



**August**  
 Friday, August 4, 2023  
**Lunch Bunch @ 11:30 am**  
**Olde Sycamore Golf Club**  
 7500 Olde Sycamore Drive  
 Charlotte, NC 28227

Monday August 7, 2023  
**Enrichment Activity @ 6pm**  
**Help us plan our Scarecrow Entry**  
 Mint Hill Town Hall  
 Flex Room

Monday August 14, 2023  
**Game Night @ 6pm**  
 Mint Hill Town Hall  
 Flex Room

**September**  
 Monday, September 11, 2023  
**Meeting & Fall Fashion Show @ 7pm**  
 Morning Star Lutheran Family Life Center  
 12509 Idlewild Rd  
 Matthews, NC 28227

**October**  
 Monday, October 9, 2023  
**Candidate Forum @ 7pm**  
 Mint Hill Town Hall

Saturday October 21, 2023  
**Making Strides Against Breast Cancer**  
 Symphony Park—Southpark Mall  
 Charlotte, NC

## Announcements

**Membership Dues are due—pay either on Website or at Fall Fashion show.**

**MHWC Open House prior to Game Night on August 14 at 5:30pm.** Please let your friends know and invite them to join us.

**September 11, 2023** - MHWC’s next meeting with Fall Fashion Show sponsored by Servant’s Heart. @ 7pm. Morning Star Lutheran Church Family Life Center. See article within.

**October 21, 2023**— Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk—Fall Team Enrichment

**March 7, 2024**—*Sip, Savor & Support 2024*

## Message from the President

Hi lovely ladies!

Hope you all are enjoying your summer and staying cool! If your summer is anything like mine, it is flying by and will be Halloween before we know it! Speaking of Halloween, I hope you are thinking of some fun ideas for the scarecrow contest. We are meeting August 7th to brainstorm, so get those creative juices flowing and bring some great ideas with you! The MHWC needs to win this year- there’s prize money and bragging rights on the table!

The MHWC has been busy even though we technically have the summer off! Marilyn continues to organize meaningful service events to help our community, the Summer Team has hosted some really awesome activities and the Board has met and started planning for the coming months. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Marilyn, the Summer Team and the Board for all their hard work!

We held an Open House in July for potential new members to learn more about our club and had 5 wonderful ladies join. We are so excited to welcome them and get to know each of them!! There will be one more Open House and game night on Monday, August 14th, so if you have any friends that are interested please invite them or bring them with you!

Looking ahead, we have a busy fall planned. Besides the already mentioned scarecrow contest, we have our Fall Fashion Show in September, a Candidate Forum and the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk in October in addition to our monthly “lunch bunch” activities! I’m sure the Fall Team will have some other things up their sleeves for us as well!

Enjoy the rest of your summer, come back energized and ready to do great things with the MHWC this fall! See you all then!

Love, Jessi

### Administrative Action!

The 2023-2024 membership dues are due and can be paid online (a small fee is required for online payments) or in person at the September meeting/Fashion Show. Please review the current directory to ensure all your contact information is correct and send any updates to Desiree van Egmond ([vanegmond23@gmail.com](mailto:vanegmond23@gmail.com)). We would like everyone to have a photo in the directory so please be sure to send a close up high resolution photo of yourself (plain background is best) to Ann Papais ([annpapais@gmail.com](mailto:annpapais@gmail.com)) if we do not already have one.

# Fall Fashion Show

## Greetings Ladies

The Mint Hill Women's Club will kick off its Fall Season on Monday, September 11, 2023 with the Annual Fall Fashion Show sponsored by Servant's Heart of Mint Hill, Assistance Programs and Community Boutique.

Servant's Heart's Community Boutique is a very special kind of thrift store experience. It is a self-funding feature of their Assistance Program. All items are donated and support Servant's Heart ability to help families who are struggling financially. It is located at 9229 Lawyers Rd., Mint Hill, 28227. The store manager, Billie McIntosh, will assist our 12 models in their selections and in the presentation.

Our meeting will be held at the Morning Star Lutheran Church Family Life Center, 12509 Idlewild Rd., Matthews NC 28105. The time is 7-9 PM. An evite will be sent out to members, and guests are welcome.

