

# **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

As I'm writing this message it is a glorious Fall morning with the last of the Fall leaves clinging to the trees and warm sunshine pouring into where I'm busy trying to find a "message" to impart to all of you. All I can think of is how lucky we are to live in such a beautiful part of the country where we get to enjoy the change of seasons and the beauty that each of them brings to our lives. So go out and enjoy the last of the bright sunshine and the beauty of the Fall colors. Winter is coming! Several of the HWC ladies helped to hand candy out at the Hinckley Halloween Trick or Treat on Saturday, October 22nd. A big thank you to all of you who helped and for the contributions of candy. We had a phenomenal turnout as it was a lovely day. We had just enough candy! HWC is joining with other individuals, groups, and businesses to sponsor one of the Holiday signs that will appear in Downtown Hinckley at the end of November in support of the Chambers' Holiday event.

We have a lot of activities this November and early December in preparation for Thanksgiving and the beginning of the Holiday season. I'll let the Philanthropy and Social committees inform and remind you of what is planned. We know that you cannot participate in all of the activities(or maybe you can!?!) but there are so many to choose from and hopefully you can choose one that interests you and helps with our community involvement in the Holiday season.

We have an interesting meeting planned for the November meeting. We are moving this meeting to Berries Blooms where we will make a floral bouquet for Thanksgiving. That is Thursday, November 17th. You do not have to make the bouquet to attend and join in the fun. We will have our regular meeting and then the floral arranging. Please contact Kathy Schreck if you wish to make the floral arrangement.

I hope all of you have a wonderful Thanksgiving full of friends, family and lots of good food. We have a lot to be thankful for this Thanksgiving, so let's share that with the rest of our community in any way possible this season.

- Ann Leo, President





## **HWC SHIRTS**

Maybe one or all of our new members would be interested in the HWC gorgeous blue shirts we have in stock:

1 large long sleeve - crew neck \$20 1 medium long sleeve - crew neck \$20 2 large short sleeve - v-neck \$15 each

If you would like one, email Heather Liccardi - hliccardi@yahoo.com. Heather will then bring them to the meeting, and you can pay then. We can start another order list at the November meeting as well.

- Heather Liccardi

## **GREETER VISITS!!!**

Our Hinckley Greeters have visited and welcomed another 18 new residents in October into our wonderful Hinckley Township!





#### **FUNDRAISING**

Football Squares: OHIO STATE vs \*ICHIGAN SQUARES

\$\$\$ There are 4 winners with only 100 squares available! GREAT ODDS \$\$\$

The sales of the football squares are coming along but we still have quite a few chances to WIN \$125 per quarter !!!

Our club stands to make \$500 on this simple fundraiser that requires a very small investment from the members. No time or labor involved! It's getting harder and harder with this economy to find places to create cash for our philanthropic endeavors. If you can and haven't already, please consider purchasing a square or 2!

Please contact Patty Lafontaine Plafontaine8@aol.com



## **PHILANTHROPY:**

Our Thanksgiving philanthropy initiative: This is the time of the year when family needs are greatest, with the onset of cold weather, approaching holidays, stretched family budgets leading to economic struggles. The Philanthropy Committee is currently gathering contributions of food and staples for a family at Thanksgiving. A Sign Up Genius email went out a few weeks ago to HWC members, and our club members responded quickly to fill the need. Thank you. Donation items may be dropped off at Pat Fordosi's house (2042 Mattingly Road), on the back porch, or brought to the November meeting at Berry Blooms. The Philanthropy Committee will be shopping for the remaining perishable items on the list. Then all items will be delivered to the targeted family-in-need on the Friday (11/18) after our meeting.

Our next focus is on Christmas, and there are several initiatives we will be assisting with. The first one involves the Salvation Army's "Adopt a Family" program, which we have participated in over the years. We are awaiting final details from the Medina Salvation Army, but we anticipate possibly adopting two families with children. The program will involve providing the children with gifts and clothing, and the family with a Christmas dinner box per a provided list. Details will be sent out when we receive them, so members may integrate this shopping with your normal Christmas shopping.

The second program which we will assist with is put on by the Hinckley Police Department, and it is called "Cops, Kids & Claus". This takes place on December 10th from 8 am to around Noon, and involves a breakfast, lunch, shopping and a party for

needy children. We don't have all the details yet on how we may be of assistance to the Police Department, but we anticipate that volunteers will be asked to help. When we get all the details we will pass them on.

The third program is also teaming up with the Hinckley Police Department. It is their Holiday Meal Baskets to needy families. The police helped out last year by supplying 22 turkeys and other food items to families in the area. They anticipate that the needs may have grown. When we get more details on this program, we will include them in the email and/or Sign Up Genius message to members.

We are fortunate that our philanthropy budget is a healthy one this year, so we hope to supplement member donations with some budgeted funds. So....stay tuned!!!

Pat Fordosi and Kathy Schreck

# Fall Events:



We welcomed 4 new members at our October meeting. Stay tuned for the inside scoop coming back again in January...









