

### **April 2023**



### **Announcements**

Please join us for our **April 10, 2023** monthly meeting of the MHWC from 7-9 at the Mint Hill Town Hall. We will have Cassandra Heath, founder of **55+ Senior Solutions**, share for a few minutes about all of the services she has to offer seniors in our area from the 55+ Senior Resource Center. **We will also have Board elections, vote on the changes to the By-Laws and be voting on the Budget and Donations for the next fiscal year.** Please come and participate.

Please <u>do not</u> prop open the front door of the Town Hall during the monthly meetings. An open door summons the police! A team member can be stationed at the front door to let ladies in.

April 29—Mint Hill Chamber of Commerce Tea

Thursday, April 20, 2023

Dinner Bunch at CharBar @ 5:30

7312 Town View Dr

April Monday, April 10, 2023

Monthly meeting @ 7pm

Mint Hill Town Hall

7312 Town View Dr Mint Hill, NC 28227

Saturday, April 22, 2023

Enrichment Activity
Container Gardening @ 2pm

Mint Hill Library 6840 Matthews - Mint Hill Rd Mint Hill, NC 28227

#### May

Friday, May 5, 2023

Lunch Bunch Cantina Louie @ 11:30 am

2225 Matthews Township Parkway Matthews, NC 28105

Monday, May 8, 2023

Monthly meeting @ 7pm

Morning Star Lutheran Church 12509 Idlewild Rd Matthews, NC 28105

Monday May 22, 2023

Enrichment Activity @ 7pm
Handbell Ensemble Performance

Morning Star Lutheran Church 12509 Idlewild Rd Matthews, NC 28105

## Message from the President

Hello Lovely Ladies!

We had a busy (and wonderful) month in March! We kicked off the month with a fantastic and wildly successful Sip, Savor, Support fundraising event! Thank you to everyone that contributed and volunteered! A huge thank you to Andree and Mary Pat for the dedication and countless hours put in to make this event happen! We all truly appreciate you and everything you do!

The Spring team has been busy planning fun outings for the club. A group of us had the best time last Friday evening at the Ponderosa Farm Ladies Night! We were able to pet some real cute critters and tried a new skill- axe throwing! Thankfully we kept all our fingers and toes! If you get a chance, I recommend it for a fun outing with the family, girlfriends or even a date! Be sure to add the upcoming events such as lunch bunch, dinner bunch, the container gardening event and the handbell performance to your calendar! These are great opportunities to make new friends and spend quality time with one another! Thank you Spring team for your hard work in organizing these great activities! Marilyn has been keeping us busy with so many wonderful, worthy volunteer projects! It makes my heart so happy to see photos of our ladies out serving in the community and bringing smiles to the faces of others! Thank you Marilyn and each lady that has volunteered her time!

April is looking to be a busy month as well! At our upcoming membership meeting, we will vote on the 2023-2024 board and budget as well as a few updates to the by-laws. Please try your best to attend! Speaking of board positions, we have a few nominations but are still accepting nominees! There is still a vacancy for fundraising and must be filled. Fundraising is what allows us to give to so many in need within the community! Please consider signing up with a friend. This position may be filled by two ladies and can also have a committee. There are templates and guidelines to use if you wish or as the lead, you have the opportunity to make the event/events your own! I am here if you want to chat or have questions!

We will close out the month with the Chamber of Commerce Spring Tea and Brunch. This event should be such a lovely event! If you are interested in attending the event or hosting a table, please let me know! Hope to see you there in your fascinator!

Last but certainly not least, a warm welcome to all our new members! We hope you feel right at home and jump right in with us in all our spring activities!

Love Jessi

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## Síp Savor Support Recap

Thanks to all the ladies who donated bottles of wine, purchased product for gift baskets, filled the VIP bags, and worked the Sip Savor Support Event.

