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### Important dates:

Dec 5: HHF Meeting @Wildwood  
 Dec 10: Web meeting @Barb P  
 Dec 13: Banquet @Hu Ke Lau  
 Dec 15: Food Raffle tickets due  
 Jan 17: Tech Talk with Barb  
 Feb 28: HMC Monthly Meeting  
 Mar 21: HMC Monthly Meeting  
 Apr 25: HMC Monthly Meeting

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# Hadley Mothers' Club

## Holiday Banquet -- NEXT WEEK!

**Wednesday 12/13 at Hu Ke Lau Restaurant!**

705 Memorial Dr, Ste 1, Chicopee, MA

5:00 pm cocktail hour, 6:00pm dinner & ornament swap

**\*\*Please bring a wrapped ornament (not labeled)  
 for our fun Yankee swap....budget recommended \$10\*\***

**RSVP by 12/9.....**

**\*Please** join us for some fun, laughter and just togetherness with such wonderful women! Please RSVP to invitation on signup genius or email [hmothersclub@gmail.com](mailto:hmothersclub@gmail.com)

**\*Please** indicate if you can carpool or wish to carpool from Hadley

## HMC Holiday Food Raffle

3 drawings for 10 lb. Turkey

**Grand Prize: Basket with Turkey and all the fixings!**

Tickets available NOW

Money and tickets due to Kris by 12/15



**\$1 each or 6/\$5**

**Drawing Date: 12/16**

**\*Tickets attached**

**\*Copy as needed**

**\*must pickup by 12/19**

## *Letter from the President*

Dear Members,

**Thank you, thank you, thank you!!!** What a great showing of support by our members and the community at our Holiday Fair on the 18th. We are waiting on the final numbers of what we made for the day and comments by the Vendors. We will have a wrap up meeting on **Tuesday, December 5th at Wildwood Barbeque at 6:30-8:30**, we will fill out thank you notes for local businesses who donated to our event. Please let me know if you have anything to add about the fair that you saw, heard, etc., especially if you cannot attend. We like to meet now so it will be fresh in our minds any changes needed for next year. Thanks again!!!

Web subcommittee will meet on **Monday, December 11th** to update the web site, the group approved having a Sponsor page where we can thank businesses that help us. Meeting will be **at Barb Pliska's at 6:30**, bring your tablet or laptop.

We wrapped some but filled **22 boxes** for our Friendship Boxes program. If you wanted to assemble a box please contact Kris Moriarty and she can tell you our needs. We voted on purchasing Walmart gift cards for each box and inserting a movie pass into the teen boxes this year.

**(this is a reprint from last month but please read again)** The original purpose of Friendship Boxes was/is to teach children about giving to others. Also many service groups took on making up boxes as community giving projects over the years. As a group I believe we want to make it more personal/thoughtful/functional but that takes members to step up.

Kris and Denise organize this project each year, gathering the forms from each school, confirming information on form is correct, having enough of each age/gender for each box requested and then bringing them to homes.

In the last 5 years because of privacy laws we have to have parents of kids that will be getting the boxes to give us information on gender/age/location. So if the group wants to do more of a 'secret Santa' gift which is personal (to each child/teen) we would need more members to help. We would need members to organize forms received from schools, either get information to members or general public/service groups to buy items or have HMC buy the items, then purchase the items, organize what goes to who then deliver to homes.

**Community Activity Fair sub committee:** Barb Pliska, Missy, Jessica Dizек. This sub committee will organize an event to invite service groups, clubs, scouts, etc. in the Spring so parents can come and talk with leaders of these groups. Barb Pliska is the contact person on this group, we need a jazzy name for this 'event'.

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**Kris Moriarty** organized a Food Raffle last year that raised \$270 ear marked for Friendship Boxes. It is on again, **attached are the raffle tickets**; please sell to your friends, co-workers, anyone! They are inexpensive....easy fundraiser.

I hope to have more information about the **Talbot's fundraiser** at the January meeting, members approved.

Anne McKenzie sent me answers to the questions that members brought up regarding the **Fields Program**, we can go over them at the January meeting. I also indicated to Anne that the School Use Policy is still a 'bone of contention' with our members. She suggested that our members look at the policy and make recommendations that will go to their subcommittee to consider changes.

We will also talk at our January meeting our **donation to the Goodwin Library**. There are many options; most members liked the donation over time to purchase something of substance.

If anyone asks about Hadley Mothers' Club be sure to send them to our great web site: [www.hadleymothersclub.org](http://www.hadleymothersclub.org)!

Please pass this on to anyone you know who works at UMass we are on the 'list' for contributions. Thank you! **K15205 is our COMEC code.**

*~Denise*

[devinehdly@charter.net](mailto:devinehdly@charter.net) or 413-695-0385



### A special message from Donna Berg:

Thank you to everyone who helped and prepared at the fair. We were very busy in the kitchen area and sold a lot of soup. Also would like to thank **Mary Lou Laurenza** and **Sally Serio** and **Alessandra Rotunno** who jumped in to help! I think it was another success!





**Next Meeting: January 17  
6:30pm HES Staff Lounge  
“Tech Talk with Barb”**

HMC Member, Barb Pliska, will be sharing her experience and expertise in the following areas:

- Two Factor authentication – what it is and why people should use it
- Password Managers – different options and why people should use one
- Helpful Mobile Apps
- Answer other IT questions



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## Community Happenings



### Dec 9, 9am - noon: "Fill a Truck" toy drive

Please join the Hadley Fire and Police department in their Toy Drive, by dropping off toys and meeting our Firefighters and Police Officers. They will be delivering them to local hospitals this Christmas season.



### Dec 9, 6pm: First Annual Hadley Celebration of Lights

FREE community Event for all ages, hosted by the Edward Hopkins Educational Foundation at the Hopkins Academy Gazebo. Gather around the Gazebo area for Tree Lighting, Caroling with Hopkins and HES Elementary School Chorus Groups, and light refreshments. Snow date: Dec 10. **Dress warm!**



### Dec 16, 9am - 10am: "Cookie Walk"

Again this year, First Congregational Church of Hadley is sponsoring a Christmas Cookie Walk. If you have never been to a cookie walk, it is a wonderful and yummy experience! This is a huge buffet of cookies. You purchase a container and walk throughout the hall and select the cookies you wish to take home and pack in your box. This is a great gift to bring to your holiday parties or to give to teachers and coworkers. Each box can fit up to 2 dozen cookies. All cookies are homemade by Church members. **1 ticket/box for \$12, contact Church office or Melissa Aloisi 413-427-1303.**



### Dec 16, 12pm - 2pm: "Lunch with Santa"

Please join Hadley Park and Recreation & Hadley Fire Department for their annual FREE community event including Santa & Mrs. Claus' route around town on a FIRE TRUCK beginning at 930am and ending at Hadley Elementary School at 12:20pm for Lunch! Pizza, Cookie, Door prizes, crafts and more!

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Drawing December 16<sup>th</sup> \$1 each or 6 for \$5

**\*Winners must be able to pick up prizes by 12/19/17**

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