



## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts, Robyn, for hosting a wonderful Christmas party in your gorgeous home! We had a blast.

We had a wonderful start to the holiday season with the outing at Brew Garden on December 10th, and thanks to our social committee and Patty LaFontaine - we had an awesome end to the holiday season at Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens on December 30th.

A thank you goes out to everyone who donated to our families for Christmas this year, as well as Kathy and Patty for organizing. The families were so touched by your kindness.

Make sure to read on, as a lot of information is contained in this newsletter.

The HWC shirts are in, and will be distributed at the meeting on January 16th; join us for soups and chili and Game Night!

Scholarship information has been updated on the website, and the forms have been distributed to the schools. Thank you, Patty Colvin and her committee for the updated form and information!

We are still looking for a couple people to host the Italian Gourmet Dinner on **March 1st!** Thank you, Michele Lee & the committee for organizing!

Thank you to Kati who hosted our January 10th friends open house. We were able to relax and shoot pool, and some of us even did some karaoke. Every room was beautifully decorated

and the food was amazing!

At the last board meeting, the members and board that attended unanimously agreed to have the actual general meeting start at 7:00 p.m., but if members want to come a bit earlier, we would open it up to have a little **Social Time** (with food) at **6:30 p.m.** prior to the actual meeting. That way, no one feels rushed and we can then **start the meeting** on time at **7 p.m.** We will also put this to a vote at the January meeting to see if we want to continue this for future meetings.

Happy New Year everyone! May the joy and peace be yours throughout 2025!

- [Lynne Rotundo, President](#)



**SUNSHINE COMMITTEE:**

January Birthdays!



Joanne Polizzi 1/7



Sherrill Parle 1/25



Chris Studor 1/30

- Gayle Staron-Michelle Crew-Kim Young, Sunshine Committee

**Hinckley Chamber of Commerce**

Oh the weather outside is freezing, but we are doing our best to get ready for this year's events, Buzzard Day is coming up quickly in March - Sunday the 16th! The Chamber counts on HWC for helping to make this day special. More information will follow on how to sign up to help.

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

- Heather Licardi, Chamber Liaison

**PHILANTHROPY:**

Through the generosity of our members, the Hinckley Women's Club was able to provide a very Merry Christmas for three local Hinckley families, and a family from Medina County Career Center. HWC also helped with Hinckley's Shop with a Cop Christmas program by providing hats and gloves for 17 kids that participated in this event. We could not have accomplished all this without the support and assistance from our HWC members.

Thank you for your continued support and encouragement. If you hear of any family in the community in need of assistance, please let us know. Happy New Year!

- Patty LaFontaine and Kathy Schreck

**Events to last a lifetime:**

**December 12th Christmas Party**



Naughty or Nice??? Hmmm...

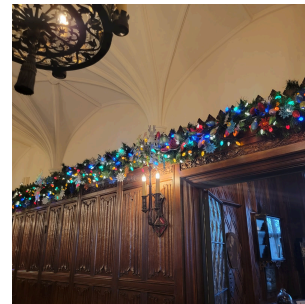




Stan Hywet:



*The Barbie Tree...*





***Penguins and Owls too!***



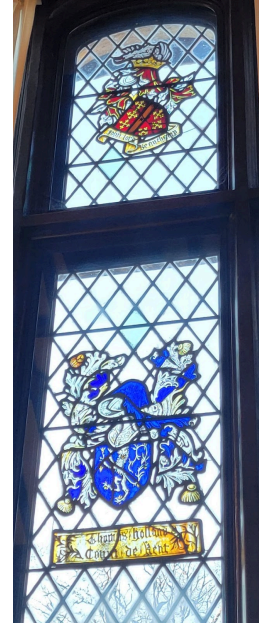
***Nutcrackers and beautiful tapestries adorn the walls and halls.***



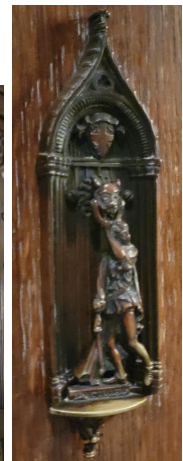
***Even the bear rug got into the spirit of Christmas!***



