



## Announcements

### March 2024

Thursday, March 7, 2024  
**SIP, SAVOR, & SUPPORT**  
Pine Lake Country Club  
5504 Lebanon Rd  
Mint Hill 28227

Monday, March 11, 2024  
**Meeting at 7pm**  
Mint Hill Town Center  
Mint Hill 28227

Thursday, March 14, 2024  
**Lunch Bunch at 11am**  
Panzu Brewery  
7251 Matthews-Mint Hill Rd  
Mint Hill 28227

### April 2024

Monday, April 8, 2024  
**Meeting at 7pm**  
Mint Hill Town Center  
Mint Hill 28227

Thursday, April 11 2024  
**Breakfast Bunch at 8am**  
Showmars  
6850 Matthews-Mint Hill Rd  
Mint Hill 28227

Tuesday, April 16 2024  
**Pizza, Wine, & Games at 6pm**  
Olde Sycamore Golf Plantation  
7500 Olde Sycamore Dr  
Mint Hill 28227

**March 7, 2024—Sip Savor Support**—See article on page 5  
**If you need a ride to a meeting or an event**, please send an email to [mhwclub@gmail.com](mailto:mhwclub@gmail.com) and we will try to get another member to get you out and about.  
**March 11, 2024**—MHWC Meeting at 7pm— **“Auto Health”**  
**March 14, 2024**—Lunch Bunch at Panzu Brewery  
**It’s time for MHWC Board Nominations.** We have openings in a few positions—see page 4 for the open positions and contact Jessi Burns if you are interested.

## Message from the President

Hi Lovely Ladies,

### **Time is MARCHing on!**

Can you believe that **Sip, Savor, Support** is just a few days away? I know many of you are excited to attend the event and see the fruits of your labor. There is no doubt that it is going to be a tremendous success! Be sure to take plenty of photos to share and remember that everyone needs a ticket to attend, including volunteers!

*Spring is almost here!* As far as the MHWC is concerned, spring starts today and Lexi, Carmen and the Spring team have already been hard at work! They have many great activities planned for us! Be sure to show your support and appreciation by attending these activities. I am really excited to try the new brewery in town. There is a lot of buzz about the amazing food Panzu serves! Hopefully you can join us and enjoy some tasty small plates on the beautiful patio! Please join me in thanking Dona, Jane and the entire Winter team for the awesome work they did all season long for us!

When an athlete runs a relay, he runs his leg and at the end of it, he seamlessly hands the baton to his teammate. This new runner is fresh, energized and eagerly moves his team toward their next milestone in the race. Since each runner does his part, all the teammates avoid severe exhaustion, potential injury, and the team is successful.

Some of our members are ready to hand off their batons but do not have a teammate waiting by to accept it and start their leg. It is so important for the success of our incredible club that ladies step up and fill each of these roles. I ask that you consider nominating yourself for one of the open positions or discuss with a friend that may need a little extra encouragement. We will present the slate of candidates and vote at the April membership meeting. Each lady leaving her role has been amazing and will ensure you are ready to take on your new responsibilities. I am happy to answer any questions you have and look forward to hearing which role you are considering!

Everyone stay well and enjoy the slightly longer days!

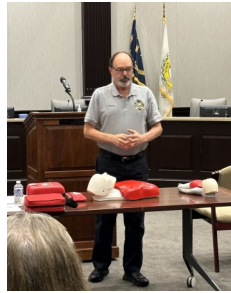
Love Jessi

# February Meeting Recap

Thirty-eight women braved the rain to attend the February 12, 2024 MHWC meeting titled “Keep a Heart Beating”. President Jessica Burns opened the meeting a little after 7:00 PM and then we had our program.

Mike Hastings from the Mint Hill Fire Department spoke on heart health. He told us about the symptoms of a heart attack and the importance of a quick response. He demonstrated CPR on both an adult and infant mannequin. It was a wonderful learning experience.

