



## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

As the holidays draw near, I am reminded how precious time is, and how every moment is to be treasured. My wish for all of you is that you get to spend the holidays making memories and enjoying every moment.

Thank you Pat Fordosi for organizing the great tour of the Cleveland Museum of Art and lunch afterwards at Tavern of Little Italy.

Hope you can spend this Thursday with us as we celebrate the holidays at Robyn's home for our annual Christmas Party. Thank you, Robyn, for hosting.

The Hinckley Holidays event, for the first time, was held at the Hinckley Prep. Academy, and it was a very busy night indeed. We had fun "manning" the cookie and hot chocolate table, as well as watching the kids throw around their elves that they had won during Holiday Bingo. The kids got to see Santa and Mrs. Claus. Thank you to everyone who helped behind the scenes and on December 7th for this event.

On Tuesday, December 10th, some of us got to experience the Brew Garden's display of Christmas cheer as we tried some of their Christmas drinks and

specials during happy hour! Thank you Judy and Kati for organizing.

One additional thank you to everyone who donated items or money to the families this Christmas season. Also, a huge thank you to Kathy Schreck & Patty LaFontaine for organizing everything!!!

Two notes: We need some wonderful ladies to host the February 1st Gourmet Italian dinner, and we also need one more person to help Diane with Hospitality. (Please see information towards the end of this newsletter.)

Wherever you go and whatever you do, I hope you all have a safe and wonderful holiday!

- [Lynne Rotundo, President](#)





**SUNSHINE COMMITTEE:**

December Birthdays!



Tracey Szczesniak 12/12



Michele Lee 12/13



Joanne Piotrowski 12/27

Wishing you peace, joy, and all the best this wonderful holiday season has to offer. May this incredible time of giving and spending time with family bring you joy that lasts throughout the year.

- [Gayle Staron-Michelle Crew-Kim Young, Sunshine Committee](#)

**GREETER VISITS**

Our greeters will be taken the next couple of months off between the holiday events and the weather, and we will resume in March. Behind the scenes, we will still be collecting business information, and even setting up something with the newer residents at the Hinckley Senior apartments.

Hinckley Chamber of Commerce

Always involved, HWC members have worked with the Chamber to help spread Holiday Cheer throughout Hinckley. December 1 found us decorating our tree at Memorial Park in Hinckley Center. Take a look at Cindy, Gerri, Kathy, Kati, Lynne, Lauren, and Patty as they add their ornaments.



Group shot of decorating the tree

Hinckley Holidays Event (Dec. 7) found us at Hinckley Prep helping the Chamber bring holiday spirit to our neighbors. Thank you to those who gave of your time and talent. With class and enthusiasm, we HWC members served cocoa and cookies, facilitated the Santa Visits, and provided activities for Hinckley children and their families.



Missing from this picture is Nancy Abbott.

Hinckley Chamber appreciates all we do to support our community.

[hinckleyohchamber.com](http://hinckleyohchamber.com)

- [Heather Liccardi, Chamber Liaison](#)

## PHILANTHROPY:

A huge THANK YOU to everyone that donated to our Thanksgiving drive for a Hinckley Family. When Patty delivered the food and gift cards, the father was overwhelmed. He genuinely appreciated all that the HWC did to help his family out. We are truly an amazing group of women that are always willing to step up and help.

Patty also dropped off a gift card from money collected to the Medina County Career Center and this is the thank you email that she received:

It was so nice meeting you today. We are very grateful for your interest in the Medina County Career Center and our students. Your donation is greatly appreciated. MCCC couldn't offer this valuable resource to our students and their families without the support of wonderful people like you and the Hinckley Women's Club. You are a blessing to many.

Wishing you and the other members of the Hinckley Women's Club a wonderful holiday season.

Thank you,  
Liz Chirumbole, Student Assistant  
Specialist

You should have received an email from the Philanthropy Committee for Signup Genius for the families we are supporting this Christmas. We are asking you to either bring your gift to the Christmas party on Dec 12th or deliver to Kathy Schreck's 75 Salem Ct by Dec 17th, there is a bin on the front porch. If you have any questions, please call either Patty 440.665.4005 or Kathy 330.461.1969.

Merry Christmas!

- [Patty LaFontaine and Kathy Schreck](#)



## The "Inside Scoop":

**"I moved from North Royalton to Hinckley after my husband totally remodeled our house on State Road. My husband, Mark, and I have been married for 41 years. We met when we were juniors in high school. We own S&S Heating, Cooling & Sheet Metal in Hinckley. We have been in business for 35 years. I am the vice president and the bookkeeper/office manager. We have three children: Mark II (41), Ashley (33) and Bradley (23). Mark works with us in our business. Ashley is an RN and an assistant manager at UH's main campus orthopedic floor. She is married to Mike Broadbent and they have one son, Camden (5), who is the apple of our eye. Bradley is a computer engineer for a company in North Olmsted and is engaged to his high school sweetheart, Ryah.**

**I joined HWC five+ years ago and have really enjoyed meeting everyone and participating in the various activities. I love to travel, especially on cruises, and Italy is my favorite destination. My favorite character is Mickey Mouse and my favorite holiday is Christmas. I have way too many Christmas decorations for both our office and home and have been told I'm not allowed to buy anymore, which I don't listen to anyway!"**

- **Gayle Staron**

**Events To Last A Lifetime:**



**Cleveland Museum of Art**  
**November 23rd, 2024**



↑ This was a commissioned art piece (x2) called the Strata by Rose B. Simpson.