Anne Doughty, VP



Our Lovely models from the 2022 Fall Fashion Show

# Summer Team Events

## [August Calendar of Events](#)

Friday, August 4, 2023

Lunch Bunch

11:30-1:00

Olde Sycamore Golf Club

7500 Olde Sycamore Drive

Charlotte, NC 28227

Enjoy good food, good friends and a good time on August 4<sup>th</sup> at Olde Sycamore Golf Club for our August Lunch Bunch. Their restaurant is very nice and the food is terrific. The address is 7500 Olde Sycamore Drive, Charlotte, NC 28227 and lunch begins at 11:30.

Monday, August 7, 2023

Enrichment Activity

6:00-8:00

Come help us plan the Scarecrow Contest entry.

Mint Hill Town Hall

Would you like to join in on the Mint Hill Scarecrow Contest? On August 7 at 6:00 anyone interested needs to come to the Town Hall's flex room for our brain storming event for the MHWC scarecrow. We will share ideas, pick a theme and start planning how to make the BEST entry Mint Hill has ever seen!

Monday, August 14, 2023

Game Night

6:00-8:30

Mint Hill Town Hall

There is only one more chance to join the Summer Team for Game Night. Our last one is on August 14 from 6:00-8:30 in the Town Hall's flex room. Whether you compete hard or play nice we'd love to have you with us. Feel free to bring your own game, snacks or drinks but the Summer Team will provide some also.

# Fall Team Enrichment Event

Plan ahead and join our team.

The Fall Team has planned for the Mint Hill Women's Club to participate in the Cancer walk in October. See the signup instructions to the right on how to join the Mint Hill Women's Club MSABC team. You can scan the QR code (all 3 QR codes on this page should take you to the signup) or click on the link below and you will go directly to our teams page. Once at the website, you just need to click the pink 'join this team' button. [Making Strides of Greater Charlotte: Mint Hill Women's Club | \(acsevents.org\)](https://www.makingstrides.org/charlotte)



When you sign up, you will also receive an email for t-shirt. All survivors and thrivers receive a free t-shirt that will be mailed directly to them. For participants that are not survivor or thrivers, there will be an event shirt available to purchase online, at the kick-off event, and also on the day of event.

**American Cancer Society**  
**MAKING STRIDES**  
**AGAINST BREAST CANCER**

**Join our Making Strides Team!**  
**Mint Hill Women's Club**

**Step 1: Sign Up**  
 Visit [www.MakingStridesWalk.org/charlotte](https://www.MakingStridesWalk.org/charlotte) or scan the QR code and use the Sign Up button to begin registration.

**Step 2: Log In**  
 Identify whether you are a New or Returning Participant.

**Step 3: Complete the registration details.**

**Event Details:**  
 SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2023  
 SYMPHONY PARK AT SOUTHPARK MALL  
 FOLLOW EVENT

**Registration Options:**  
 SIGN UP | JOIN UP | LEAD A TEAM

**Registration Form Fields:**  
 - First Name, Last Name, Email, Phone  
 - Address, City, State, Zip  
 - Username, Password, Confirm Password  
 - I am a: Survivor, Thriver, Other  
 - I am participating in this event because:  
 - I am participating in this event because:  
 - I am participating in this event because:

**Footer:**  
 If you would prefer to register by phone, please contact the American Cancer Society at 1.800.227.2345. If you have specific questions about the event, contact your local staff partner.

**American Cancer Society**  
**MAKING STRIDES**  
**AGAINST BREAST CANCER**

**Making Strides Against Breast Cancer**  
**Mint Hill Women's Club**  
 Saturday, October 21, 2023 | Symphony Park - Southpark

**Your donation improves lives.**

**\$10** can help people find hope and support online through our **Cancer Survivors Network™**.

**\$10** could help put **free cancer education** in the hands of those who need guidance.

**\$25** can help people facing breast cancer connect with trained survivors through our **Reach To Recovery®** program.

**\$30** could help 1 person find **free answers** and much-needed support through our **24-hour helpline**.

**\$50** can help provide **1 free ride** to treatment through our **Road To Recovery®** program.

**\$65** can help provide **1 free night's stay** at a Hope Lodge® community for people with cancer and their caregivers.