Next, various board members gave their reports. We adjourned at 8:20 for refreshments provided by the winter team. Anne Doughty, VP



# March Meeting

Our March 11<sup>th</sup> meeting of the MHWC will be from 7-9 at the Mint Hill Town Hall and the topic will be “Auto Health”. Our speaker will be Renny Calderon from Renny’s Auto Service. Renny is a mobile mechanic who will come to your house for oil changes, mufflers, welding, oil changes mechanic services and brakes! He can be reached at 980-200-9271. Anne Doughty, VP

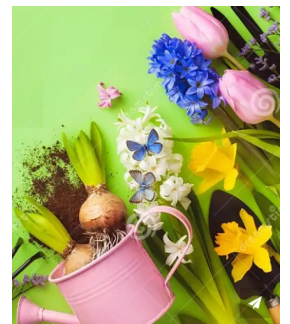
# Spring Team Event Schedule

March 14, 2024—Lunch Bunch at 11:00am at Panzu in Mint Hill, NC. Join the Spring Team for a YUMMY lunch.

April 11, 2024—Breakfast Bunch at Showmar’s Mint Hill at 8:00am. Join the Spring Team for a delicious Breakfast.

April 16, 2024—Please join us for a fun night of Wine, Pizza, and GAMES!! from 6:00pm-8:00pm at Olde Sycamore Clubhouse. Wine will be half off, 2 topping pizza’s will be \$12.00. Bring your favorite game and enjoy a night out with other wonderful Mint Hill Women’s Club ladies.

Lexi McKinney



# Winter Team News

As we wrap up the Winter Team season and prepare to hand over the reins to the Spring Team, Jane and I wanted to express our sincere gratitude to all of our team members for their incredible support over the past three months. Working alongside so many wonderful ladies has been an absolute pleasure and we've had a lot of fun in the process!

Our final Dinner Bunch was held at Longhorn Steakhouse on Wednesday, February 21st, and it was a fantastic evening all around. Thirteen ladies attended and we enjoyed a delicious meal while catching up and sharing stories. It was great to reconnect with members we hadn't seen in a while and to meet some of our newer members as well. We're truly blessed to have so many special women in the Mint Hill Women's Club.

Thanks again to everyone for their contributions this season. We're looking forward to what the Spring Team has in store!

Best regards,  
Dona and Jane



## March Birthdays

Birthday	First Name	Last Name
03-02	Sharon	Jennings
03-03	Pheadra	Line
03-08	Mary Ann	DeSano
03-08	Pam	Fandel
03-09	Courtney	Younce
03-10	Kay	Major
03-15	Dixie	Helms
03-16	Lois	Carr
03-19	Kay	Freeman
03-25	Nancy	Crisp
03-30	Sandy	Harrison
03-31	Jane	Price

## Hugs

Carol Robinson	Get Well
Desiree Van Egmond	Thinking of You
Sandy Harrison	Get Well

Please contact Deonna Bandos, Corresponding Secretary, with information regarding any member who needs a Hugs card. You can email her at [ddmbandos15@gmail.com](mailto:ddmbandos15@gmail.com)

# MHWC Board Members Needed

We will have a few open positions for the 2024-2025 term. These positions are a great way to get more involved in the Mint Hill Women's Club, have an influence on the direction of the Club, and make a larger impact in your community!

The following positions are available along with the tasks/responsibilities for each listed below. **If you are interested in a position or have any questions, please reach out to Jessi Burns.** We will vote on nominees during the April Membership meeting.

***Thank you!***

## **President**

- Establishes the direction of the club and leads implementation
- Presides at all meetings
- Ensures financial solvency
- Fosters communication

## **Vice President**

- Attends and reports at monthly board meetings
- Arranges programs monthly for membership meetings by identifying topic and engaging speaker (September through May)
- Arranges venue and logistics for program presentation (4 of nine monthly meetings are pre-planned annual programs)
- Provides back-up coverage to President
- Performs all duties of the President, in the absence or disability of the President

## **Treasurer**

- Attends and reports at monthly board meetings
- Applies computer skills in monitoring on-line financial transactions
- Records all financial transactions into journal.
- Creates and updates spreadsheet for use in financial reports.
- Receives, deposits, and disburses all funds of the club in a timely manner to ensure financial solvency
- Maintains financial records
- Oversees finances for club fund-raising events and reserves
- Prepares and reports monthly on financial status
- Prepares and publishes club year-end financial report
- Prepares and files all federal tax forms
- Administers credit card transactions for square process