It was once again a huge success due to your help and dedication to our club. A special thanks goes to Carol Robinson, who was recognized at the March Meeting, for her efforts in getting merchants to donate product or gift certificates / cards.

Thank you all for the opportunity to represent the club to the community at large.

The Fundraising Co-Chairs

### **Andree & Mary Pat**



















Supporting our community one sip at a time



Tickets available through Mint Hill Women's Club members or online at our website. www.MHWClub.com

This is a closed event. Tickets will not be available at the door.









## Sip Savor Support Photos





















## March Meeting Recap

We had 42 women attend the March 15, 2023 MHWC monthly meeting. Our President, Jessica Burns, called the meeting to order at 7:03. After a greeting she called on VP Anne Doughty to introduce our speakers. The topic was <u>A Tale of Two Authors</u>. Patricia Haynie shared about her self-published book, "Moments That Change Us". Next, Rosy Crumpton told us about the background of her award winning book, "All I Left Unsaid". Both left information about how to order their books.

Jessica began the business portion of our meeting with an ice-breaker before she told about the board positions that need to be filled. Various board members gave reports next. We recognized new members and had 5 women join that evening! The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 for refreshments provided by the Spring Team.

Anne Doughty, VP







## New Members

Mary Walden	
Edna Vera	
Debbie Brinckman	
Courtney Younce	
Rosie Kakachyan	

Please welcome them when you see them at events or around town!

## Hugs

Brad Simmons (Renee's husband)	Get Well
Charlotte Elliotte	Get Well
Paige McKinney's Father-in-Law and Madi McKinney's Grandfather	Sympathy
Ginnie Freeburn's Sister-in-Law	Sympathy

Please contact Deonna Bandos, Corresponding Secretary, with information regarding any member who needs a Hugs card. You can email her at <a href="mailto:ddmbandos15@gmail.com">ddmbandos15@gmail.com</a>

## Spring Team News

On March 24, several ladies went to the **Ponderosa Farm** to meet the animals and have fun, they even did axe throwing! The weather was great and the event was enjoyed by all.











# Apríl Bírthdays

Birthday	First Name	Last Name
04-02	Monica	Sharpe
04-05	Kristina	Maddox
04-15	Cheryl	Reid
04-17	Bette	Felsher
04-20	Jane	Morris
04-22	Nena	Hartz
04-23	Margaret	Heins
04-28	Holli	Hampton

The next outing for the Spring team will be Thursday April 20 at **Char Bar** 7312 Town View Drive Mint Hill, NC 28227 at 5:30. They hope to see you there.

On Saturday April 22, the next Enrichment activity will be a **Container Gardening Presentation** at the Mint Hill Library 6840 Matthews - Mint Hill Rd Mint Hill at 11am. Hope you can attend.

On Friday May 5, Join us to celebrate *Cinco de mayo* at Cantina Louie 2225 Matthews Township Parkway in Matthews at 11:30

The last Enrichment activity planned by the Spring team will be on Monday May 22. Join us for a **Handbell Ensemble Performance** at Morning Star Lutheran Church 12509 Idlewild Rd in Matthews at 7 PM. The event is free.

## MHWC Card Party



On March 21, 2023, the Mint Hill Women's Club held their Annual Card/Game Party! It was held at Morningstar Lutheran Church on Idlewild Road. So many of our members and their friends look forward to this event each year. We had about 30 guests who enjoyed an afternoon of games, food, refreshments, snacks, and desserts. Some ladies played Canasta, Bridge, Mexican Train, and board games. Eight of our guests were lucky winners of our door prizes. Congratulations and hope you enjoy your gift baskets. Thank you to Rosy Crumpton and her intern for designing a colorful and attractive invitation. It looked GREAT!!! I also want to thank the ladies and two husbands who helped get everything set-up and cleaned up afterwards. I appreciate the help from Rosy Crumpton, Dona Phillips, Andree West, Cheryl Crawford, Ginnie Freeburn, Bob Freeburn, and Craig Fargo. It was a Team effort. This party is always a good time and a chance to get to know each other better. It is a day of friendship, fun, and socializing with old and new friends!



