



HWC NEWSLETTER



President's Message

Christmas greetings
 Far and near
 Hopes, dreams, and kindness
 To all you hold dear
 May all your wishes
 Continue to next year

It was a great start to the holiday season. Hope everyone enjoyed their Thanksgiving! Thank you to Michele Lee for the behind the scenes history of the Westside Market. I will definitely go back and grab some more of their fresh sausage! Thank you to Monique for showing some of us how to do the ornament Christmas tree on canvas art project. A big "Thank you" to Heidi, Liz and Robin who stepped right in and really helped a lot at the Hinckley Holidays celebration! Thank you to *everyone* who helped with this year's Hinckley Holidays - whether it was handing out cookies, helping kids figure out where to go, reading the story, assisting kids making their ornaments special or at the selfie station. The selfie station was a great addition to this year's event! It really does take everyone's unique talents to help the Hinckley Chamber with this event every year! The Christmas Mug Craft was a hit! Thank you to those that braved the "wonderful" Ohio weather and were able to make the 'Fun at Fosters' event a success.

Looking forward to what the rest of the holiday season will bring - hope to see you all at the HWC annual Christmas party next week! As we are now in the middle of the holiday season, I hope you all have a wonderful time spent with family and friends making memories that will last a lifetime.

- *Lynne Rotundo, President*



Sunshine Committee

December Birthday Wishes:

- ★ Tracey Szczesniak - 12/12
- ★ Michele Lee - 12/13
- ★ Heidi Dyke 12/22
- ★ Jennifer Kocan - 12/22
- ★ Joanne Piotrowski - 12/27

Welcome to our newest members:

- ★ Anna Antonelli
- ★ Liz Paintiff
- ★ Jane Schofield

- *Judy Ogrin & Kim Young*



Hinckley Chamber of Commerce

Hinckley Holidays Celebration - Dec. 6 was a great success. According to Chamber President, Mark Staron, around 400 guests enjoyed sharing the great local music, delicious goodies, kids' ornament decorating, Santa's visit, and holiday cheer. HWC has been there to help organize and facilitate this for many years, and this year our logo is next to the Chamber's on their Facebook community invitation.

This year we are acknowledging the leadership of Ann Marie Brobst and Lynne Rotundo. Together they organized an amazing team of HWC members to help make this happen. Some were members who recently joined HWC - jumping in to fulfill our mission of delivering community service. Thank you to all who helped!

Next on the Chamber calendar of Community Events - Buzzard Day is coming up on Sunday, March 15, 2026. Get ready for another chance to become involved with this great Hinckley community.

Happy Holidays!

For more information visit the Chamber website:
hinckleyohchamber.com

- Heather Liccardi, Chamber Liaison

Programs

January's meeting will offer a night of Games, along with hearty soups and chili. Join us for a warm and fun filled night with friends.

- Ann Leo

January Social

Saturday, January 10, 2026

Lumberjaxe Alley Axe Throwing
1255 N. Carpenter Rd., Brunswick
5:00 - 10:00 PM
Cost \$49.95 (4 people, 1 hour)
Dinner at Tlaquepaque Mexican Restaurant
3329 Center Rd., Brunswick
Contact Marilyn at fmocarski@aol.com

- Marilyn Mocarski



Ornament Tree

Upcoming Events:

Friday, December 12th
Brecksville Theatre
Irving Berlin's White Christmas
7:30 PM - Cost \$17 per person (group rate)

Thursday, December 18th
HWC Annual Christmas Party
6:30 PM
Town Hall Senior Community Room
Bring a gift around \$20 of your choice!
Bring a food item to share by your last name.
A-F = hot appetizer
G-L = dessert
M-R = cold appetizer
S-Z = dessert

Planning Ahead:

Sunday, January 4, 2026
Newsletter deadline
Send articles to:
hwcnewsletter1981@gmail.com

Saturday, January 10, 2026
Social
Lumberjack Alley Axe Throwing
5:00 - 10:00 PM
Cost \$49.95 (4 people, 1 hour)
Possible dinner afterward
Contact Marilyn Mocarski

Tuesday, January 13, 2026 at 6:00 PM
Please note new date
HWC Board Meeting
Committees: Buzzard Day, Easter Egg Hunt and Scholarship
Kati White's home, 1875 Ridge Road