**The American Cancer Society is the leading cancer-fighting organization with a vision to end cancer as we know it for everyone. The only organization improving the lives of people with cancer and their families through advocacy, research, and patient support, to ensure that everyone has an opportunity to prevent, detect, treat, and survive cancer. Donate Today.**

[www.makingstrideswalk.org/charlotte](https://www.makingstrideswalk.org/charlotte)  
 1-800-227-2345  
 cancer.org

## New Members

Betsy Hutton
Jayne Diehl
Tricia Fontaine
Amanda Yelton
Dee Baker

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

## August Birthdays

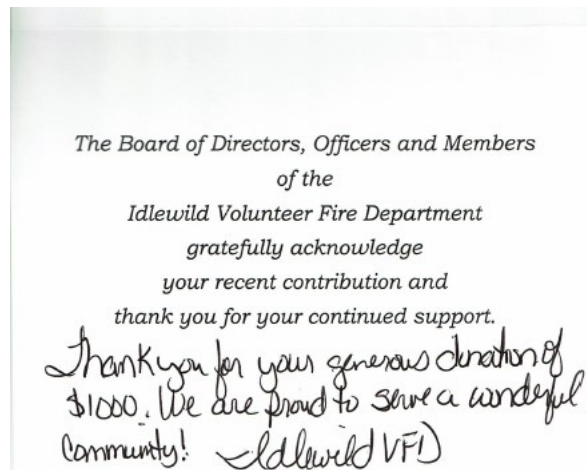
Birthday	First Name	Last Name
08-01	Mary Pat	Busker
08-01	Tina	Whittier
08-03	Angela	Gordon Mills
08-07	Rosie	Kakachyan
08-08	Donna	Smith
08-14	Debbie	Beaver
08-15	Joellen	Palasciano
08-19	Rosy	Crumpton
08-27	Patricia	Haynie
08-29	Edna	Vera
08-30	Pam	Allred

## Hugs

Anne Doughty	Sympathy for loss of twin sister, Alma
Kevin Smith—Donna Smith's husband	Get Well Soon
Mary Pat Busker	New Grandchild

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)

## Thank You



## Shaking things Up!

As you know, we have a Spring, Fall, Summer and Winter team which is each responsible for providing small snacks after meetings for the 3 month season, planning "lunch bunches" and enrichment activities for membership as well as organizing special events. Each team has an event (Spring - End of Year party, Fall -Fashion Show, Summer - Game Nights and Winter - Christmas luncheon and party). After much thought, we have decided it would benefit the Club to add a Membership Team, Service Team and Fundraising Team and expand the Summer Team.

We realize that some people have been on the same seasonal team for a while. If you are interested in rotating to a new team including one of the new teams, please email Desiree van Egmond ([vanegmond23@gmail.com](mailto:vanegmond23@gmail.com)). There will also be an opportunity to sign up at the Fashion Show/September meeting.

# Summer Team Pictures

On June 9, we showed our artistic skills (along with our gifts of gab) at Paint Ur Peace. The finished masterpieces were beautiful!



On June 12<sup>th</sup>, we celebrated our first Game Night of the summer. We were joined by Brenda Castle who stopped in Mint Hill on her way, with her husband, on a cross-country bicycle ride for a veteran's charity.



June's Lunch Bunch on June 15<sup>th</sup> was held at Miki's Restaurant, which had a terrific menu, and our server was excellent. The food was great and the company was excellent.



On July 6, six of our members enjoyed a visit to the UNCC Botanical Gardens Greenhouse. Despite being a WARM day, we were fascinated by the variety of plants on display. **Welcome to the jungle**, ladies.



# Summer Team Pictures

July 10<sup>th</sup> was our second Game Night of the summer. These nights provide such fun. We got to compete, razz each other and chat away, all while enjoying refreshments. Rummikub, Mexican Train and Life were the picks of the evening.



Our Dinner Date on July 20 at Genghis Grill, was a great success. We raffled off two wine baskets and a bottle of wine donated by the restaurant and 15% of our dinner bills will be donated to our club from Genghis Grill. The husbands and families were welcomed as part of this evening and it was great to have them there.



# Service

MENDING STRIDES is a local, nonprofit in Mint Hill. They have asked us to help make items for their fundraising events. MaryAnn De-Sano and Cheryl Crawford are sewing jean purses for sale at Mint Hill Madness. Jessica Burns, Sharon Jennings, and Marilyn Fargo decorated wooden inspirational plaques. We were supervised by Willow Burns, our youngest member, and daughter of Jessi. She was so good and just smiled the whole time. We're thinking of making Christmas hanging plaques, as a project for the Christmas Pop Up show. If you would like to participate in this project with your talents, contact Marilyn Fargo.



# Service

## Note from our Service Chair:

Summer is always busy and it's flying by. I hope everyone is relaxing and enjoying their sunny days of summer!!!