## **Corresponding Secretary**

- Attends and reports at monthly board meetings
- Sends "hugs" cards to members
- Applies computer skills to sends Evites to members when needed

## **Fundraising**

- Attends and reports at monthly board meetings
- Researches fundraising ideas and oversees their implementation
- Creates and leads a committee in the implementation, using funds allocated by Board
- Manages the Solicitation of external donations as appropriate

## **Fall Team Co-Lead (2)**

Leads a team of members in coordinating the following activities during their season:

- Lunch Bunch: Select and reserve a restaurant for monthly lunch
- Social: Arrange for refreshments, set up, and clean up at monthly membership meetings
- Personal Enrichment: Arrange a variety of outings to develop minds, character, and knowledge
- Game nights (during summer months): Arrange room and attend
- Takes digital photos of activities to be shared with the Communications Chair
- Attends and report at monthly board meetings as necessary (one month prior to, and all months during that season)
- Disseminates upcoming activities to the membership via the Communications Chair and the newsletter



# Sip Savor Support Fundraiser

## Mint Hill Women's Club 49th ANNUAL FUNDRAISER:

By the time our March Newsletter is distributed to membership, we will be close to our 49th Annual Fundraiser, Sip, Savor, Support! Hopefully, everyone has purchased a ticket to attend. It is sure to be a night of joy, laughter, and mingling with old friends and new.

**Messer Financial Group** is providing the event with heavy hors d'oeuvres and a great supporter of the Mint Hill Women's Club. **Novant Health Mint Hill** continues to support our fundraiser through donations, printing, and swag bags for our VIP ticket holders. **Alluvium Construction** is another local company that supports our fundraiser.

## A BIG THANKS TO OUR 2024 WINE SPONSORS:

### Gold Sponsors

Alluvium Construction  
Anna Granger, Broker-in-charge, Realtor  
Hendrick/Lexus  
Suburban Properties of Charlotte

### Silver Sponsors

Blessed Assurance  
C.W. Jennings, Sons, & Associates  
Concierge Services for Seniors  
Ellison Technologies  
Foxx Contracting  
Honor The Warriors  
Level Up Logo

### Bronze Sponsor

Kathryn Jennings



49th Annual

Mint Hill Women's Club Fundraiser

*Sip, Savor, Support*

Supporting our community one sip at a time



- Wine Tastings
- Beer Tastings
- Hors d'Oeuvres
- Raffles
- Silent Auction
- Cork Pull
- & More

6:00 P.M. TO 8:30 P.M.  
THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 2024

**PINE LAKE COUNTRY CLUB**

\* MUST BE 21 OR OLDER TO ATTEND

Our **GUEST SPEAKER**, Mint Hill Mayor Brad Simmons lives in Mint Hill with wife Renee. They are both constant supporters of the Mint Hill community and the Mint Hill Women's Club.

We are having DJ Todd Alexander and wife Jessica, from **Spintastic Sounds** provide us with music.

The Mint Hill Women's Club has great raffle baskets and a variety of silent auction items this year. Many one-of-kind framed pictures from Mint Hill Arts, a framed Dennis the Menace original drawing, an art glass vessel by Elijah Kell, a signed autograph racing helmet from Joe Gibbs Racing, a Total Wine tasting for 20, a Heritage Museum tour for 4 from Hendrick Motorsport, Pine Lake Country Club and Olde Sycamore Golf Plantation round of golf for 4, massage, nails, and hair salon gift cards, and much more.

We are also having 8 different wine tastings and two local beer tastings, a Cork Pull where you can win a bottle of wine \$15.00 to \$90.00, a cash bar, and more.

Can't wait to see everyone at the Fundraiser on March 7, 2024 at Pine Lake Country. We have over 90 Merchant Sponsors. Thank you to everyone in the Mint Hill, Matthews Community for all your support!!! We hope everyone has a great evening.

