



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hope you are all enjoying our yo-yo weather and staying safe and warm!

The time between the February and March newsletters is short, but there is a lot of behind the scenes prep for the events in the next couple of months for Buzzard Day, HWC-sponsored Easter Egg hunt, and the upcoming HWC Wing Ding in August.

We are donating a basket to the Buzzard Day raffle event; the Chamber has designated all funds raised from the raffle to go towards the Hinckley Bicentennial!

Our last meeting we were pleasantly surprised to have FIVE new members join us! Please welcome Lisa, Kirsten, Mary, Colleen, and Monique!

Since we last met as a group, we have had the opportunity to wine and dine in three gorgeous settings! The Gourmet committee outdid themselves, and that is an understatement! Such great dishes, and some sweet raspberry surprises as well! Thank you to all who contributed.

The Scholarship committee will soon be busy reading those scholarship submissions. Good Luck to all!

Hope everyone enjoyed the quick tutorial on Chunky knit blanket making after the business section of the February meeting. It has inspired me to make a couple more lap blankets! If you wish to make a larger blanket, such as a full size, you will need 5 skeins of that Yarn Bee yarn that Hobby Lobby carries and the "loops" across are about thirty to thirty-two loops, as compared to the 13 or 14 we did for the lap blankets!

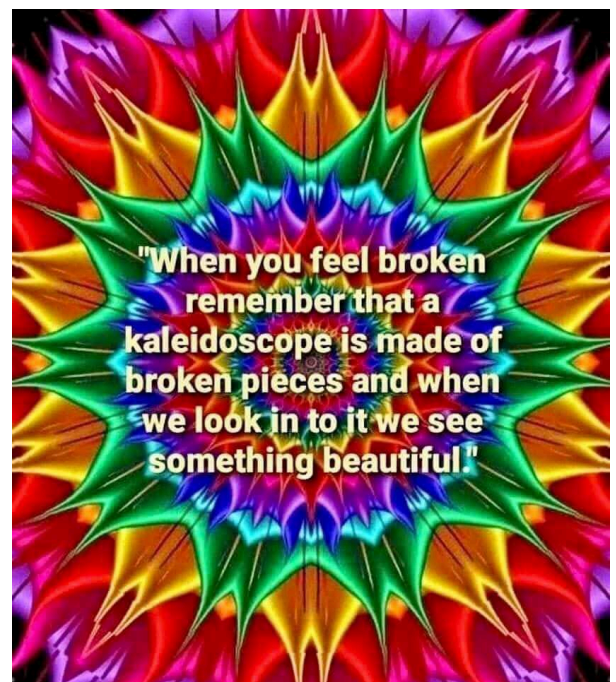
The Township will need to utilize the Town Hall Meeting Room for our next meeting, which will be held on March 20th at a familiar, and stylish

Coco Cafe.

A couple of items: In the membership booklet, it shows that we are supposed to have a Wine N Sip social event in March, we are going to have to push this back til the beginning of May. We will need everyone to keep a lookout for pinecones and bring them to the April meeting for this. Also, in light of the Hinckley Bicentennial Celebration on July 19th and the Wing-Ding on August 2nd, we will not be having the Christmas in July Bingo that was scheduled for July 26th this year. Please note that our committees work very hard to make things special, and although things arise that make it a challenge sometimes, we have everyone's best interests at heart and do our best.

Thank you and hope to see you at Coco Cafe on March 20th! Our speaker is scheduled at 7 p.m. and is from Feeding Medina County.

- Lynne Rotundo, President



SUNSHINE COMMITTEE:

"For each petal on the shamrock, this brings a wish your way: Good health, good luck, and happiness for today and every day. 🍀 "

March was a very popular month for us.

March Birthdays!

- 🍀 Rachel Iwasevic 3/3
- 🍀 Cindy Anderson 3/5
- 🍀 Pat Fordosi 3/7
- 🍀 Michelle Crew 3/15
- 🍀 Amy O'Neil 3/15
- 🍀 Karin Rupert 3/21
- 🍀 Kim Young 3/27

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

Chamber Corner

BUZZARD DAY

Here Comes Buzzard Sunday - March 16 at Hinckley Prep, 7AM to 2PM.

Thank you to our terrific HWC Concierge Team: Michelle Lumadue, Patti Pohl, Diane Kunz, Gerri Powell, and Judy Ogrin!