See you next year!!!

























### Service

#### March 6, 2023 at Blessed Assurance

Our mobile "Nail Salon" ladies arrived at Blessed Assurance on Monday, March 6, 2023. For months, we've been doing nails for many "Day Care Women". Now, we have men asking us to do their nails too. They want to know how much they owe us. We say, nothing, we are all volunteers from the Mint Hill Women's Club. ALL members are welcome to sign up to paint for a morning. A big thank you, and appreciation to our manicurists this month; Cheryl Crawford, Carol Robinson, Pheadra Line, and Marilyn Fargo.











#### Mint Hill Middle School Book Fair

The Mint Hill Middle School asked for our Club to help with their Semi-annual Book Fair the week of March 13th. Several of our members volunteered to help students pick out reading books and cash them out. They sold a variety of books, posters, bookmarks, and school supplies. The school stayed open late one day so parents could come and shop with their children. Many thanks to Sharon Jennings, Marilyn Folnsbee, Lexi McKinney, and Marilyn Fargo for your help with the MHMS Book-fair!





#### **Backpacks of Love**

On March 16, several of our members distributed non-perishable food, fresh fruits and vegetables, eggs, cheese, and milk to area families in need. It is becoming more apparent that people are hurting and can't afford the higher prices of food at the grocery stores. Residents come to the Philadelphia Presbyterian Church to receive free food items. They always welcome and need non-perishable food items for the pantry. If you don't have time to volunteer your time maybe you can donate some non-perishable food items. They always need jars of peanut butter, canned vegetables and fruit, macaroni and cheese, breakfast bars, applesauce, pasta, cereal, tuna fish, soup, snacks, and other non-perishable items. If you would like to donate food or have other questions call or text Marilyn Fargo at 716-867-7780. So thankful to our MHWC members who help with this worthy non- profit. Ann Newman, Pam Allred, and Marilyn Fargo worked this pantry.

Thanks for doing such a great job!

### Service

#### Mint Hill Elementary School K-4 Literacy Program

Starting on Wednesday afternoons in March, April, and May, our Club will be participating in the Mint Hill Elementary School Literacy Program. Principal, Rick Mohrien, has asked us for volunteers to listen to students read. It is a very rewarding experience to work with children on a one-to-one basis. Many of these students do not have anyone to listen to them read or give them a smile and a positive experience. Sessions are on Wednesdays from 2:15 to 2:35pm at the Mint Hill Elementary School 11615 Idlewild Rd. in Matthews. Please arrive at 2:00pm to sign-in and pick up your student. You must preregister at the Mecklenburg Schools website: <a href="mailto:cmsvolunteers.com">cmsvolunteers.com</a> Each time you volunteer, you must sign in at the office with your license.

We need volunteers for Wednesday afternoons 2:00-2:35pm in April and May. Call or text Marilyn Fargo at 716-867-7780 if you are interested.

A **big hug and thanks** to our reading volunteers so far: Robin Imirie, Cheryl Crawford, Mary Ann DeSano, Liz Krzywosz, and Marilyn Fargo.





#### Mint Hill Middle School on March 24, 2023

On Friday, March 24th, several of our MHWC Members helped decorate the school cafeteria for the MH Middle School 8th grade dance. There were plenty of workers which included parents, 8th grade students, and MHWC members. Lexi McKinney, President of the Parent Teacher group, organized the workers and directed the work of decorating the cafeteria. We started off making small glass centerpieces with blue, silver, and white flowers and adornments. Small white lights, balloons, draped mesh, and long silver streamers were hung to embellish the room. Two people were tasked with making several, tall, balloon arches. It will be a pretty presentation when the students walk in the room tonight.

