



## Announcements

**May 8 - End of Year Potluck Dinner and Induction of 2023-2024 Board at 6pm at Morning Star Lutheran Church.** You should have received an Evite to RSVP. A link to our Perfect potluck was sent via the MHWC gmail id and the Evite. See Page 2.

**2023-2024 Membership Dues are due.** They are \$20 and are payable at the May meeting or online on our website - <https://www.mhwclub.com/annual--renewal-membership-dues.html>

## Message from the President

Hi lovely ladies!

Time flies when you're having fun! It's hard to believe that another month is already here! Before we know it, we will be sweating through the dog days of summer! Your Spring team has been working hard and is hosting a festive lunch date to celebrate Cinco de Mayo! Margaritas anyone?? Later in the month, there is a great enrichment activity planned for us- hope you can make it "with bells on"!! Thank you Spring team for providing such fun activities this quarter!

In a few short days, we will have our May membership meeting to induct our new Board and enjoy a meal together. Remember that you are welcome to bring a guest! I hope to see you all there!

As usual, the Club has been out and about making a difference in Mint Hill! Time given to others is time well spent. Some may think you are just painting nails, but you are pampering tired hands and being a friend. Some may think you are just listening to a child read, but you are instilling confidence in a young mind. Some may think you are just hosting a birthday party and giving toys, but you are providing a wonderful gift of hope and a spark that may ignite a child's passion to serve others too.

"Those who bring sunshine to the lives of others cannot keep it from themselves"

- James Matthew Barrie

Thank you for bringing the sunshine to Mint Hill!

Love, Jessi

### May

Friday, May 5, 2023

**Lunch Bunch @ 11:30 am**  
**Cantina Louie**

2225 Matthews Township Parkway  
Matthews, NC 28105

Monday, May 8, 2023

**End of Year Potluck and Induction**  
**of Board @ 6pm**

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

### June

Friday June 9, 2023

**Enrichment Activity @**  
**Paint Ur Peace Ceramic Shop**

10020 Monroe Rd, Suite 120  
Charlotte, NC 28270

Monday June 12, 2023

**Game Night**

Mint Hill Town Hall  
Flex Room

Thursday June 15, 2023

**Lunch Bunch @ Miki's Restaurant**

1819 Matthews Township Pkwy  
Matthews, NC 28105

# MHWC Board Members for 2023-2024

## Executive Board

**President:** Jessica Burns

**Vice President:** Anne Doughty

**Secretary:** Margaret Heins

**Treasurer:** Ann Papais

## Committee Chairs

**Membership:** Desiree van Egmond

**Service:** Marilyn Fargo

**Communications:** Donna Smith

**Scholarship:** Marilyn Folnsbee / Kathy Cowles

**Corresponding Secretary:** Deonna Bandos

**Fundraising:** [open](#)

## Seasonal Team Leads

**Fall Team:** Jane Dunne & Sharon Jennings

**Winter Team:** Dona Phillips & Jane Price

**Spring Team:** Lexi McKinney & Carmen Yasmine

**Summer Team:** Jane Morris & Suzanne Maddox

# May Meeting Details

Our monthly meeting of the MHWC will be May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at the Morning Star Lutheran Church Family Center, 12509 Idlewild Rd, Matthews, NC 28105 from 6-9 PM. We will have a Pot Luke Dinner with each member bringing a dish. You may bring your husband or 1 other guest. An invite will go out and we request that you RSVP. We will install our new board members at the meeting.

Additionally, we are collecting items for Backpacks of Love: They always need: **Canned fruits and Vegetables, Individual Mac & Cheese, Cans of Soup, Cans of tuna fish and chicken, Cans of Baked beans or Beanie weenies, Spaghetti Sauce, Pasta or boxes of Macaroni, Small packages of Oatmeal, Small boxes of cereal, Pop-tarts, or any other NON-Perishable food items.** Please bring what you can.

