

DOOR CODE FOR MONDAY NIGHT MEETINGS: 44005#

December

Saturday, Dec 11th noon-4pm Pop Up Christmas Show Mint Hill Town Hall Circle

Monday, December 13th, 7pm Christmas Party Morning Star Lutheran Church Family Center

Friday, Dec 17th, 11:30am Christmas Luncheon Pine Lake Country Club

January 2022

Monday, Jan 10th, 7pm Monthly Meeting Town Hall

Saturday, January 15th, 11am Lunch Bunch Jonathon's Restaurant

** Monday, February 7th 7PM
Monthly Meeting
Town Hall

Thursday, February 17th, 11am Lunch Bunch Stevens Mill Cafe

Save the Date Thursday, Feb 24th 6pm-8:30pm

Sip, Savor, Support Fundraiser PineLake Country Club

** Meeting changed to 1st Monday of the month due to Valentines Day falling on Monday.



Announcements

POP UP CHRISTMAS SHOP- Saturday, Dec 11th in the circle in front of Town Hall. Make this the year you shop local and support our neighboring businesses. **Please see page 3 for further details.**

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY/MEETING Monday, December 13, 2021, at 7:00pm, we will meet for our December Membership meeting at Morning Star Lutheran Church, FAMILY CENTER. Please respond to Evite (so the room can be set accordingly) and Perfect Potluck (to indicate what dish you are bringing). It is a very large room so we can spread out. Tables will seat six. A BIG thanks goes out to Ginnie Freeburn, and her husband Bob, for getting their church to allow us to have our Christmas

Please bring a \$1.00 WRAPPED gift for our gift exchange, no names on it.

Party/meeting there.

Bring your Servant's Heart donations of toys, value \$15.00 or more, with individual prices on them; **UN-WRAPPED**, for children ages one to 12 yrs. Servant's Heart would also like Donations of \$15.00 gift cards to

Target or Walmart, for children 12 to 16 years old.—See page 6 for Servant 's Heart Toy Program details.

We will have games and gift exchange at the party along with potluck appetizers. This is one of our best events of the year and so much FUN!

CHRISTMAS LUNCH BUNCH- Friday, Dec. 17th with doors opening at noon—Pine Lake Country Club. Make sure your payment and entre selection is in no later than **Friday, Dec 3rd**. Price is \$25/person. Choices of entre are Chicken, Beef or Fish. You can either send your check to Deonna Bandos, 8322 Curico Ln, MH 28227 or purchase online at https://www.mhwclub.com/store/p6/

Message from Co-Presidents

CHRISTMAS IS MAGICAL!!!

Christmas is a wonderful time for everyone to share in the warmth of those dear to us. May your heart be filled with all the joys this festive season brings. This Christmas, fill your home with JOY, your heart with LOVE, and your life with LAUGHTER. This is such a special time of year. Wishing you a Merry Christmas, and lots of love, from our family to yours; and many Blessings for the coming year!!!

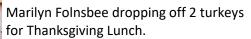
Andree West and Marilyn Fargo

November Service

Collection for Blessed Assurance Angel Tree—On Thursday, Nov 18th, 4 members delivered the 60 gift bags to Blessed Assurance Adult Daycare Center. Each bag included \$10 GC from Walmart, pr. Of gloves, pr of socks, Sudoko Book, Crossword Book, Charlotte Hornets T-Shirt, Shampoo, Covid masks, bottle of sanitizer, 2 bars of candy and stress ball. The total value of this service project came to well over

\$1200 with the Club utilizing between \$225-\$250 and the balance came from the generosity of 40 of our members. In addition, the club donated 2 large Turkeys for Nate Huggins to Fry for Thanksgiving meal next week. Thank you to everyone who was able to participate.







Today, Mary Pat Busker took (13) \$15 gift cards from Food Lion to Queens Grant community school. They will choose which families need the gift cards the most. It is so rewarding to visit with Queen's Grant because they appreciate the Mint Hill Women's Club and our generosity towards them very, very much! The principal and secretary of the school said to tell all of you Thank You



Once again, MHWC, participated in the Festival of Trees at Novant Hospital in Matthews. Thank you Marilyn for putting up another beautiful display.

Thank You

MHWC Ladies,

Honor the Warriors' 12th Annual Bike Event has come and gone. It was a success by all accounts. Much of that success I attribute directly to our association with the MHWC and your wonderful members. You each truly epitomize the meaning of "community service", from folding shirts and stuffing bags to cooking fantastic food to even volunteering on the day of the event to sit in "the middle of nowhere" and hand out drinks and snacks to our riders.