Sincerely,

Co-Chairs Marilyn Fargo and Susie Laurie



# Service

## **BLESSED ASSURANCE**

Another day in February of making our local seniors happy at Blessed Assurance. They get big smiles on their faces when they see us walk through the doors. We are getting more men that want their nails done too. A very rewarding day for us all.

A **BIG** thanks to our wonderful member volunteers; Robyn Imirie, Rosy Crumpton, Edna Vera, and Marilyn Fargo.



## **BACKPACKS OF LOVE**

Backpacks of Love continues to serve the community through non-perishable food items, milk, cheese, and eggs. The Mint Hill Women's Club helped distribute these items on February 15, 2024. We had about 25 families who came through and received grocery bags of food. They are so appreciative of getting the groceries and thanking us for helping them. Thanks to our dedicated and friendly volunteers; Sharon Jennings, Edna Vera, Carol Raffe, Jane Dunne, Hanna Kabwe, and Marilyn Fargo.

You all deserve a **BIG HUG!!!**



Erin Clark, Coordinator of BACKPACKS OF LOVE

# Congratulations

## CONGRATULATIONS Ann Carney!!!

Winner of the original framed, *Dennis the Menace* drawing.

Enjoy the generous donation from our friend, Marcus Hamilton.



**Facebook post by Mr Hamilton**

[Marcus Hamilton](#) mentioned you in a [comment](#).



**Marcus Hamilton**

February 23 at 9:12 PM

Mint Hill Women's Club Wow! That's amazing. Thanks to Ann Carney for her generous gift to the Women's Club! I wish I could be at the fundraiser, but our family will be heading out for a vacation cruise. Best regards, Marcus

# Member Interests

At the 2022 Christmas party, a game was played that involved finding members with similar hobbies and interests. Beginning this month, each newsletter will feature a group of like activities, and the members who have an interest in them. What a great way to connect with other MHWC members outside of regular group activities!

## ***MARCH SPOTLIGHT: CRAFTING & SEWING***

### **Crafting:**

Ann Papais  
Anne Doughty  
Cheryl Crawford  
Cheryl Reid  
Dona Phillips  
Donna Smith (Cardmaking)  
Jess Burns  
Marilyn Fargo  
Mary Blinn (Cardmaking)  
MaryAnn DeSano  
Mindy Parman  
Nancy Crisp  
Pam Dalton  
Pheadra Line  
Sandy DiMeo  
Suzanne Maddox

### **Crocheting/Knitting:**

Ann Papais  
Mary Blinn

### **Needlepoint:**

Nena Hartz

### **Sewing/Quilting:**

Andre West  
Ann Papais  
Cheryl Crawford  
Lynn Gallagher  
Margaret Heins





# Our Donations at work

## Charlotte Mecklenburg Library—Mint Hill

Hello,

The Mint Hill Women's Club has always been so generous to Mint Hill Public Library. Thank you once again for including us in your annual donations. This year we would like to purchase 2 decibel meters to help control the noise level in the library. This is a fun, quiet way to let our customers know when they are getting a little too loud.

<https://www.amazon.com/Yacker-Tracker-Noise-Monitor-Detector/dp/B001AZ2O2Q>

Thank you.



Hello MHWC,

Thank you for your patience with this questionnaire.

Mending Strides Ranch has received donations from MHWC in the form of craft products (painted rocks, denim sewing projects and wall hangings) that we sell at events like Mint Hill Madness. We use the funds to help with expenses for the rescued equines who partner in therapy sessions and learning programs with clients. It is helpful to have unrestricted funds available to us because our horse expenses and insurance run \$20,000 a year and while we can generally find grants to cover programs, it is very difficult to get unrestricted funding.

For those unfamiliar with us, we provide equine assisted psychotherapy and learning programs. We work with ages ten and up experiencing low self esteem, anxiety and depression. All programs are supplemented to keep services affordable and full scholarships are available.

We have an ongoing need for individuals to serve on committees and the board. Those with experience in Quickbooks, fundraising, grant writing, event planning, or networking are needed.