The Chamber still needs help (free pancake breakfast included). If you want to be involved, sign up online for whatever you want to do. Go to the Chamber website: hinckleyohchamber.com. Details about Buzzard Sunday are also on the website. Hope you enjoy those pancakes and sausage - it's become a part of the Hinckley Community Tradition!

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- Heather Liccardi, Chamber Liaison



Events to last a lifetime:

Chunky Knit lap blankets...

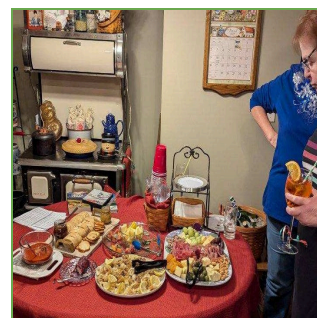




Gourmet...



Decisions, decisions...



Welcome new and returning members!

Yummy...



FUNDRAISING UPDATE:

2025 has the potential to create a more organized fundraising agenda which could generate funds for community activities for

years to come.

The following are the 2025 fundraising activities, along with estimates of the funds they have/may generate. Keep in mind, these activities do NOT include funds raised from membership donations/dues or the miscellaneous projects that seem to come up each year.

Super Bowl Football Squares - \$500

Easter Egg Hunt - \$1,500

Online Auction associated with the Easter Egg Hunt - \$1,000

Wing Ding - \$4,000

TOTAL - \$7,000

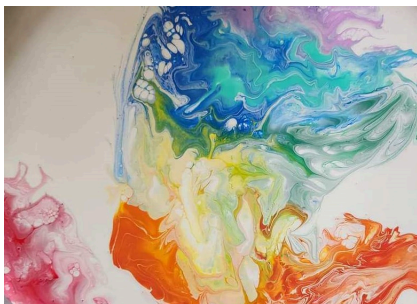
If we are actually able to raise \$7,000 on an annual basis with just these four activities, we should start to plan how best to invest the money, as well as plan on how to use the money for the benefit of the community.

In order to make the online auction a success we will need at least 5 large ticket items to sell. We also need to do a good job marketing this event to get the most bids. If you have any big ticket items to donate, or are aware of any businesses that would like to donate to the auction, please let me know. We will be creating the online auction within the next week.

The current list of proposed "big ticket" items:

1. Guardians sports package
2. (2) tickets to a Browns pre-season game - club section (note we did not hit the reserve amount on this item last year and I question if we will this year - they are TERRIBLE)
3. Italian dinner for 8 - made and served by HWC members
4. Booze basket

- [Lauren Alterman](#)



EASTER EGG HUNT

VOLUNTEERS FOR THE EASTER EGG HUNT

We will be hosting our Annual Easter Egg Hunt & Raffle on Saturday, April 19th at 11am. We will need members to volunteer for a short time on Friday, April 18th (time to be confirmed with Hinckley Prep) for setup. Then we will need at least 12-14 volunteers for Saturday, April 19th to be at the school by 9:30am to go over how to run the Hunt. Please plan on being there until around Noon-12:30 pm.

Ann will have signup sheets for volunteers at our next meeting. If you cannot be at the meeting and still wish to volunteer, please email Ann Leo at leoann1280@gmail.com. Thank you!

APRIL SOCIAL AT BERRY'S BLOOMS

We are scheduled to go to Berry's Blooms on Thursday, April 17th in the evening to create an Easter floral arrangement and have some snacks while doing so.

I am waiting for confirmation from Berry's as to the exact time and the price of the arrangement. It would help me organize it if you could let me know if you are interested in participating. Please shoot me an email leoann1280@gmail.com if you are interested in attending. Thanks! Any questions, please contact Ann Leo 330-404-4988 or leoann1280@gmail.com.

Yesterday...

All our troubles seemed so far away...

History

The latest HWC History Book is hot off the press. It covers those amazing 2 years when Ann Leo was President (2022-2024) - who we are and what we've done. You can take a look at the next meeting. We'll be presenting Ann with her copy of the book. FYI: Past Presidents receive their own book as recognition of their leadership and dedication during their term. I bring copies of our recent history books to most meetings for all to see. The older books are on display in the Historical Society Building.

- [Heather Liccardi, Historian](#)

Recipe for the Month:

Punch Bowl Cake

One Cake mix (yellow or white)
2 lg Cool Whips
2 lg frozen strawberries w/sugar
1 lg strawberry jello
2 cans evaporated milk

Bake cake as directed.

