



Hadley Mothers' Club

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Important dates:

- 3/20 Meeting & Craft with Hadley Garden Center
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- 4/1 Candidates Night Bake Table
- 4/7 Helping Hearts 5K Water Table
- 4/27 Recycling Day Event at HES

Officers 2017-2019:

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| President: | Denise Devine |
| Vice Pres.: | Suzanne Waskiewicz |
| Treasurer: | Cathy West |
| Secretary: | Diane Kieras-Ciolkos |
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| | Jen Lapis |
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| | Diane Kieras-Ciolkos |
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| | Suzanne Waskiewicz |
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| Webmaster: | Barb Pliska |
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| Nominating: | Peg Jekanowski |
| | Suzanne Waskiewicz |
| | Kris Moriarty |
| | Denise Devine |
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| | Kelly Higgins |
| | Bert Szala |
| | Melissa Aloisi |

Jewelry Event was fun!

Last month, after our meeting, Carol led us in a fun drink charm craft, and look at the fun we had! Thank you for sharing your talents again with us!



There is a new Queen!

Congratulations to our February Queen Bee, [Cathy West!](#)

Cathy won the opportunity to wear our beloved HMC "Crown" and receive a thank you gift just for attending our meeting during the month of February! Who will be our [March 20th](#) Queen? Maybe it will be you!



Letter from the President



Dear Members,

Did you know that it is our 75th anniversary? Happy anniversary to us!!! Did you know that HMC gave money for the first Girl Scout Troop to start in Hadley? And today we still support the Girl Scouts! Many other events are long running; Candidates' Night is over 35 years running and our club giving Scholarship awards out is at least 35 years also.

Thanks to **Carol** for a fun craft at our February meeting. We have many talented ladies in this group. I think for the next meeting we should go around and share something/talent/something you did that no one knows about (as long as it is legal, LOL).

HHF sub committee will meet at Jen Lapis' home 6 pm on 3/25. We will discuss changes especially to the application as we will be sending out soon to our Vendors.

The Board of Directors, Denise, Suzanne, Cathy West, Diane Kieras-Ciolkos, Jen, Barb Pliska, Peg Jekanowski and Kelly Higgins, will be meeting monthly to discuss some topics about our club. We will meet on the **27th of March at Panera Bread 6 pm**. We will discuss a media policy for the club. The club approved the 'job descriptions' for Treasurer and Asst. Treasurer last month.

Thank you for our Board of Directors for meeting quickly to draft an Impact Statement for **Steve Lewis Share the Love program**. This year the process was different; the employees had at least 3 nonprofits to choose from. We have a big supporter at SL, Tracy; she told me that we were not chosen this year but they (SL) wants to partner with us. She explained that our mission statement is aligned with how they (SL) want to impact the community. I am not sure what 'partnering with us' means at this point but I will keep in touch with her.

At our regular meeting we donated to these requests: \$700 HA Band trip, \$500 for laptop for Town Hall and \$350 for Girls/Boys State HA.

We discussed the **Big Y Giving Tag program**; if someone buys a reusable bag with a specific tag, one dollar will go to the charity of choice or if purchaser does not specify it will go to the featured charity of the month at the store. Through the promo material for this program I learned that the store manager picks the charity of the month. So I hope to approach the manager this month to press HMC to him/her. If you are in Big Y, Amherst, please intro yourself to the store manager and promote HMC. Thanks.

The **subcommittee for the 75th anniversary Tea** met on the 5th. Members are Kris, Cathy, Marie, Bert, Denise, MaryLou (past president), MaryAnn Phelon (past president), Barb P. We went over membership lists and added many names and address to the master list. We talked about listing our 'lost' members on FaceBook event page for the tea so either they or a family member will see it.

Letter from the President, continued



We talked about a video about our club to be viewed in various places this year too. We are working on a 'memorial' of sorts for our deceased members for the event. We nixed the idea of Save the Date since we are 'there', so we will be sending out invites hopefully by mid-March? The subcommittee will set another meeting date based on when the invitations come in. We have three 'party favors' that we are going forward with. One is a tea towel with screen print of our 75th logo, cost is very good and we will have extra available for purchase. The other two will be at each place setting, pretty wrapped tea bag and a small tea pot shaped chocolate. We are talking about ordering some food for the event. We hope to have Girl Scouts helping by serving, clean up.

March 20th Hadley Garden Center will be presenting the program, starting at 7 pm. Members can choose to do a hands on project: cactus garden; the range of cost will be between \$10-\$20. The range depends on if you want to bring your own shallow dish 4-6 inches wide and 2-3 inches deep, it will be on the low end and if Hadley Garden Center supplies you dish you will be on the higher end. The cost includes 3-4 plants and rocks/soil and guidance.

April 1st is our Candidates' Night at HA, meet and greet 6:30, program at 7 pm. Missy will be sending a Sign Up Genius for this event.

April 7th is the Helping Hearts 5K race, since the beginning HMC has 'manned' the water tables on Newton Lane and West Street. Missy will be sending out Sign up Genius for this event too. We need at least 2 adults/teens at each station. Thanks!

Recycle Day April 27th; We have 6th Grade Celebration to do the bottle and can collection that day.

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.**

[UMass Amherst Community Campaign](#). This is a University annual appeal to offer the opportunity to donate to your favorite charities or causes. It is an easy way to help those in need by utilizing the bi-weekly payroll deduction or a one-time check donation. Since 1991, the University faculty and staff have donated almost \$8 million dollars to local, state, national and international causes. None of your donation stays on campus. Your money doesn't pay the salary of the campaign manager. The University doesn't benefit financially from the funds raised. 93% of all UMACC donations are sent to the nonprofit organizations. The 7% administrative fee goes to the Campaign Financial Administrator (United Way of Hampshire County), which collects and processes

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Next week meeting & Guest 3/20



Hadley Garden Center will be presenting the program beginning at 7pm. A short business meeting will begin at 630pm. FREE Childcare provided as usual!

If interested, you can get your dive in and create your own cactus garden! All supplies will be provided, just bring \$10-\$20 cash. You may also bring your own items to reuse and save \$. the range of cost will be between \$10-\$20. The cost includes 3-4 plants and rocks/soil and guidance.



Big Y Giving Tag Program

Hadley Mother's Club is now eligible to receive donations through the Big Y Giving Tag Program!

How does the program work?

- When a shopper purchases the \$2.50 reusable Community Bag at any Big Y store, HMC can be selected as the recipient of a \$1 donation via the Giving Tag **at any time throughout the year.**
- If the shopper does not choose a specific non-profit within 7 days of purchase, it will automatically be sent to the non-profit selected by the Big Y store manager.



How do I use the Giving Tag to direct my \$1 donation?

- Upon purchasing the Community Bag with the Giving Tag shoppers are directed to visit mybigycause.com within **7 days** of their purchase, remove the scratch-off layer to reveal the unique identifier, submit their identifier and select the non-profit they would like to receive a \$1 donation. If the donation is not directed **within 7 days** of purchase, the donation will be sent to the non-profit selected by store leadership at the store you purchased the bag.