

Hadley Mothers' Club



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Important dates:

Jan 17: Tech Talk with Barb

Feb 28: Jewelry craft

Mar 21: HMC Monthly Meeting

April 2: HMC Candidates Night

Apr 25: HMC Monthly Meeting

Apr 28: HMC Recycling Day

May 5: Town Meeting

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Happy New Year!

Thank you for attending our Holiday Banquet at the Hu Ke Lau in Chicopee to celebrate our successes during 2017. Many beautiful ornaments swapped (and stolen), plus **Ellen McClane** is our December "**Queen Bee**". She wears it so well! 😊
Congratulations!



Now 2018 begins and will be ramping up for our popular Candidates Night (4/2), Recycling Day (4/28), Town Meeting table (5/3), and scholarship awards (May/June).

Tech Talk

Please join us **THIS WEEK on January 17**, at our monthly meeting and listen to our very own member **Barb Pliska** present "Tech Talk". She will discuss two factor authentication (what is it and why we should use it), password managers, helpful mobile apps, and answer any general IT questions.

6:30pm at Hadley Elementary School teacher lounge
FREE childcare in Café provided by 6th grade Girl Scouts

Make your own Jewelry!



Please join us **NEXT MONTH on February 28**, at our monthly meeting and learn how to make wire wrap bracelets with beautiful beads from our very own member **Carol Szymkowicz!**

Bring \$10 for supplies to participate, or simply watch! **RSVP required** so we have enough supplies on hand. Signup sheet at Jan 17 meeting with samples on display. Also can RSVP by emailing hmothersclub@gmail.com.

Other Community Happenings...



BINGO NIGHTS! All ages welcome.
First Saturday of every month 5:15pm – 7pm
at Most Holy Redeemer Church, Hadley MA.

Felicia Fil is working on her **Girl Scout Gold Award Project** and is hosting monthly bingo nights. Her end goal is to put on a Senior Prom for senior citizens in November of 2018. See you on Feb 3!

ALUMNI BASKETBALL GAME sponsored by GENDER EQUITY TASK FORCE.



Come out to Hopkins Academy on **Sat, January 20, 4pm – 9pm**. Alum will not be playing, but they will be there to support our athletes and our community to gender equity. All members of community are welcomed and a discount at the door is provided from Alum. There will be a raffle and in between games the Task Force will be releasing their **#recognizesexism** campaign in between games.

All funds raised from raffle will be donated to the Center for Woman & Community – UMASS Amherst. **Adults \$5; Student/Seniors/Alum \$3**

Letter from the President

Dear Members,

Happy New Year!!! Getting back in the groove.....please mark your new 2018 calendar with HMC important dates contained in this newsletter.

Web subcommittee will meet on soon to update the website, the group approved having a Sponsor page where we can thank businesses that help us.

We brought holiday cheer to 30 children and teens this year! Thanks to all and the donation of Walmart Gift cards, from HMC, to each was an added bonus. We gave out 13 movie passes to teens in addition.

(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 subcommittee: Barb Pliska, Missy, Jessica Dizak. This subcommittee 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'.

Holiday Food raffle this year netted about \$180 to go towards Friendship Boxes this year. Thank you Kris for organizing and all who sold tickets.

Letter from the President, continued

Talbot's fundraiser is moving along. The store will donate 10% of the days profits to Hadley Mothers' Club! The date will be in March. The details are this: we set up a table and have information about our club there for shoppers. If we choose we can be at the table and talk with folks too. Before the event we post on FaceBook and tell our families and friends to go that day to shop.

Barb Pliska will be presenting at our January meeting: Two factor authentication; what is it and why should people use it. Password managers; different options and why people should use one. Helpful mobile apps. Come with your general IT questions. Thanks Barb!

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!

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

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Location: Hadley, MA

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