

SEPT 2018



# Hadley Mothers' Club

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## Important dates:

Sept 13: Open House at HES  
Sept 19: First Meeting Potluck 6pm  
Sept 20: HA Open House  
Oct 17: Meetings  
Nov 28: Friendship Boxes  
Dec 12: Dinner TBD  
Oct: Community Fair TBD  
Oct 12: Paint & Sip Event  
Oct 17: HMC Meeting  
Oct 18: Fall Town Meeting  
Oct 24: SPIFFY Vaping presentation

## Officers 2017-2019:

President: Denise Devine  
Vice Pres.: Suzanne Waskiewicz  
Treasurer: Jessica West  
Secretary: Diane Kieras-Ciolkos  
Directors: Barb Pliska

Jen Lapis  
Peg Jekanowski  
Diane Kieras-Ciolkos  
Kelly Higgins  
Jessica West  
Suzanne Waskiewicz  
Denise Devine

Sunshine: Kris Moriarty  
Peg Jekanowski

Membership: Abby Smith  
Ellen Carroll-McLane

Newsletter: Melissa Aloisi

Grant Writing: Jen Lapis

Advertising: Jen Lapis

Webmaster: Barb Pliska

Fundraising: Kris Moriarty

Cathy West

Jen Lapis

Donna Berg

Barb Andersen

Nominating: Peg Jekanowski

Suzanne Waskiewicz

Kris Moriarty

Denise Devine

Scholarship: Cathy West

Kelly Higgins

Bert Szala

Melissa Aloisi

## Welcome Back!

Another great summer in the books...now for the heat to go!

Roughly **170** school days until next summer!  
In meantime, we have a lot of great work and fun  
to have **together!**

Please submit membership form and \$10 annual dues at  
**first meeting Potluck Sept 19** (last page of newsletter).

**Monthly Meetings** are held at **6:00pm** in the **Staff Lounge**  
at the **Hadley Elementary School** with **FREE childcare**  
provided by **Hadley Girl Scouts**

## SAVE THESE DATES:

9/13: HES Open House: HMC Table volunteers needed  
9/13: HHF Subcommittee (6pm meet @Lapis home Sunrise Drive)  
9/19: Welcome Back Potluck 6pm Cafe: bring a dish to share  
9/20: HA Open House: HMC Table volunteers needed  
9/24: Website subcommittee 630pm (meet@Pliska home East St)  
October: Community Fair TBD  
10/17: General Membership Meeting  
10/18: Fall Town Meeting: refreshment table volunteers needed  
10/24: SPIFFY Vaping presentation at Hopkins  
11/17: HHF (Hadley Holiday Fair) 9-3pm @HA  
11/28: Friendship Boxes  
12/12: Winter Dinner TBD: organizer needed  
1/16, 2/27: Monthly Meetings 6pm, speakers 7pm  
3/20: Monthly Meeting 6pm, Gardening speaker 7pm  
4/1: Candidates Night 630-9pm: bakers and volunteers needed  
4/7: Helping Hearts 5K 9am-2pm: water table volunteers needed  
4/24: Monthly Meeting 6pm: speaker 7pm  
4/27: HMC Recycling Day 9-2pm: volunteers needed  
5/2: Annual Town Meeting: refreshment table volunteers needed  
5/15: End of Year Dinner: TBD: organizer needed  
5/20: HMC 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration TBD: volunteers needed

## *Letter from the President*

Dear Members,

Please check out our website for the Hopkins Academy **scholarship winners!** Congrats to them all and good luck this year!

**Our May dinner at the Tap Room was great!** Thanks to all who helped; Bert, Jen, Suzanne and Denise. The cost was very low as Esselon Cafe gave us a great discount. **Check out our website for the Sponsors area;** we feature businesses that help us and we provide links to their web sites.

**Friendship Box subcommittee** was/is hard at work coming up with a new look and feel for the program. The flyer is new and clear for folks to either sign up to get a box for their student or to donate a box. We also encourage donators to buy gift cards and other desired items and we will approach businesses to donate money or items for the boxes. The flyer is going home with HA students first day and flyer for HES students will go home week of the 10th. We have permission to attach our letter to the Superintendent weekly letter to parents so we will have that out in September too. Thanks to this committee for their caring and thoughtfulness on this project.

The 2nd night of Town Meeting in June was 'manned' by **Girl Scout's they took in \$90 for their troop.**

At the last website subcommittee meeting we updated the Sponsor page and added any recent newsletters. We also straightened out our Paypal account for tax purposes; originally we set up the account using Denise's information but now the account is listed under tax id number for HMC. The next meeting for this **subcommittee will be on 9/24 at Barb Pliska's home on East Street at 6:30pm.**

**The Community Fair event** has taken a couple turns, not stops! After talking with Anne McKenzie, Superintendent of HPS we have the event on hold for a date. The PTO book fair night is still in the works but there may be many other groups especially Hadley Town Departments that could/want to be involved. Many of the town departments want a venue that is relaxed so citizens could come and speak to them and them to citizens. This is still an event that is needed and going to happen this school year.