Thank you for all you do in the Mint Hill community,

Maria

**Healing Vine Harbor, Inc.**  
8920 Lawyers Road, #690483  
Charlotte, NC 28227  
704-561-1128  
healingvineharbor.org

February 5, 2024

Mrs. Jessica Burns, President  
Mint Hill Women's Club  
Mint Hill, NC 28227

Subject: Mint Hill Women's Club End-of-Year Update

Dear Ms. Smith:

We are pleased to present our progress displaying our use of funds given to us by your organization, Mint Hill Women's Club in August 2023. Your award played a crucial role in supporting activities within our HELP program, which focuses on *Healing and Eradicating Lingered Poverty* in our community. The awarded grant amount of \$1,000 has been instrumental in empowering and uplifting women in need. We are delighted to share an overview of the various types of assistance provided via your award:

- Clothing: \$875.46
- Food: \$3,339.29
- Transportation: \$3,813.27
- Household Items: \$1,001.68. This category includes the expenses of buying a mattress, paying for storage units, and costs to transport donated furniture to clients.
- Rent and/or Mortgage: \$5,881.08
- Utility Bill Payments: \$1,780.96

The cumulative value of the above-mentioned assistance provided to our clients exceeded \$12,870, demonstrating the significant impact of this program on the lives of those we serve.

Throughout the implementation process, we have remained committed to our mission of providing support to women in need, promoting their well-being and self-sufficiency. By utilizing your funds judiciously, we have been able to impact

**MENDING STRIDES RANCH**

**COMMUNICATION WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS OF TEENS**

Feel like your teenager is speaking a different language? Hitting a wall trying to connect? Join us for a unique skill workshop where our four-legged friends help bridge the gap. Our equine-assisted therapeutic approach is designed to teach skills to improve communication, resolve conflicts, and boost your bond with your teen!

**\$75 per person**

**SAT**  
4/13/23  
9:30-12:30

[mendingstrides@gmail.com](mailto:mendingstrides@gmail.com)  
MendingStridesRanch.com

(803) 242-9426



# Community News

Here is some information about upcoming programs at the Library. The one on March 9<sup>th</sup> might be of real interest to many of your members:

[Sat., March 9<sup>th</sup> at 2pm: Homemade Isn't Hard \(Our Jessica will teach students how to make simple foods at home rather than buy prepackaged in the store\)](#)

[Thurs., March 28<sup>th</sup> at 11am: Our Friend, the Tomato- the history of the tomato in certain cuisines](#)

[Mondays in April at 6pm: Chef Shaun teaches different cooking aspects. I am linking it to the first program.](#)

If you have any questions, please let me know!  
**Sally Deason, MLS | Librarian**  
**Charlotte Mecklenburg Library | Mint Hill Library**



## **Mint Hill Chamber of Commerce Tea**

The tables cost \$320 for a table of 8. You decorate the table yourself and the guests will vote on the best tablescape. This event is always a lot of fun where you can sport your best fascinator or hat, enjoy a luncheon tea with friends and even participate in a raffle and silent auction. You can register at the following link

<https://minthillchamberofcommercenc.chambermaster.com/eventregistration/register/1534>.

**Tables usually go fast so get your group together and register soon.**

## **Mint Hill Arts**

### **About our organization**

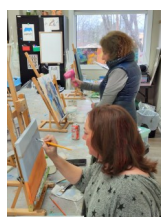
Mint Hill Arts, located at 11205 Lawyers Road, Suite A, is a distinguished non-profit community arts center that encompasses a gift shop, a sophisticated art gallery, and inspiring classroom space featuring a variety of creative educational offerings. Our primary mission is to cater to the needs and aspirations of local visual artists, art enthusiasts, and the wider public.

### **MHWC Donation Update**

With your generous donation, Mint Hill Arts invested in new tabletop easels for use in the second classroom we added in 2023. This is an acquisition that promises benefits for both students and instructors alike. The addition of these easels has enhanced the classroom environment, providing a versatile space for artists to explore and develop their skills. The presence of these new easels in the classroom also enhances the overall learning experience by facilitating more interactive lessons and encouraging collaboration, fostering a sense of community and encouraging a supportive learning environment.