Thursday, January 15, 2026
GAME NIGHT
6:30 PM Social
7:00 PM General Meeting
APPETIZERS:
Michelle Lumadue-Kosinski
Nancy Abbott
SOUPS:
Patty LaFontaine
Joanne Polizzi
Michele Lee

Thursday, January 15, 2026

GAME NIGHT (Continued from previous page)

CHILI:

Connie King

Ann Leo

DESSERTS:

Heather Liccardi

Cindy Anderson

About Town

**December 14th from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. -
Hinckley Fire Department's annual Santa
Drive Around on the streets of Hinckley!**



**Joy, A Christmas Worship Dance Celebration
by ABBA Dance
December 17th at 6:30 p.m.
Haddad Theater (1 of our HWC members is a
part of this.)**

Community Events in the Works

A few ideas include:

- Volunteering with Feeding Medina County
- Self-defense and CPR classes

- *Kati, Lauren & Kathy*

Philanthropy News

Philanthropy would like to thank everyone that donated items for Our Savior Lutheran Church's food pantry.

We supported a local Hinckley family and provided them with a full Thanksgiving meal with all the trimmings.

For Christmas, we have adopted a family through the Highland Community Support Network.

The Cops, Kids and Claus event did not happen this year, however the Hinckley Police Department took part in a different event this year with Brunswick and we donated the hats and gloves/mittens to the five Hinckley kids that participated in that event.

Happy holidays!

- *Leslee Sambor, Diane Kunz &
Michelle Crew*

The "Inside Scoop"

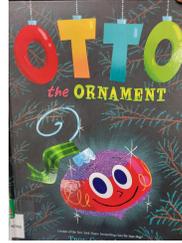
Robin Liebenguth has two children and a 13-year-old granddaughter. She moved to Hinckley from Strongsville in November of last year with her partner, Owen. Her hobbies are baking, crafting, sewing and machine embroidery. Robin also enjoys bowling, kayaking, and water exercising activities. After thirty-four years, Robin retired from First Energy and she is looking forward to volunteering and getting to know you all!



November 22nd - Westside Market



The market was in the throes of construction when we were there, but it was very interesting to learn about its history.



Our very own Heidi Dyke reading the "Otto the Ornament" book.



Ornament Craft

December 6th - Hinckley Holidays Event together with the Hinckley Chamber of Commerce



Selfie Station pics...





December 10th "Fun at Fosters" Christmas Mug Craft





A Different Kind of Recipe



Baking Soda Galaxy Ornaments

You Will Need

- Clear plastic or glass ornaments (that open or have removable tops)
- Baking soda
- Acrylic paint: Black, Blue, Purple, Pink, Gold



Baking Soda Galaxy Ornaments

The kind of rainy day fun that's better than cartoons.

Ingredients:

- Clear plastic or glass ornaments (that open or have removable tops)
- Baking soda
- Acrylic paint: Black, Blue, Purple, Pink, Gold
- Fine glitter (silver, holographic, or iridescent)
- Small funnel or spoon
- Optional: a few drops of clear glue or Mod Podge
- Cotton swabs or small paintbrushes

Directions:

1. Start by removing the tops of your clear ornaments, making sure they are clean and completely dry.
2. Gently add 1–2 teaspoons of baking soda into each ornament to create the base for your galaxy.
3. Squeeze a few drops of your chosen colors directly into the ornament and seal the opening with your thumb. With a loving touch, gently shake or slowly swirl the ornament to blend the colors.
4. Sprinkle in a pinch of fine glitter and give it another swirl to make it twinkle like stars.
5. Leave the ornament open for a few hours to dry, then carefully replace the top.
6. Finally, add a beautiful ribbon or string and hang your galaxy ornament where it can shine brightly. Remember, this is all about the joy of creating together, so embrace the mess and the smiles that come with it.





A Special Opportunity

Free "Intro" Ballroom Dance Classes - see ABBADANCE.COM for schedule.

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

Enjoy the gift of Social Dance this holiday season!

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.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

May Peace, Love and Friendship be with you this holiday season!

Joanne Piotrowski, Lynne Rotundo - Newsletter