Yummy treats... and



We had a blast learning about the Limoncello creating... And "That's Amore".

## That's Amore - Dean Martin

When the moon hits your eye Like a big pizza pie, that's amore (That's amore)

(Like you've had too much wine, that's amore) That's amore

Bells will ring ting-a-ling-a-ling)

Ting-a-ling-a-ling and you'll sing, "Vita bella, vita bella, vita bella" (Hearts will play tippy-tippy-tay) (Tippy-tippy-tay like a gay tarantella)

When the stars make you drool Just like a pasta e fasule, that's amore (That's amore)

When you dance down the street with a cloud at your feet, that's amore

When you walk in a dream - But you know, you're not dreaming, signore Scusami, but you see - Back in old Napoli, that's amore (That's amore)

October brought some amazing weather, and lots of wine events...



And the good weather and liquid refreshment events continued into the beginning of November...



For our second "pop-up" new member dinner at "In the Weeds" in North Royalton. The Purple Rain drink was a hit! And the sky was amazing!!!







And we cannot forget about Halloween!!!















## **NOW BACK TO BUSINESS...**

## **HINCKLEY CHAMBER NEWS:**

The Chamber will be having a Hinckley Holiday Christmas Tree Lighting on Saturday, December 3rd. The HWC will be helping serve holiday treats. More information on this at the November HWC meeting.

Chamber Officers: Pres - Melinda Mallari Swan, VP-Mark Staron, Sec.-Heather Liccardi, Treas.-Denise Klag...

- Heather Liccardi, Liaison

#### **SUNSHINE COMMITTEE:**

Gobble! Gobble!! Gobble!!!
As we move into the holiday season and start to enjoy special moments with family and friends let's take time to celebrate our November birthdays!

Happy Birthday!

Patty Colvin 11/12 Amy O'Neil 11/15 Heather Liccardi 11/19 Patty LaFontaine 11/28

- Becky Coyner

# The future is Now...

The November 17th meeting will be held at Berry's Blooms, 2060 Granger Road starting at 6:30PM. For those that are interested and signed-up we will be making a Fall Floral Arrangement (cost approximately \$30 payable that evening). Everyone is welcome to attend, you do not need to make the arrangement. We will be having a short meeting, then Teri Berry will be giving a talk about the History of Berry's Blooms, how they started and where they are today, followed by making the arrangement. If you have not been to Berry's Blooms yet it's a wonderful gift shop, greenhouse and floral, great place to get some holiday shopping done.

Any questions please contact Kathy Schreck 330-461-1969 kschreck@roadrunner.com

Kathy Schreck

# <u>Hospitality:</u>

November Hostesses please remember to bring your donation of dessert, munchies or appetizer as assigned.

The hostesses are Kathy Schreck, Judy Matushevski, Amy O'Neil, and Gayle Staron.

We are looking forward to sharing the goodies!

Judy Ogrin and Michele Lee



# **Social Committee:**

## **UP-AND-COMING EVENTS:**

Nov 12th - Westside Market/Lunch

(MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW.)



# We are all about the gnome!...



And Sunsets...



and more Sunsets!!!







Hope your Thanksgiving is full of family and friends and new memories made, and old ones never forgotten...

Lynne Rotundo

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Thursday, November 17th - General meeting will be held at Berry's Blooms 2060 Granger Road, Medina, starting at 6:30. We will have a short general meeting and then we will be making a fall floral arrangement; the cost will be approximately \$30. RSVP to Kathy Schreck.

Saturday, November 19th - Hinckley Holiday Market Lunch at Fosters (meet at Fosters @ 12:30 p.m.)

See above for December Social Event on Dec. 7th...

AND THEN, THE One, The ONLY...

Annual Christmas Party for Hinckley Women's

Club!

December 15th, Thursday, at Hinckley Town Hall Please let us know if you can come! Thanks, - Gayle Staron, Lynne Rotundo, and Michele Lee

Please RSVP by December 3rd

Check out our website:

www.hinckleywomensclub.com !!!





AND NOW FOR THE RECIPE SECTION: We had such phenomenal desserts at the last meeting, I thought it would be nice to have a Recipe Section at the end of the newsletter. So here goes...

#### Limoncello Biscotti

Ingredients

3 cups all-purpose flour

1 cup almond flour

½ teaspoon salt

1 teaspoon baking powder

3 large eggs

1 cup sugar

4 drops almond extract

1 teaspoon vanilla

1/4 cup limoncello

Zest of 2 lemons

#### INSTRUCTIONS

Preheat oven to 325. Line two rimmed baking sheets with parchment paper. Add flours, salt and baking power together in a small bowl and set aside.

Mix eggs and sugar together with an electric mixer until light and fluffy, about 5 minutes. Add extracts, limoncello and lemon zest and mix well. Add flour mixture slowly until well mixed.

Divide batter into thirds. The batter will be wet and sticky. With either wet hands or well flour hands shape the batter into two loaves divided between the two pans. Shape the loaves into approximately 10" x 3" size.

