

# Hadley Mothers' Club

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#### Officers 2022-2024:

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#### COMMUITY OUTREACH GROUP



#### Community Outreach Committee:

Brown Bags.....

will be meeting Wednesday March 13<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm @ Kris Moriarty's house to assemble bags.

Please bring what items you have for the BB. I believe we have some reusable bags and paper bags for use this time. Please reach out before you buy & or questions about what's needed, Thank you. Hope to see you then.

Don't forget to bring any donations for the food pantry. We have committed to bringing them items each month. We were rockstars at the holidays. Let's try to step it up now, when few are sparked to donate and there is a lot of need. Personal care & household items are always in need of. Examples include, but are not inclusive to the following: Diapers, tampons, TP, PT, toothbrushes, bar & liquid soap, shampoo, foil, ziploc bags, etc.

- \*June 13 assemble at Jen Lapis house
- \*September 12 assemble at Jen Lapis house
- \*December 12 assemble at Jen Lapis house



Attention all members of HMC!!!!!!
We need your vote on March 20th! We are deciding on whether we are holding the Hadley Holiday Fair in the fall. We need you here!
Thank you! This is your club!

OUR NEXT MEETING IS MARCH 20TH WEDNESDAY @ 6:30PM AT THE LIBRARY. Accessory swap - start stashing your accessories aside now for this fun event. scarves, shoes, earrings, necklaces, purses etc. when you clean your closets. We will be swapping/shopping that evening of fun with no cost, while clearing out things you don't use. What's not swapped will be donated to a local thrift shop.

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## THE PROGRAMS ARE SET FOR HADLEY MOTHERS' CLUB FOR 2023 & 2024 SEASON

March 20 – **Accessory swap** - start stashing your accessories aside for this fun event. scarves, shoes, earrings, necklaces, purses etc. when you clean your closets. We will be swapping/shopping that evening of fun with no cost, while clearing out things you don't use. What's not swapped will be donated to a local thrift shop.

April 10- Molly Keegan will speak to us about **finance** \$\$.

May 14- End of year banquet TBD

Community Paper Shredding Event Saturday, March 20, 2024 10 am - 12 noon Hadley Senior Center 46 Middle Street Open to the public - free of charge 5 box limit Sponsored by the Town of Hadley





### PRESIDENT'S LETTER

The raffle is over, we raised over \$7900. Thank you to the dedicated crew: Jen Lapis, Jennifer G, Cathy West, Donna Berg, Mary Tudryn, Bert, Peg, Kris and Denise. These ladies acquired all the prizes, organized the calendar, and made it look pretty, drawing/contacting/posting/arranging pickups for prizes.

#### Please join me in thanking them!!!

We have 4-\$50 Amazon GC donated by Devine Overhead Doors for members who sold 25 got one chance, (50 got 2 chances, etc.) for the drawing. We spun the wheel for the four cards, winners: Cathy West, Kris Moriarty, Mary Tudryn, and Donna Berg.

The Hadley Holiday Fair subcommittee met on the 5th to discuss information that Donna got back from the Vendors. And created a list of 'jobs' for folks to look over at the meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup>. We need to gauge the interest in our members to having

this event this fall. We need to vote to have or not to have the Hadley Holiday Fair at our meeting.

Another event to ponder: Hadley Mothers' Club just turned 80!!! Depending on the Fair vote we wondered about having a gathering at the Most Holy Redeemer church hall and playing BINGO, we just have to talk about doing Spring or Fall.

March 20<sup>th</sup> is our next meeting at the Library, accessory swap night. We also will be talking about the fair and doing thank you notes for the raffle.

Mark your calendar for April 7<sup>th</sup> for the Hadley Park and Rec run. Many members agreed that we should be 'out there in the community' to let folks know we are around still and maybe attract new members! I hope to have a list of how many people we need to help that day at the meeting.

In May the scholarship committee will be hard at work; on the committee is <u>Bert</u>, <u>Kelly and Barb Pliska</u>, we could use a fourth person to help. Time commitment is about five hours, the work involves reading applications and interviewing the students. The committee has a great system of ranking each student so it is pretty easy to participate.

May 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Town Meeting is 7 pm at Hopkins, we supply refreshments.

May 13<sup>th</sup> we will hold our Candidate's Night event. This event entails inviting all citizens who are running for election in Hadley on May 21st to introduce themselves and answer questions from people attending the event.

Last year there was no interest in this event from the candidates, we are hoping to have this forum to inform voters in Hadley about their candidates. Denise is heading this event but I could use a few members to help, thank you.

There was much discussion to 'get out' more in the community. Example having us help at the Hadley Park and Rec run in April, we can meet more families. I did contact the Friends of Hadley Preschool about their auction, hopefully they will let us help with their event and give out information about HMC.

Reminder that each month we are collecting food for the Hadley Food Pantry based from the Most Holy Redeemer church hall. Please consider a donation of juices, crackers, cereal, peanut butter, jelly, toilet paper, Kleenex, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, lotions.

Start collecting your pull tabs from cans! Kris will bring to Ronald McDonald house a few times per year. We will keep you updated, thanks.

If anyone asks about Hadley Mothers' Club be sure to send them to our great NEW web site: <a href="https://www.hadleymothersclub.org">www.hadleymothersclub.org</a>!

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.

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