**Above: Tree made from branches.**



**The crests on the windows in the main hall.**



**Beautiful metal & wood carvings adorn the doors and hallways.**



**Each of the volunteers decorated individual trees throughout Stan Hywet Hall.**

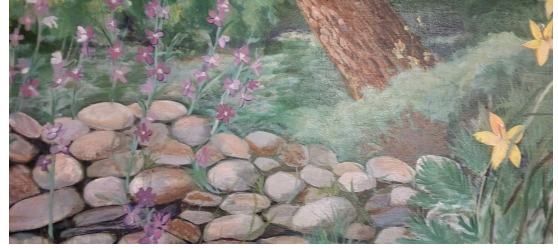


**A Christmas tree was found in every room, even the bathroom!**



*A little mini Christmas Stan Hywet Village.*





*The walls at Luigi's restaurant are all beautifully hand painted.*



*December 30th Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens*

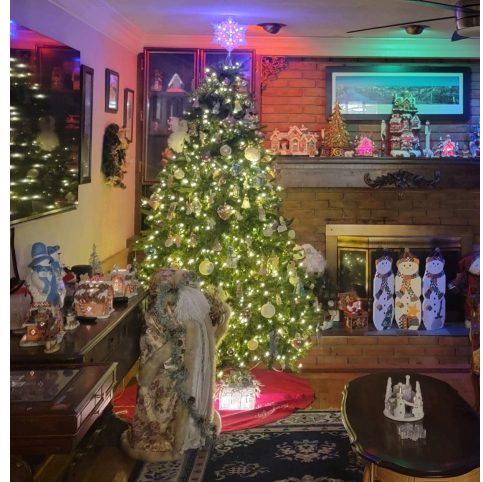


*December 30th Dinner at Luigi's in Akron*

Luigi's



**January 10th Kati's Open House**







**Board meeting at Tangled Vine on January 9th.**



**MEMBERS' CORNER:**

We are looking for volunteers to submit a 2-3 paragraph biography for the Inside Scoop. This is a fun way for other members to get to know you a little better.

We are also interested in sharing fun and exciting events happening in everyone's lives.

Are you expecting a grandchild? Is there an upcoming wedding in your family? Are you planning a vacation? Attending a high school reunion?



**EASTER EGG HUNT**

The Annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place at Hinckley Preparatory Academy on Saturday, April 19th at 10am. Given the later date in April, we will make plans to have the Hunt outside, but make arrangements with the school for an alternate indoor event, similar to last year if it rains.

Ann will be calling a meeting of the Committee soon to go over preparation. We will need members to volunteer for the day of the Hunt to set up, help run the event and cleanup. We will talk more about this at the next few meetings.

We did an inventory of the prizes in the bins for the various age groups. We will need prizes for all ages (infant to 4th grade). If you are in Dollar Tree or Target (in the dollar bins) and see something that would work, please consider donating. We like to stay around

**SUPER BOWL SQUARES:**  
Feeling lucky? See Lauren at the January meeting to grab your \$10 football squares. Prizes will be awarded for each quarter.

\$1(or less) for a prize.

We collect donations from area businesses to help create the baskets that are raffled off at the event. If you have anything you would like to donate for a basket, go in with another member to create a basket, please let me know. We try to have around 35-40 baskets to raffle off.

Any questions, please contact Ann Leo  
330-404-4988 or [leoann1280@gmail.com](mailto:leoann1280@gmail.com).

### **Recipe for the Month:**

#### **Vasilopita (Greek New Year's Bread)**

Vasilopita, or Greek New Year's Bread, is a sweet yeasted egg bread scented with orange and traditionally served on New Year's day. A coin is hidden inside and whoever gets it has good luck for the year.



#### **Ingredients**

- 4 ½ teaspoons [active dry yeast](#) (*two standard packets*)
- 2 cups milk *warmed*
- ¾ cup plus 1 teaspoon sugar
- 7 to 7 ½ cups [all-purpose flour](#)
- 2 tablespoons [extra-virgin olive oil](#) *plus more for the bowl and pan*
- 1 teaspoon [kosher salt](#)
- 4 plus 1 eggs *beaten*
- zest of one large orange
- [sesame seeds](#)