Bake the loaves for about 25 minutes or until the edges are just starting to turn golden and the tops might start cracking a little. Cool for about 30 minutes, keep oven on.

Slice the loaves into about ½" slices. Place the slices onto the baking sheets and bake again for about 10 minutes, flip the biscotti and bake 10 minutes more.

I drizzled glaze made by mixing power sugar, limoncello, a little almond extract and a little lemon zest, drizzled on biscotti once they were cooled. You can also melt white or dark chocolate and dip biscotti.

Store in airtight container at room temperature, they keep for 2 weeks, also freeze very well

#### Pear-Walnut Cheese Ball

1 - 8 oz. cream cheese - softened

1 cup sharp cheddar shredded

1/2 c. of firm pear or more if you like, cut up in small pieces

Salt and pepper, can add garlic salt as well

Chopped chives

Chopped handful of chopped walnuts

#### **INSTRUCTIONS**

Mix cream cheese with cheddar. Add pear.

Put chopped chives and handful of chopped walnuts on a piece of saran wrap.

Form ball on top of saran wrap of chives and walnuts, roll.

Serve with crackers. Lasts up to 2 days.

#### **Artichoke Dip**

1 cup fresh Parmesan cheese

1 cup real mayonnaise

1 - 16 ounce can artichoke hearts (in water) -drained well

1 tsp garlic

Mash the artichokes and combine all ingredients well. Place mixture into a baking dish Sprinkle with paprika

Place in oven, bake at 350\* for 25-30 minutes. Serve 'hot' with fresh bread, crackers or baguette



## **Cream Puffs**

Filling:

1 small box of instant vanilla pudding (sugar-free or regular)

1 small container cool-whip

Shells:

1 cup water

3 Tbsp butter

2 tsp sugar

1/4 tsp salt

1 cup flour

2 eggs

2 egg whites

chocolate chips or powdered sugar to top (optional)

To prepare filling: make pudding according to box instructions. After fully set, gently fold in cool whip. Keep refrigerated until ready to fill.

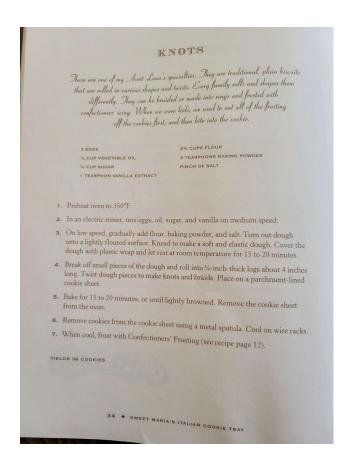
Preheat oven to 425.

To make shells: Cover large baking sheet with parchment paper or a silpat. Combine water, butter, sugar, and salt in heavy saucepan over medium heat, stirring. Bring to boil, remove from heat. Add flour and stir until smooth and pulls away from pan. Return to heat, cook 30 sec, stirring constantly. Remove from heat. Add eggs, 1 at a time, while beating with a mixer at medium speed til mixed. Then, beat 1 minute at medium.

Drop dough into 12 mounds, spaced evenly apart. Bake at 425 for 20 min, then decrease oven to 350 without opening the oven. Bake additional 20 min. Turn off oven. Leaving pan in oven, pierce each puff with a knife. Leave in oven with door partially open for 20 min to cool. Then remove and fully cool.

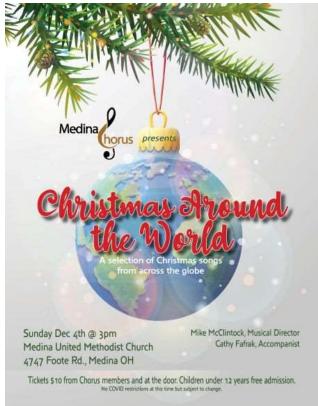
When completely cool, gently cut open and fill with

pudding mixture. If desired, sprinkle with powdered sugar or drizzle with chocolate.



Enjoy!!!! And a special thank you goes out to the great ladies who provided us with these yummy recipes.





#### SOoooooo,

I just wanted to share some concerts that are coming up. Medina Chorus is putting on a Christmas Around the World concert on Sunday, December 4th. If you would like to go to the Christmas Around the World concert, please contact Lynne Rotundo. (You might even recognize some of the singers.)

The next concert is the Christmas Groove:



# Save The Date For The Christmas Groove!

Please join us for our 18th annual Christmas Groove Benefit Concert in our beautiful new home at the Akron Civic Theatre! As always, this concert is free and open to the public, so please invite your friends and family. We look forward to seeing you there!

New location: Akron Civic Theatre, 182 S. Main St., Akron, Ohio 44308

2 shows to choose from:

Fri., Dec. 9 @ 7 p.m. Sat., Dec. 10 @ 7 p.m.

Parking is free and convenient.

Please contact Debbie Moss if you'd like to go as a group to this concert.

Enjoy!!!