Our association with the club has grown and is more meaningful every year. Each event more and more of you volunteer your time and energy to help us be successful and put smiles on the faces of our Veterans. If you ever wonder if you make a difference in this world, just look at the faces of our riders. That is a story worth telling. You not only fill their bellies but their hearts and souls as well.

Thank You, Thank You and Thank You again for all that you do for us.

Jerry Morris
Executive Director

POP UP Christmas Show

Come join us at the Pop Up Christmas Show on Dec 11th, Noon-4pm in the circle in front of Town Hall. You will be treated to various local vendors including some of our own members.

Here is a sampling of the items MHWC will have for sale that day: **Make Great Gifts**

- Sip Savor Support Fundraiser Tickets—
- MHWC—Hometown Christmas Soy Candle
- Christmas and greeting card packs by Robyn Imirie, Sandy Harrison,
 Deonna Bandos (Father), and Donna Smith
- Handmade casserole carriers- Cheryl Crawford
- Sweets to include; fudge, brownies, cookies, candy, specialty breads various members
- 18" Doll Clothes—Marilyn Fargo's friend
- Artisan crafted 4.5" porcelain snowman ornaments—

Coal Creek Art Studio

Handmade special occasion clutch purses—Andree West

All net proceeds from this booth will go towards financial donations or service projects within our local community.



Also check out the booths of our other members:

Marilyn Fargo - Christmas décor

Monica Sharpe—Carolina Hemp Company

Tammy Brooks—Novant

Sandy Harrison - Vitality Ginger Aromatherapy

Amy Salvatore-Sunflower Café

Sarah McGinn - Sunflower Café

Annette Smith—Carolina Roasting Company





THANKS to our November guest Speaker, Lana Cobb, from Pat's Place. She gave us an informative overview of the work this organization does for children ages 0-18. They help children who have been neglected, and/or abused, or witnessed a violent crime. This November, 2021, "Pat's Place" was recognized as one of 2021, "Charlotteans of the Year. CONGRATULATIONS!!!





A large framed picture, 16" x 20", of Dennis the Menace and Mr. Wilson, is currently on our MHWC Facebook page for bidding. **The biding will close on Sunday, Nov.28th at 6pm**. Marcus Hamilton is the Artist, and has graciously donated an original picture to our Club for many, years. Thank you so much!!!

Saturday, December 11, 2021 is the "POP-UP Christmas event in Mint Hill. It will take place around, and in front, of the Mint Hill Town Hall, from noon to 4:00 pm. The Mint Hill

Women's Club will have a booth with homemade items, to purchase, from many of our Creative members. **See page 3 for details regarding the precuts being sold in our booth**. Please bring a friend and support us in this outside event. Bring cash, checks, or credit cards too. Please join us for an afternoon of fresh air and SUPPORT for MHWC and local Mint Hill businesses.

Friday, December 17,2021 we will have our December "Lunch Bunch" at Pine Lake Country Club on Lebanon Rd., Mint Hill at 11:30 am. The lunch is \$25.00 provided by PLCC. You may select chicken, beef, or a fish plate. All Checks or Credit Card payments are due by December 3, 2021. If you have any questions, call Deonna Bandos at 704-900-4613. This is always a very festive holiday lunch with our members.

Thursday, February 24, 2022, Fundraiser, "SIP, SAVOR, SUPPORT", will take place at Pine Lake Country Club, 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm. There is a LOT of work to do to make this event a SUCCESS. We ask that each MHWC Member participate and contribute to this event. You can volunteer to work the day of the event, you can decorate and print Raffle Basket tags, purchase new items for gift baskets, donate baskets or creative containers, donate a \$15.00, or higher, bottle of red or white wine, etc. This is a TEAM event, and we need every member to participate in some way. Start telling friends and family about our February 24, 2021 FUNDRAISER EVENT. Tickets for the event will be available starting Dec 11th at the Pop Up Christmas Shop. Prices are \$40- entry/wine tastings/Beer tastings and VIP ticket \$75 - entry/wine tasting/Beer Tasting/ 30 Raffle tickets/ 1 cork pull ticket/ stemless wine glass.

More information to follow.





