

# *A note from the President*



*Amherst Woman's Club  
Hills Memorial Club House*

Dear Friends,

Welcome to a new fabulous season of the Amherst Woman's Club. This season we will have our Daytime Speakers Series on Monday afternoons, our Amazing Women's Speakers Series on the second Thursday evenings, where women share their personal journeys through life. We will also have the Sunday Afternoon Concert Series that raise funds for the grants and scholarships awarded every year, a book group with fascinating books, bridge group with friends, tai chi and more.

We encourage you to attend to see old friends and meet new friends. Last season we welcomed 34 new members, which was a wonderful surprise that brought new smiles and energy to the club. My favorite quote is *A friend may be waiting behind a stranger's face* by Maya Angelou, which I believe to be very true.

Last season the Amherst Woman's Club hosted over 40 activities for its members and friends. And, The Hills Memorial Club House, the home of the Amherst Woman's Club, also hosted many weddings, baby showers, memorial services, the Amherst College Football Team Family dinner, business meetings, and many other joyful gatherings.

Last season a grant was awarded to the Welcome Home Refugee Resettlement Program to aide in resettling families. Family Outreach of Amherst also received a grant to support families in our local area with opportunities for camps, trips to outside attractions, visits to museums and cultural events, and fun in the town's pools. Offering experiences and opportunities that would be otherwise unavailable to some families and keeping kids safe and happy during the school break.

Additionally, scholarships were awarded to two high school students who will be attending Northeastern University and Suffolk University.

The Board and I look forward to seeing everyone at our first event, the Members' Fall Luncheon on September 11<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 PM. The members' booklet will be available for distribution at the event.

We are continuing to add new programming to the club, we recommend that you check the calendar on the website for additional events and activities. I always look forward to talking to everyone, so please feel free call me at any time with your thoughts or suggestions.

Sincerely,

*Senaida Bautista*