**December 1st**  
**Hinckley Town Center Tree Decorating**



**Thank you, Gerri, for your ornament creations, and thank you to everyone who helped on that cold day!**

***Followed by the:***

**December 7th**  
**Hinckley Holidays event with the**  
**Hinckley Chamber of Commerce**  
**at the Hinckley Prep. Academy**



These were the prizes for the Holiday Kids Bingo winners. Inside the envelopes were \$10 Target gift cards, supplied from the mini raffle at the beginning of the year.



**The very first Bingo winner and her mom.**



As a parting gift, there was a tree full of blueberry candy canes. Yum! The kids loved them!



**Santa and Mrs. Claus**

**December 10th, Member Pop-Up event at Brew Garden**



*(Missing from this picture is Judy Ogrin - the organizer of this wonderful and fun pop-up member event.)*



**Kati calling BINGO**



**Smiles after a long day!**



*All around the Brew Garden are these mini displays, much like you would see at the old Higbee building windows at Christmas-time.*



*More of the “window views” in the Brew Garden.*

*These were amazing!*

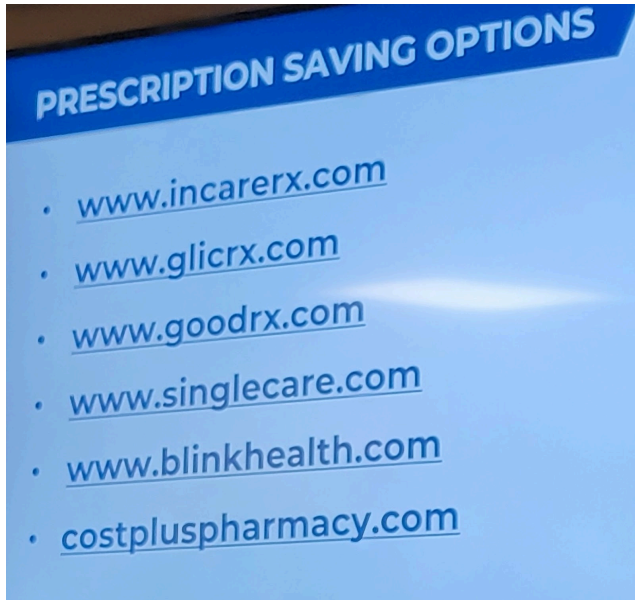


*A magical time was had by all...*

*And to all a goodnight!*



## MEMBERS' CORNER:



**Thank you to Dave Sambor of My Health Architect for your talk about Medicare at the November meeting. It was informative and enlightening.**



**[www.dave@myhealtharchitect.com](mailto:www.dave@myhealtharchitect.com)**

## Recipe for the Month:

Cranberry Shortbread Cookies

Ingredients:

- 1 cup unsalted butter, softened
- 1/2 cup powdered sugar
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 1/2 cup dried cranberries, chopped
- 1/4 cup white chocolate chips (optional for extra sweetness)

Directions:

- 1 Preheat oven to 325°F (160°C) and line a baking sheet with parchment paper.
- 2 In a large bowl, cream together softened butter and powdered sugar until smooth. Mix in vanilla extract.
- 3 Add flour and salt, stirring until just combined. Fold in chopped cranberries (and white chocolate chips if using).
- 4 Roll the dough into a log, wrap in plastic wrap, and refrigerate for at least 30 minutes. Slice into 1/4-inch rounds and place on the baking sheet.
- 5 Bake for 12-15 minutes, or until edges are lightly golden. Let cool on the baking sheet before transferring to a wire rack.



**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**Thursday, December 12th -**

**HWC Christmas Party.**

Robyn Niedermeyer's home,

156 State Rd.

6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Annual gift exchange.

**Pop-Up Social**

**Stan Hywer Hall & Gardens**

**714 N. Portage Path, Akron**

**Date & Time TBD**

**Sunday, January 5th -**

**Newsletter articles due**

**Thursday, January 9th**

Board Meeting @ Lynne's home 6:30 p.m.

Committees: Gourmet, Scholarship &

Buzzard Day

**Thursday, January 16th -**

**General Meeting**

**Hinckley Town Hall 7:00 PM**

**Program: Game Night**

**VERY IMPORTANT:**

**Gourmet committee is looking for a few hostesses for the February 1st Italian Sopranos-themed dinner!**

**Please see Michele Lee, Heather Liccardi, or Joanne Polizzi if you are interested!**

**Please note: Hospitality is looking for an additional person to help for the remainder of this year (from now until May). Please let Lynne or Diane know if you would be interested in helping out on the Hospitality Committee.**

Thank you!



Hope you all have a wonderful holiday!

~ Lynne Rotundo, Joanne Piotrowski & Rachel Baker

Let the New Year spirit brighten all days of the year.