Presidents Message - Welcome to 2020 Ladies! This has been a wild winter, so far! Our new Board is working hard to work together to get the kinks out! My part of the newsletter is not in the newsletter because I did not make it in time for the deadline. So, you will see my updates for the newsletter here. Be patient with the process, and let the painting begin!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Christmas Committee for a wonderful dinner! It really looked magical in there. To the Ways and Means Committee for coordinated the Pence raffle, and the special raffle. To our Members who donated to the various community service projects, thank you for all that you continue to do! It was a great event! Village Painters is going to get busy very fast with plenty of opportunity to do some painting, starting with the February meeting! Please make sure you contact either Rondi or Dawn if you are going to be painting the after-meeting project. There is more info in the newsletter. Plus, the information is on the website in the 'General Meeting' page. All of the seminars are listed on the 'Seminars' page of the website too! Take a moment...or 5...to look things over and sign up for some fun painting projects this year!

See you at the February meeting!

Sheri

Community Service - Even though we still don't have a Chairperson to head Community Service, I feel we as a group do a lot through the year to help others in need. We did collect a lot of product for the Salvation Army, Toys for Tots, Free Little Library, and the Clean Love Project. We also still supported the Memory box program, and the Treasure box program, which we will continue to support. There have been many other programs we have supported along the way as well.

I have an opportunity for our group to be a part of the next Clean Love Project kit assembly program at my niece's warehouse on March 28th. This will give us the opportunity to see what her organization is all about, and to see what she does with all the products that our group has donated to her organization. This is her biggest kit assembly event of the year for her. There will be approximately 50 people at her warehouse assembling kits to be delivered to the poor and needy across Michigan. She lives on Middlebelt Road by King Road out by the airport. I will have a sign-up sheet at the February meeting. You can also email me and let me know if you would like to participate in the event, and I will add you to the list. I do not have an official time yet. I will keep you posted.

One of our members suggested we paint some canvas bags or totes for the organization as a Community Service project. I know my niece would be very happy if we did something like that, but it is up to all of us to make that decision. Right now, everything goes in zip lock bags, unless she receives donations of etsy bags...which isn't very often. Plus, those etsy bags aren't very big. Thank you! Sheri