**SERVICE** is starting to get requests from local nonprofits.

Every month we will send information to membership about upcoming volunteer opportunities. Check our monthly newsletter, and/or come to our meetings for more information. You can always call Marilyn Fargo at 716-867-7780, Service Chair, if you have any questions or concerns.

I would like to encourage membership and new members to get involved in Service projects. It is a good way to meet members in small groups and learn more about the Mint Hill Women's Club.

## USO Christmas Cards for Soldiers

We had an evening event on July 14th where members met to start writing Christmas cards for soldiers. We signed and wrote thank you messages in 166 cards. Thank you to the members who attended the card writing: Edna Vera, Danita Stewart, Robyn Imirie, Nancy Crisp, Sharon Jennings, Sharon Clark, and Marilyn Fargo. It was nice meeting a new member, Danita Stewart.

A **BIG Thank you** to Robyn Imirie for making 40 beautiful handmade cards. They were made with Red / White / Blue papers with stars and embellishments and thank you messages to the soldiers. You can special order her cards if you need any.

The MHWC will be sending Christmas cards and small non-perishable snacks to men and women through Packs4Patriots. They want us to mail all cards by the end of September. If you would like to write cards at home and /or donate Christmas cards, you can bring them to Marilyn Fargo or bring signed cards to our first membership meeting in September.

**Note: DO NOT SEAL ENVELOPES, do not address the envelopes, write a *Thank You* note in the card, sign your name with our town, Mint Hill, NC.**

The more cards the better....It is our way of thanking the men and women protecting our country by serving.



# Service

## Blessed Assurance

Blessed Assurance is a local non-profit that provides daycare services to Seniors. The Mint Hill Women's Club has been active in serving their needs. Many of our members enjoy giving manicures to these men and women.

On June 26, we had a great group of women who volunteered at Blessed Assurance. Many thanks to Robyn Imirie, Desiree VanEgmond, Carol Robinson, Rosy Crumpton, Pam Allred, and Marilyn Fargo. You made so many Seniors happy and looking good.

On July 10, we had another morning painting nails. It is so rewarding to see the smiles and hear the thanks from so many Seniors. A **Big thank you** to our Mint Hill members: Carol Robinson, Rosie Crumpton, and Marilyn Fargo.



## Servant's Heart:

We are participating in Servant's Heart's Back2School Program again this year. They have asked for specific school supplies for Kindergarten, First, and Second grades at Mint Hill Elementary School. We have 15 bookbags to fill. A list of supplies was sent to membership on Sunday, July 16, 2023. We thank all of the members who donated items to fill the backpacks. We will have pictures of the donations in the next newsletter.

# Independence High School Partnership Choice Board

I am reaching out on behalf of Independence High School. I am a Business Essentials teacher in Indy's CTE program, but I also am working on establishing and strengthening community relationships and partnerships to augment the support of our students. MHWC came to mind. I am familiar with MHWC as I LOVE the Sip and Savor event each year, and am aware of the generosity you bless so many organizations with in the community via your social media posts.

In meeting earlier this summer with our principal Ms. Mims, we were crafting a "wish list" and that is why I am contacting you.

One "critical" need we have is tables for a variety of events throughout the year from Patriots on Parade, hosting Special Olympics, cultural fair, career fairs, etc. We have a shortage of white, foldable tables that are pretty essential for these events.

I have included a link to the "Partnership Choice Board" which includes a range of needs from backpacks to the tables I've mentioned. As you can see, none of these needs has yet to be fulfilled, but a bit more information regarding the tables is included. The need is 20-30 and they are around \$100/ea.

Thank you so much for considering a product or financial donation toward the tables (or other product/items listed). Please feel free to reach out with any questions, and my cell is 704.641.4000. We truly want to build partnerships, so also would love to hear how we could support the Mint Hill Women's Club!

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1g-Y7VX9O2j1FzX6RE0ByXjcneJCWRL1Xm0P2peKV3UE/edit?usp=sharing>

Tara Goodfellow

**The Mint Hill Women's Club is donating \$100 to this cause.**

**Independence High School Partnership Choice Board**

For more information: Indy At-a-Glance Can contact Tara Goodfellow ([tara1.goodfellow@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:tara1.goodfellow@cms.k12.nc.us)) or Ashley Matson ([ashleym.matson@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:ashleym.matson@cms.k12.nc.us)) for additional information. We are looking forward to your partnership! Color code: Need Fulf...

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