**The Board of Directors**, Denise Devine, Suzanne Waskiewicz, Jessica West, Diane Kieras-Ciolkos, Jen Lapis, Barb Pliska, Peg Jekanowski and Kelly Higgins, met in June to discuss some topics about our club. **We discussed hiring an accountant** to do our taxes and filings. We are in the process of hiring Boisselle, Morton and Associates located on Bay Road in Hadley. Joe Wolakwicz will be working with our treasurer to file any paperwork needed for state and federal guidelines. The cost will range from \$300-\$350 per year. Another topic discussed is **our Treasurer, Jessica West** who has served for many years, since 2012, and **asked last year to turn over the job to another member.** We are considering a couple members for this position and hopefully by our first meeting we will have someone on board.

## *Continued: from the President*

To that end, we have come up with guidelines for the treasurer position that we will bring to the first meeting for approval. We will be **working on media guidelines** that are really needed with recent instances of posting, events, etc especially on FaceBook. Our Board has agreed that we should meet quarterly to work on these projects.

Thanks to all the members who helped with the **Giving Grill at Whole Foods** on 8/18! We will be getting a check for \$381 from Whole Foods. We are grateful to Whole Foods for this event, but many members questioned the choice of food and thought last year's choice was better. Thank you to all the members.

**At the summer planning meeting** we had some great discussions and ideas for the new school year. We are planning a new event for parents and the general public on **Vaping presented by SPIFFY** a group that concentrates on issues related to drugs, drinking especially of teens and young people. See the list of events and dates to mark on your calendar for this issue.

We need someone to volunteer to organize the dinners in December and May; contact Denise if you want to help.

**Our BIG fundraiser is 11/17 Hadley Holiday Fair**, we need all hands on deck to help that day and BEFORE the event. We will be asking some local businesses for larger prizes for our silent auction; we will have a letter ready in September, please contact Jen Lapis to tell her who you are going to locally so we are doubling our efforts. Our first meeting of the **subcommittee for HHF will be on 9/13 at Jen Lapis' home on Sunrise at 6 pm.**

**Open House for HES will be on September 13th**; we are a go to have our usual table for kid craft, pumpkin raffle for kids and adult raffle. This gives us an opportunity to face to face meet with potential members and give them a 'newly designed' card with all our meeting dates and events (thank you Christine!!!).

**Our first meeting will be on September 19th** at HES starting at 6 pm. This is our annual Pot Luck dinner which is a tradition for as many years as I have been a member. Please bring a dish to share and HMC will provide paper products and drinks.

**Open House for HA is September 20th.** This event is low key for us we will have our information cards available for parents to take and hopefully a flyer about the Vaping program we will sponsor on the 24th.

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

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



## FRIENDSHIP BOX CAMPAIGN

For over twenty years, The Hadley Mothers' Club has organized the collection and distribution of Friendship Boxes to local families in need during the holidays. A friendship box is a shoe box filled with small gifts and other treasures. There are families in our community that have fallen on hard times and struggle to make ends meet. As the holidays can be a particularly difficult time, the Friendship Box program helps these families provide gifts to their children.

### INTERESTED IN DONATING A BOX?

We are looking for families, businesses, scout troops, etc. to fill and donate boxes or provide small gifts to be included in boxes. Getting your children involved is a great way to teach them about helping others. Gift suggestions include:

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|-------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| Socks       | Movie Tickets   | Pop Corn/Snacks     |
| Hats/Gloves | Gift Cards      | School/Art Supplies |
| Pajamas     | Toys/Card Games | Personal Care Items |

Use your imagination or visit our website for a full list.

*Donations must be received by  
Sunday, December 9th, 2018*

### INTERESTED IN RECEIVING A BOX?

Friendship Boxes are distributed to families living in Hadley. The request and delivery of your box or boxes is completely confidential. Boxes are intended for children birth to 18 years of age. One box per child may be requested. Requests may be submitted to:

hmcfbs@gmail.com

*Requests must be received by  
Friday, November 16, 2018*



To learn more, visit  
HadleyMothersClub.org  
or email hmcfbs@gmail.com

## **HADLEY MOTHERS' CLUB MEMBERSHIP**

### **Starting Our New Year 2018-2019!**

**All members are required to fill out a membership form each year. Please complete ASAP and submit with annual dues of \$10.00 payable to: Hadley Mothers' Club**

*This form allows the Membership Committee to accurately keep records of members' emails, phone numbers and addresses, and to communicate with you. Thank you.*

**Please return Form & Money at any meeting, by mail, or via email:**

HMC, PO Box 672, Hadley, MA 01035 [hmothersclub@gmail.com](mailto:hmothersclub@gmail.com)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday (optional): \_\_\_\_\_ (mm/dd)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Email(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Anniversary (optional): \_\_\_\_\_ (mm/dd)

Child(ren) First Name:	Grade	Birthday	Childr(en) First Name:	Grade	Birthday
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