicated to serving social and service needs in our Community.

#### A Wish For:

Friendship to Brighten Your Being,
Comfort on Difficult Days,
Smiles when Sadness Intrudes,
Rainbows to Follow Clouds,
Hugs when Spirits Sag,
Laughter to Kiss Your Lips,
Beauty for Your Eyes To See,
Faith so that You can Believe,
Confidence for when You Doubt,
Courage to Know Yourself,
Patience to Accept the Truth,
Love to complete Your Life,
(- Ralph Waldo Emerson)

"Through the Hinckley Women's Club, we find acceptance and friendship that enriches us all."

(- Heather Liccardi)

Sharpen your memory, be ready to play trivia!

- Sunshine Committee
Karin Rupert – Nancy Mandilakis



#### **SUPER BOWL SQUARES**

Alas, the Browns will be watching the Super Bowl from home again, just like all of us. But you can still enjoy the game. Purchase some football squares from the HWC.

The squares are \$10 a piece. The numbers and the teams that will be playing will be randomly assigned to the squares. There are 100 squares. The prizes are as follows:

1st Quarter winner - \$100 2nd Quarter winner - \$100 3rd Quarter winner - \$100 4th Quarter winner - \$200

HWC - \$500 for its philanthropy/scholarship fund.

- Lauren Alterman

#### **SCHOLARSHIPS:**

The Scholarship Committee has begun work on the 2022 Scholarship initiative. This year we will be awarding two \$1000 scholarships. Articles have been sent out to local newspapers and we are in the process of delivering the letters, application forms and posters to respective schools and the training center. Posters and bulletins will appear at some strategic local businesses and churches. Please spread the news to family, friends and neighbors to access the details on the application form either through the Counselor's Office at Highland High, Brunswick High or the Medina County Career Center, or will be posted on our website at www.hinckleywomensclub.com and will be available on our Facebook page. Completed applications should be sent to our post office box by no later than March 15, 2022.

The winners will be invited to appear at HWC's April General Meeting.

 Pat Fordosi, Jen Barauskas Spradlin, Wendy Burns

# And A Fun Time Was Had By All!!!

# Food, fun, gifts, and even some gift swapping....

On December 19th, some of us gathered at the town hall for our HWC Christmas Holiday party. Great food and desserts with festive table decor... it was a night to remember. Hope all that received their "cookies" as their gifts got a chance to enjoy them over the holidays.















HWC Greeters to start up again in March.

Hope everyone had a wonderful holiday filled with peace, happiness, and love.

- Lynne Rotundo



# <u>First Important Lesson – Cleaning Lady:</u>

During my second month of college, our professor Gave us a pop quiz. I was a conscientious student And had breezed through the questions until I read the last one: "What is the first name of the woman who cleans the school?"

Surely this was some kind of joke. I had seen the Cleaning woman several times. She was tall, dark-haired and in her 50's, but how would I know her name?

I handed in my paper, leaving the last question blank. Just before class ended, one student asked if the last question would count toward our quiz grade. "Absolutely, " said the professor... "In your career, you will meet many people. All are significant. They deserve your attention and care, even if all you do Is smile and say "hello.."

I've never forgotten that lesson... I also learned her name was Dorothy.

#### **CHEERS TO 2022!!!**