### **Upcoming Events**

In March and April, Mint Hill Arts is hosting a judged show in our gallery, *All About Animals*. We encourage all local artists to submit up to two pieces of artwork in any artistic medium with animals as the subject. The online registration deadline for the show is Thursday, February 22, with the opening reception to be held on Friday, March 1, at 7:00 p.m. Awards will be presented at 8:00 p.m. The general public is invited to join us for free appetizers, soft drinks, wine, and great art! Please see our website for more information or to register: <https://minthillarts.org/current-artist-call/>.



# Community News



## One Yard Away Fundraiser

April 14, 2024 12:30 PM – 4:00 PM

The Barn at Frank Liske Park  
4001 Stough Road  
Concord, North Carolina 28027

## Purple Wing Soiree—Healing Vine Harbor

we would love your support of our 5th Annual Purple Wing Soirée this year. Here is the flyer and the link. We continue raising funds to purchase a property to house homeless women.

<https://5thannualpurplewingsoiree.eventbrite.com>

Do you have any old eyeglasses or cases cluttering your drawers? If so, you can change lives by donating them! Over 1 billion people around the world with vision loss and lack of access to eye care could regain their sight with a pair of eyeglasses. Your donated eyeglasses may help a person in your hometown read the label on a medicine bottle or they might enable a child on the other side of the world see the board at school. Our local Lions Club chapter collects glasses and volunteers process and distribute them through medical missions throughout the world! If you have some old eyeglasses laying around, bring them to a meeting or email us [MHWCclub@gmail.com](mailto:MHWCclub@gmail.com). We will be sure the Lions Club receives them!



## Congratulations to the Mint Hill Chamber of Commerce on their successful Casino Night




# Community News

Dear Mint Hill Women's Club,

I hope this email finds you well. My name is Gianna McCloud and I play for Independence Highschool Varsity Softball as a Sophomore, and I am reaching out on behalf of the Independence High School Softball Team in Mint Hill, NC. As a dedicated member of the community who empowers and supports Women, we are reaching out to you to seek support for our team and the invaluable experiences it provides to our Female student-athletes.

We admire Mint Hill Women's Club for its commitment to the local community in providing support to Women and Girls in our community.

We hope you will consider making a generous donation that will directly benefit the Young Women of Independence High School Softball Team by supporting crucial projects that enhance the overall experience for our athletes. Specifically, the funds will be used to construct a new building by the field for equipment storage, implement a warning track in the outfield to reduce injuries, and acquire new equipment to replace nets with holes/rust.

It is crucial for us to provide adequate facilities for girls' sports in Mint Hill, especially considering the limited funding from the CMS budget. Currently, we are facing a shortfall of approximately \$8,000 to complete these essential projects. Your contribution will play a significant role in ensuring our girls have access to safe and well-equipped facilities.

For any donation over \$500, you will get an individualized sponsorship shout out at all regular-season home games as well as free entry to come and see the games to cheer on the Lady Patriots. We recognize that each business is unique, and we are open to discussing tailored sponsorship packages that align with your company's values and marketing objectives. Your contribution can be customized to showcase your brand in a way that resonates with our community. If you can only give a little, we appreciate that as well and consider ANY donation essential support to our community and program in shaping young women into leaders and accountable future community partners.

Our girls work tirelessly to represent Mint Hill throughout the conference and the state. In fact, they achieved the 2023 Conference Championship last season, showcasing the dedication and excellence that your support will help sustain.

I sincerely appreciate your consideration of this request. If you have any questions or would like to discuss this opportunity further, please feel free to contact me at Amanda Larry, Head Coach at [amanda1.larry@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:amanda1.larry@cms.k12.nc.us). Your partnership is vital to the success of our team, and we look forward to the possibility of working together to create a positive impact in our community.

You can donate directly to: [https://raise.snap.app/donors/207345?share\\_type=clipboard](https://raise.snap.app/donors/207345?share_type=clipboard) where your donation is tax deductible as a 501C organization.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Warm regards,

Gianna McCloud  
2026 Outfielder  
Independence High School  
Softball Team Support Committee