Mix the strawberries, 2 cans of evaporated milk, jello (DO NOT ADD WATER TO THE JELLO AS THE PACKAGE STATES - JUST THE CONTENTS). Put the mixture in the refrigerator.

Cool the cake for about 1 hour.

Line punch bowl w/ Cool Whip.

Slice or crumble cake.

Start w/Cool Whip at bottom, then add strawberry mixture, then add cake on top of that.

Alternating Cool Whip, strawberry mixture and cake until everything is gone.

Garnish w/fresh cut strawberries.

Other Countries Inspired Restaurants:

FAVORITE ITALIAN RESTAURANT

D'Agnese's, 1100 W. Royalton Rd., Broadview Heights, boasts 5-star reviews and was voted their favorite by the HWC members. Traditional Italian meals, a wide selection of specialty dishes and a promise of the best veal in town. Full bar includes an extensive beer and martini list.

Second place goes to Santos, with two locations in Medina and Middleburg Heights. Family owned for more than 40 years offering Italian classics, including Pizza and Stromboli made from house-made dough.

Additional votes include: Danny Boys (Broadview Heights), Italian Village (Strongsville), J Bella (Strongsville), Mia Bella (Little Italy) and Trattoria (Little Italy).

FAVORITE MEXICAN RESTAURANT

Mucho Buenos, 1421 Town Center Blvd., Brunswick has topped the HWC members list. Family owned, serving all the Mexican staples in a lively, colorful atmosphere with indoor and outdoor seating.

Additional votes include Cozumel (Broadview Heights) and Don Tequila (Medin).

FAVORITE GERMAN RESTAURANT

Das Schnitzel Haus, 5728 Pearl Road, Parma, offers fresh food made from scratch, in "Haus". The husband and wife team immigrated from Germany in 1999, one a butcher, the other a chef, so the restaurant business came naturally to them and is an HWC favorite.

Additional votes include Henry Wahner's (Kent) and Hofbrauhaus (Cleveland).

WRITTEN IN – FAVORITE FRENCH RESTAURANT

Serenite Restaurant & Culinary Institute, 538 W. Liberty St., Medina is a French Restaurant recommended by an HWC member. An upscale, romantic bistro serving classic dishes.

Approximately 60% of the restaurant's profits help fund the tuition and recovery program which encompasses an 8-month training program teaching techniques of classic French cuisine, service, kitchen, culinary and upon graduation assistance with job placement.

FAVORITE ASIAN / JAPANESE / CHINESE RESTAURANT

Shinto's Japanese Steakhouse & Sushi Bar, 17070 Pearl Road, Strongsville, a festive, family-friendly hibachi and sushi establishment and number one choice by our HWC members. Hibachi chefs prepare cuisine tableside with an entertaining flare. Noted for their fresh sushi world-class whiskeys.

Additional votes include: Feng Lz Hibachi Sushi & Bar (Broadview Heights), House of Hunan (Medina), HoWah (Beachwood) and Wasabi Express (Fairlawn).



UPCOMING EVENTS:

**Sunday, March 16th -
Buzzard Day 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

**Thursday, March 20th -
General Meeting
Location: Coco Cafe on Ridge Rd. (next
to the U.S. Post Office in Hinckley)
Social Gathering 6:30 PM
General Meeting 7:00 PM
Program: Feeding Medina County**

**Sunday, April 6th -
Newsletter deadline
Send articles to:
Sparklynne102@gmail.com**

**Thursday, April 10th -
General Meeting
Town Hall
Social Gatherings 6:30 PM
General Meeting 7:00 PM
Program: Scholarship Presentations**

**Thursday, April 17th
Berry's Blooms Social Event of the
Season!
Create your very own Easter Floral arrangement
and socialize with us (and some yummy treats)
More info. coming on this!**

**Saturday, April 19th
Easter Egg Hunt
11 a.m. to ?
(usually 12:30 ~ 1:00 p.m.)
Hinckley Prep. Academy
(Outside if weather permitting)
Set-up will be the day before.**

Nominating Committee:

**The Slate of Officers will be presented at
our March Meeting:**

**President: Lynne Rotundo
1st Vice President: Kati White
2nd Vice President: Patty Colvin
Secretary: Karin Rupert
Treasurer: Diane Kunz**

**We will also take any nominations from the
floor at that time.**

- Kati White, Joanne Piotrowski,
Michelle Lumadue-Kosinski

~ Rachel Baker, Joanne Piotrowski & Lynne Rotundo

