



# HWC NEWSLETTER



## President's Message

2026 is the start of a new year with new goals and promises we make to ourselves and others. I am hoping that 2026 is a good year for all of us! Hopefully this year, we will have some fun and still get some stuff done.

The December 12th Irving Berlin musical at Brecksville Theatre was amazing! It was so easy to get "lost" in the music of this wonderful production. The HWC annual Christmas party was a definite hit! Thank you to Kathy, Ann Marie, and Pat F. for doing such a great job on this!

We have had to rearrange and unfortunately cancel some things since the beginning of this HWC year. My apologies for this, but sometimes we try to do things and it doesn't always work out. Unfortunately, Lumberjaxe Alley closed at the end of December and we were not able to go on Saturday, January 10th. Thank you, Marilyn, for all your efforts in organizing this. Hopefully, we will have better luck for the rest of 2026! We have three big events coming up this year - the first one is Buzzard Day on March 15th. Please see the information later in this newsletter on Buzzard Day. The next one is our annual Easter Egg Hunt which takes place the Saturday before Easter. We want to do something a little different this year, and we need your help! Any ideas welcome to make this a kid-centered event for the kids to enjoy! Lastly, we have our HWC Wing Ding Fundraiser that is set to happen on May 9th - we will be asking for volunteers for this as well. (I had a blast last year selling raffle tickets during this.) We will need assistance with sending letters out and to gather goodies for the basket raffles. Stay tuned!

May 2026 bring you everything you need to enjoy the little things in life, with minimal stress!

- Lynne Rotundo, President



## Sunshine Committee

### January Birthday Wishes:

- ★ 1/1 Lisa Derrick
- ★ 1/7 Joanne Polizzi
- ★ 1/17 Jackie Ekey
- ★ 1/21 Anna Antonelli
- ★ 1/30 Chris Studor
- Judy Ogrin & Kim Young

We would like to express our deepest sympathies to Marge Palik and Lauren & Vicki and family for the loss of Dennis Palik, Marge's husband. Memory eternal.

## Superbowl Squares

Superbowl Squares will be available for purchase at the January meeting for \$10 per square.

## Programs

The Program this month is White Elephant Bingo. It is regular bingo with our members contributing "white elephant" items as the prizes. It will be fun and full of surprises. Hope you all can make it.

- Ann Leo



## Community Events in the Works

A few ideas include:

- Volunteering with Feeding Medina County
- Self-defense and CPR classes
- Kati, Lauren & Kathy

## Hinckley Chamber of Commerce

HOORAY! Buzzard Day is coming - and the planning has begun!

We Women's Club members have helped Hinckley Chamber with this for years, along with several other community-minded groups ( Hinckley Car Club, Scout Troops, local businesses like S&S Heating and Cooling, etc.). If you (and your family) want to help, there are 2 ways:

1. We need a group of Greeters - about 3 per shift) - They smile, greet folks, give directions, and help oversee the smoothness of the day. I'll sign those folks up at the next HWC meetings.

2. Other ways to help are on Sign-up Genius - you can sign up online at the Chamber website [hinckleyohchamber.com](http://hinckleyohchamber.com). Examples are Volunteer check-in, Ticket Sales, Servers, etc.

Sign-up Genius should be ready to use by the first week of February.

You can contribute to Buzzard Day by volunteering as a Greeter or signing up for various roles on Sign-up Genius, with a complimentary breakfast for volunteers.

- Sign up online at the Chamber website for other ways to help Volunteer check-in, Ticket Sales, Servers, etc. [here - https://www.hinckleyohchamber.com/](https://www.hinckleyohchamber.com/)
- Consider volunteering as a Greeter for Buzzard Day.

For more information visit the Chamber website: [hinckleyohchamber.com](http://hinckleyohchamber.com)

- Heather Liccardi, Chamber Liaison

## Upcoming Events:

**Thursday, January 15, 2026**

### **GAME NIGHT**

White Elephant Bingo

6:30 PM Social

7:00 PM General Meeting followed by "Game Night"

### **APPETIZERS:**

Michelle Lumadue-Kosinski

Nancy Abbott

### **SOUPS:**

Patty LaFontaine

Michele Lee

Joanne Polizzi

### **CHILI:**

Connie King

Ann Leo

### **DESSERTS:**

Heather Liccardi

Cindy Anderson

## Planning Ahead:

**Thursday, February 5th**

**Board Meeting 6:00 PM**

**Debbie Moss's house**

**63 Salem Court**

**Committees: Fundraising & Nominating**

**Sunday, February 8th**

**Newsletter deadline**

**email articles to**

**[hwcnewsletter1982@gmail.com](mailto:hwcnewsletter1982@gmail.com)**

**Thursday, February 19**

**General Meeting**

**6:30 PM Social**

**7:00 PM Meeting**

**Hinckley Town Hall**

**Program: Chair Yoga with Amy from Amy's Arbors**

## A Special Opportunity

**Free "Intro" Ballroom Dance Classes -**

see [ABBADANCE.COM](http://ABBADANCE.COM) for schedule.

