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HILLSDALE WOMAN'S CLUB

Group meets on last time in 2017

By Nancy Ryan
For The Hillsdale Daily News

HILLSDALE — The Hillsdale Woman's Club met at The First Presbyterian Church in Hillsdale on June 12. It was the final meeting of the 2016-17 year, and was celebrated with a festive potluck lunch on tables decorated in patriotic colors of red, white, and blue.

The Club Collect was led by Sharon Bisher and members introduced their guests for the day.

Scholarship Committee Chair, Barb Vallieu, announced and introduced scholarship recipients for the upcoming year. Scholarships are provided to women, and are based on financial need, work history, high scholastic achievement and being well-rounded in various academic and social activities within the school system and throughout the community. The three women selected for scholarships are Susena Finegan, music; Sarena Hammel, education; and Jennifer Magda, nursing.

Vallieu reminded the membership that the Woman's Club's original purpose in organizing was, and is, to provide scholarships for the promotion of general culture through the building of programs with broad general interest, and for the encouragement of higher education through the maintenance of the Woman's Club Scholarships.

President Ruth Brown thanked Historian Jan Heckenlively for her devotion and hard work in preserving the history of the organization through her maintenance of club scrap-

books and photographs. As the meeting adjourned for lunch, President Brown thanked the social committee consisting of Barb Auseon, Sue Hayes, Lauren Kimbrough Faye Rosss, Bev Taylor, Joan Laggasse, and Betty Kneen. Following the luncheon, reports from the officers were heard. Recording Secretary Eva Richardson read the minutes of the May meeting. Treasurer Kelly Lantis reported on the funds in the treasury. The year's noisy can collection will be donated to CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates).

Kay Castellese, who was sponsored by Kathy Knight, was installed as a new member and presented with a rose. Sue Cervini, Chair of the Honorary Membership Committee, announced two new honorary members. The first was a posthumous award to Lavillie Allen, who was the founder of The Woman's Club. In 1894, Lavillie Allen brought together a small group of women to discuss topics of the day, to review current books, and to prepare and read books on timely subjects. Her Monday group meetings grew in membership and the name was changed from the Monday Club to the Hillsdale Woman's Club. The second honorary member announced was Jan Heckenlively. Jan is currently serving as Historian of the Club and actively participates at every meeting taking photos and scrupulously keeping the history of the organization through Club scrapbooks. She joined the Club in 1997, and is celebrating her 20th year as a member. Some of the hon-



Sharon Bisher was elected president of the Hillsdale Woman's Club for the upcoming year. [NANCY RYAN PHOTO]

orary members were present to congratulate her. They were, Jean Madison, Jo Alipit, Sally Fallon, Janet Lee, Barb Auseon, and Sue Cervini.

President Brown thanked the outgoing officers for their service during the past year.

The officers for 2017-18 were then installed and presented with flowers. They are: Sharon Bisher, president; Barb Beach, vice president; Eva Richardson, recording secretary; Sandi Henry, corresponding secretary; Kelly Lantis, treasurer; Susan Stout, assistant treasurer; Sharen Mayers, parliamentarian and Ruth Brown, past president.

Directors: Class of 2018, LeAnne Rumler and Sandi Nussbaum; Class of 2019, Faye Ross and Christine Deller; Class of 2020, Nancy Ryan and Sue Gustitus.

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Grants awarded from Field of Interest funds

By The Hillsdale Daily News

HILLSDALE — The Hillsdale County Community Foundation recently awarded \$17,852.47 in grant monies from the Field of Interest funds.

These funds will benefit non-profit organizations for projects or program to benefit Hillsdale County residents.

The following organizations were awarded funding through the George W. Romney Endowment Fund (for volunteer activities):

- Community Action Agency, \$2,000 for the VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) Program; and

- Hillsdale County Sheriff's Office, \$8,000 for the Hillsdale County Victims Services Unit.

Several area libraries also received funding from the Benge Library Fund and the Louise Hawkes Library Fund:

- Reading Community Library, \$416.36 for the summer reading program;

- Camden Township Library, \$395 for a Starlab program;

- Waldron District Library, \$300 for the summer reading program;

- North Adams Community Memorial Library, \$646.11 for the summer reading program;

- Jonesville District Library, \$450 for the summer reading program and \$1,100 for a community open house; and

- Pittsford Public Library, \$500 for craft items and jun-

ior audio books.

Two organizations received funding from the Healthy Senior/Healthy Youth Endowment Fund:

- Do'Chas Counseling, \$1,200 for healthy living kits for teens, and

- McKinney-Vento Program, \$1,500 for financial assistance with participation in athletics for homeless students.

In addition, the Community Action Agency was awarded \$1,345 from the James and Ardath McCall Building Fund to provide housing assistance.

Field of Interest funds allow donors to support broad areas of interest, such as education, the arts, or youth services. The Foundation makes grants to the most appropriate programs or organizations within the specified field. While a donor directs a Field of Interest Fund established from its creation, the maintenance is left up to HCCF. HCCF's professional staff continually monitors changing community needs so that donors can be sure grants made in the name of the fund make the most impact in the specified field of interest and create a personal legacy of giving.

Information regarding setting up any type of fund can be obtained by calling the Foundation office Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., or by stopping at the offices located at 2 S. Howell Street, Hillsdale, Michigan. Information is also available online at www.abouthccf.org.

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