Thank you to our creative MHWC decorators, Marilyn Folnsbee, Phyllis Kill, Desiree VanEgmond, Lexi McKinney, and Marilyn Fargo. **Great job ladies!!!** 









### MHWC Board Members Needed

We will have a few open positions for the 2023-2024 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. <u>If you are interested</u> <u>in a position or have any questions, please reach out to Jessi Burns.</u> We will vote on nominees during the April Membership meeting. Thank you!

#### Secretary:

- Take the minutes at all board meetings. Take the minutes at regular club meetings when voting decisions are made.
- Email minutes to the board in a timely manner. Once the minutes have been approved by the board, submit the minutes to the Webmaster in PDF.
- Maintain club email Contact List (MHWClub@gmail.com) and Evite Contact List when new members join or notified of email changes.
- Support and assist in implementation of club goals.

#### Membership:

- Coordinate membership drive prior to the first meeting if Executive Board deems necessary.
- Maintain membership database and disseminate information to executive board.
- Create subcommittee, if needed, to assist with new member orientation. Welcome visitors, new members, and current members at monthly meetings
- Provide name tags for all members and visitors. Collect and store tags for future meetings.
- Gather follow-up information on visitors and new members on form provided and follow-up via email or phone call.
- Keep a record of attendance at monthly meetings by name.
- Implement "buddy" system for new members.
- Take member pictures for Directory

#### **Fundraising:**

- Research fundraising ideas and oversee their implementation.
- All Monthly, seasonal and Annual fundraisers fall under this role.

#### Fall Team Co-Lead (1) and Spring Team Co-leads (2):

- Seasonal Team Leader(s) will be appointed to represent each team on the Board.
- The Seasonal Team Leaders will conduct team planning and review the quarter's plans with Executive Officers at called Board meetings.
   Leaders will advise Communications Coordinator in sufficient time to notify all club members thru regular newsletter and/or special email of activity opportunities.

### Mint Hill Chamber Tea

Gather 8 of your girlfriends and let your creativity run wild by decorating a table at the 3rd Annual Spring Tea & Brunch on April 29 at 11am. The tickets are \$40.

Tables can be themed, seasonal, elegant or fun. The possibilities are endless, whether you decorate to advertise your business or even a fun theme, all is welcome to decorate and celebrate!

The tea and brunch will celebrate the positive role of women in local business and the Mint Hill community. Profits from the event will assist the Chamber of Commerce to continue and expand events and opportunities, including the Annual Golf Tournament and College Scholarship opportunity.

Novant Health Mint Hill Medical Center is our presenting sponsor for this event. Additional sponsorship's are still available and items for the raffle and silent auction are needed as well.

For additional information, to reserve a table, to donate a raffle or silent auction item, or to secure a sponsorship, contact Chamber executive director Paige McKinney by email <a href="mailto:Paige@minthillchamberofcommerce.com">Paige@minthillchamberofcommerce.com</a> or visit the link below to register to attend. Please contact Jessi Burns if you are interested in hosting a table too. Marilyn Fargo is already decorating one table.

https://business.minthillchamberofcommerce.com/events/details/3rd-annual-spring-tea-fundraiser-1262?calendarMonth=2023-04-01

If you are a current member and are interested in volunteering to serve these amazing women, please reach out to Paige McKinney to coordinate. Only 3 volunteers are needed at this time.

#shoplocal #shopsmall #supportlocal #supportsmall #springtea #womensupportwomen



### Community News



#### **Book Swappers**

Book Lovers meet on the First Monday of every second month from 2-4 pm.

In a casual atmosphere, we discuss the books that have been read and swap them over light refreshments.

**For more information** on the next book swap, please contact Robyn Imirie at 562-760-2488 or at priceless47@gmail.com.



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## Spring Tea & Brunch

Raffle tickets are available for purchase the day of the event: 20 tickets for \$20 / 30 tickets for \$25

There will be some larger auction items to bid on as well.



O Date and Time Saturday Apr 29, 2023 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM EDT