Followed by Beginner Classes by Connie King @1586 Center Rd Hinckley.

Connie King makes social dancing fun, simple and easy to learn. Her experience includes: Professional Dance Coach at several colleges in California and Ohio, former American - International Ballroom, Swing, and Latin competitor.

Connie's specialty is teaching non-dancers to dance.



## Scholarship

The scholarship committee has been meeting/communicating through emails.

Two changes were made to the scholarship application based on recommendations from committee members. Applicants will no longer have to choose between the two scholarships. Committee members also recommended that we increase the number of words allowed on the essay. The maximum number of words was increased to 650 that also matches most college essay maximum number of words.

Lynne Rotundo posted the application on the HWC website.

A notice of the scholarship has been sent to both the Hinckley Record and the Medina Gazette. The notice has also been posted on several Facebook pages. Please share the notice if you have a Facebook account.

Letters with information were sent to counselors at Highland High School, Brunswick High School and the Medina County Career Center.

There is another big change to the scholarship process. Applications and essays will be submitted electronically to [HWC.Scholarship.Hinckley@gmail.com](mailto:HWC.Scholarship.Hinckley@gmail.com) in pdf format saving a lot of paper.

One application has already been submitted. A thank you to past scholarship committees who developed a check list and essay requirements.

- Nancy Abbott, HWC Scholarship Committee



## Super Bowl French Dip Sliders



### INGREDIENTS

- 5 tbsp unsalted butter, divided
- 1 large yellow onion, thinly sliced
- 2 thyme sprigs, plus ½ tsp chopped fresh thyme leaves
- Kosher salt
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 12 slider buns, halved
- 1 lb thinly sliced deli roast beef
- 12 slices provolone
- 1 tbsp garlic powder
- 1 tbsp clove garlic, finely chopped
- 1-1/2 cups low-sodium beef broth
- 1 tbsp Worcestershire sauce

### DIRECTIONS

Preheat the oven to 350°. In a large skillet over medium-high heat, melt 2 Tbsp. butter. Add onion and thyme sprigs; season with salt and pepper. Cook, stirring occasionally, until caramelized, 30-40 minutes. Discard thyme.

Place bottom halves of slider buns on a large baking sheet. Top with roast beef, cheese, and onions. Close with top buns.

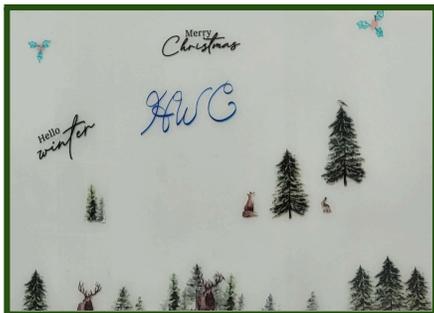
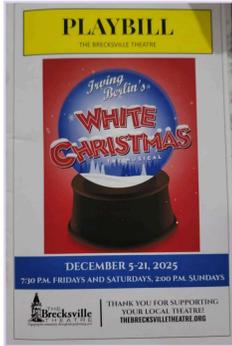
In a small heatproof bowl, microwave 2 Tbsp. butter until melted. Brush on top of buns. Sprinkle with parsley and garlic powder; season with salt.

Bake sliders until warmed through and the cheese is melted, 10 to 15 minutes.

Meanwhile, in the same skillet over medium heat, melt the remaining 1 Tbsp. butter. Add garlic and cook, stirring, until fragrant, about 1 minute. Add broth, Worcestershire, and chopped thyme; season with salt and pepper. Bring to a simmer and cook, stirring occasionally, until slightly reduced, about 10 minutes.

Transfer sliders to a platter. Top with parsley. Serve with au jus alongside.

Memories make the holidays even more special:



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Joanne Piotrowski, Lynne Rotundo - Newsletter

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