#### **Instructions**

1. Dissolve yeast in one cup of warmed milk with one teaspoon sugar. Allow to double in volume for 10-20 minutes.

2. Meanwhile, stir together 7 cups of flour, the salt, and the ¾ cups sugar in a large mixing bowl. Make a well in the center. When the yeast has finished doubling, add to the well in flour mixture, as well as olive oil, 4 beaten eggs, the rest of the milk, and the orange zest.
3. Mix with a wooden spoon until dough is smooth.
4. Turn dough out on a well floured surface and knead for about 10 minutes, adding more flour as needed if the dough is too sticky.
5. Place in an oiled bowl, turning once to coat the top. Cover and allow to rise in a warm place for 1-2 hours, or until doubled in size.
6. Punch dough down and divide into two portions. Knead each for a few minutes and place in two well-oiled 9-inch circular pans. Allow to rise until doubled in size for about one hour in a warm place.
7. Using a very sharp knife or clean razor blade, carve decorative patterns into the top of each loaf, such as with lines radiating out from the center.
8. Using a pastry brush, brush the top of each loaf with the remaining beaten egg and sprinkle with sesame seeds.
9. Bake at 375 degrees F for 10 minutes, then turn the temperature down to 350 degrees F and bake for another 30 minutes or until the tops of each loaf turn a deep chestnut brown.
10. Allow to cool for at least 10 minutes before removing from the pan. Allow to cool completely on a cooling rack after removing it. At this point, you can insert a clean coin into the bottom of the loaf using a toothpick or skinny knife to push it in.
11. Cut into wedges and serve.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Thursday, January 16th -  
General Meeting  
Hinckley Town Hall  
6:30 PM Social time  
7:00 PM Meeting start

Program: Game Night

Saturday, February 1st -

Pop-up Social

Foundry

333 Foundry Ave.

Medina

Food, drinks and games

Contact: Judy Ogrin at

[ogrinjcj@windstream.net](mailto:ogrinjcj@windstream.net)

Deadline: January 27th

Sunday, February 2nd -

Newsletter deadline

Wednesday, February 5th -

Board meeting

Committees: Fundraising, Nominating

Lauren Alterman's home

818 State Rd. 6:30 PM

Wednesday, February 12th -

Pop-up Social 6:00 PM

Ladies' Night Out at

Engage Virtual Gun Range

and High & Low Winery

Cost: \$69 Must Pre-register

Includes: virtual gun range, dinner, one

drink, tax & tip

Maximum 18 people so book early online

Contact: Lauren Alterman

Thursday, February 20th -

General Meeting

Hinckley Town Hall

6:30 PM Social time

7:00 PM Meeting start

\*\*\*\*\*

For our February General meeting, we will be learning how to make a Chunky Knit Lap

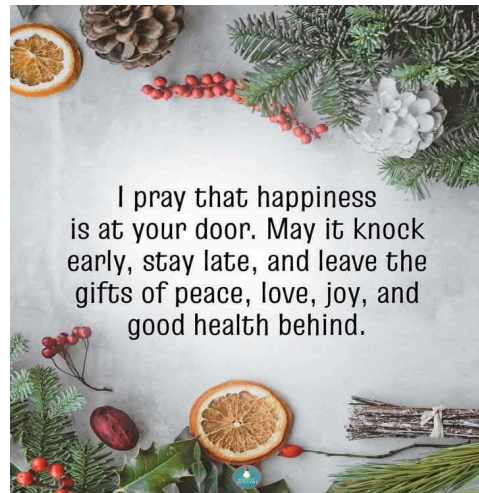
Blanket, with the option to donate the lap blanket to a local area nursing home. Those who wish to participate must purchase their own 1 skein of chunky yarn. More information to come on this.

Saturday, March 1st -

Gourmet Dinner

Sopranos' Godfather Theme

More information to follow...



**IMPORTANT:**

**Gourmet committee is looking for a few hostesses for the March 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!**

## JOY CHOSE YOU

Joy does not arrive with a fanfare  
on a red carpet strewn  
with the flowers of a perfect life

*joy sneaks in*  
as you pour a cup of coffee  
watching the sun  
hit your favourite tree  
just right

and you usher joy away  
because you are not ready for her  
your house is not as it should be  
for such a distinguished guest

but joy, you see  
cares nothing for your messy home  
or your bank balance  
or your waistline

joy is *supposed* to slither through  
the cracks of your imperfect life  
that's how joy *works*

you cannot truly invite her  
you can only be ready  
when she appears  
and hug her with meaning  
because in this very moment  
joy chose you.

Donna  
Ashworth  
'Wild  
Hope'  
A

~ Joanne Piotrowski, Lynne Rotundo, & Rachel Baker

\*\*\*\*\*