LUNCH BUNCH

Lunch Bunch took place on Wednesday, November 17th at Olde Sycamore Golf Plantation Club. The weather was perfect for 18 members to enjoy a lovely lunch on the patio overlooking the 18th hole. Thank you again to Anne Doughty, Ann Litaker and the Fall Team for all the work these past few months to ensure our events and meetings were nicely done with decorations and refreshments.



Membership

The 2021-22 Membership Directories are now available at all MHWC events. Please make sure that you pick up your copy at the December Christmas Party on Dec 11th. If you have any questions or need to make corrections, please contact Nancy Crisp at <u>ojcrisp@aol.com</u>

Birthdays

Ann	Carney	12-01
Wanda	Mc Williams	12-02
Joe Anna	Trotman	12-03
Paige	McKinney	12-12
Dana	Price	12-12
Kathy	Cowles	12-13
Mary	O'Rourke	12-23
Anastasia	Farrell	12-24
Tonya	Kerr	12-29
Kathleen	Schilling	12-29

Hugs

Get well Cards

Ann Reid-sick Patricia Masterivito-hospital with pneumonia

Thinking of You Cards

Celeste Dencke- husband's surgery Anastasía Farrell- husband síck

Please contact Pam Dalton, Corresponding Secretary, with information regarding any member who needs a Hugs card. You can email her at daltongang123@aol.com

Community News

This is the program we support at our Annual Christmas Party and why we ask that the donations come unwrapped with pricing attached.



Servant's Heart Christmas Assistance Program 2021

Christmas Assistance Program provides toys for boys and girls ages 0 – 12; NEW TOYS only 13 years of age through college - \$25 gift cards from Target and Walmart

Qualified parents select up to \$100 of toys per child 0 - 12 in their home and \$75- \$100 in gift cards per teenage child – all at no cost to the client.

Parents are prequalified via social work interview and given an appointment date and time for shopping. Each client is paired with a "personal shopper" volunteer to assist with the selection process. Involving clients with the selection of items for their children and engaging them in an exercise of budgeting allows our clients to be served with dignity and respect. Additionally, it ensures that children do not receive toys they already have and safeguards their interest in what they open on Christmas morning.

Toys should be donated <u>unwrapped with prices on each gift.</u> This is necessary information for parents during the selection process and for SH as we tally monetary value per child.

Toys and gift cards will be received through mid-December. We need the majority of gifts to arrive early December as disbursement of these items begins December 15th.

During our first 5 years, Servant's Heart served 1,631 children with \$131,626. We need your help. We need your compassion. Involve your sphere of friends, family, and businesses to donate items.

This effort requires a community – neighbors helping neighbors.

Please contact Rochelle Williams at 704.680.6533 x 4 if you have questions or desire more information. Thank you in advance from the children who will awake Christmas morning to find gifts bearing their name.

Came across this today on Facebook. Thought it would be of interest to our members.

Here are some thing you might not know about those who need help from a food bank.



- 1. Everyone donates Kraft Mac and Cheese in the box. They can rarely use it because it needs milk and butter which are to get from food banks.
- 2. Boxed milk is a treasure, as kids need it for cereal which they also get a lot.
- 3. Everyone donates pasta sauce and spaghetti noodles.
- 4. Oil is a luxury but needed for Rice-a-Roni, which they also get in abundance.
- 5. They cannot eat all the awesome canned veggies and soup unless you put a can opener in too or buy pop tops.
- 6. Spices or salt and pepper would be a real Christmas gift.
- 7. Tea bags and coffee make them feel like you care.
- 8. Sugar and flour are treats.
- 9. They fawn over fresh produce donated by farmers and grocery stores.
- 10. Seeds are cool in Spring and Summer because growing can be easy for some.
- 11. They rarely get fresh meat.
- 12. Tuna and crackers make a good lunch
- 13. Hamburger Helper goes nowhere without ground beef.
- 14. They get lots of peanut butter and jelly, but usually not sandwich bread.
- 15. Butter or margarine are nice too.
- 16. Eggs are a real commodity.
- 17. Cake mix and frosting makes it possible to make a child's birthday cake.
- 18. Dishwashing detergent is very expensive and is always appreciated.
- 19. Feminine hygiene procucts are a luxury and women will cry over that.
- 20. Everyone loves Stove Top Stuffing.

In all the years I have donated food at the Holidays, I bought what I thought they wanted. If you are helping a family this Christmas, maybe this can help you tailor it more.

Comment by: Joe Becignuel