**Also, we will be collecting membership dues of \$20 for the year.**

Anne Doughty, VP

# Check Donation Presentations



Pottery 51



Servant's Heart



Blessed Assurance



Community Culinary  
School of Charlotte

# April Meeting Recap

The April 10, 2023 meeting of the MHWC was attended by 38 members.

President, Jessica Burns, opened with a welcome.

VP, Anne Doughty, introduced our speaker for the meeting, Cassandra Heath, Founder of 55+ Senior Solutions. She shared all of the services she offers Seniors free-of-charge. She answered any questions from the members and left us with some goody bags.

Ann Papais, Treasurer, presented the budget for the coming year. She answered any questions and the members approved the budget. Then Ann presented two changes to the by-laws and the by-laws were approved.

The slate of officers for the upcoming year was presented and approved. There is still an opening for Fundraising. Other board members gave their reports, and we welcomed our new member Cassandra Heath before adjourning for refreshments provided by the Spring Team.

Anne Doughty, VP



## Check & Food Donation

### Backpacks of Love

On April 20, 2023 the Mint Hill Women's Club donated non-perishable boxes of food to Backpacks of Love.

In addition, we presented a check for \$1000.00 to this organization from the MHWC.

They were so thankful and appreciative of our support. We will continue to help this organization throughout the summer with our time and donations of non-perishable food items.

They always need:

Canned fruits and Vegetables

Individual Mac & Cheese

Cans of Soup

Cans of tuna fish and chicken

Cans of Baked beans, beanie weenies

Spaghetti Sauce

Pasta or boxes of Macaroni

Small packages of Oatmeal

Small boxes of cereal

Pop-tarts



## New Members

Cassandra Heath

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

## Hugs

|            |          |
|------------|----------|
| Pam Dalton | Get Well |
| Pam Allred | Surgery  |

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)

## May Birthdays

| Birthday | First Name | Last Name |
|----------|------------|-----------|
| 05-01    | Mary Ann   | Gatz      |
| 05-05    | Pamela     | Reed      |
| 05-13    | Liz        | Foster    |
| 05-14    | Carmen     | Yasmine   |
| 05-24    | Leslie     | Runfola   |

## Spring Team News

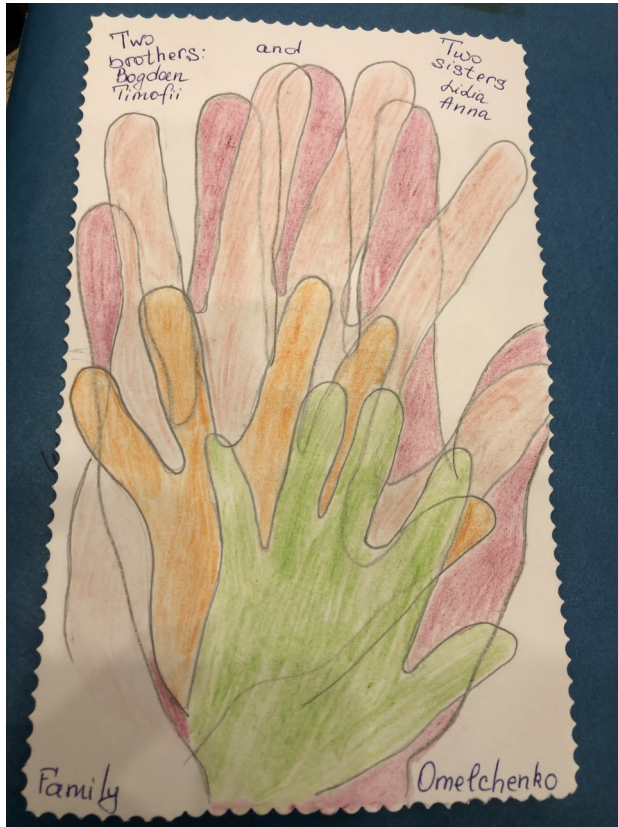
On April 20, about 30 ladies enjoyed dinner at CharBar in Mint Hill. A well attended and fun night for all.



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

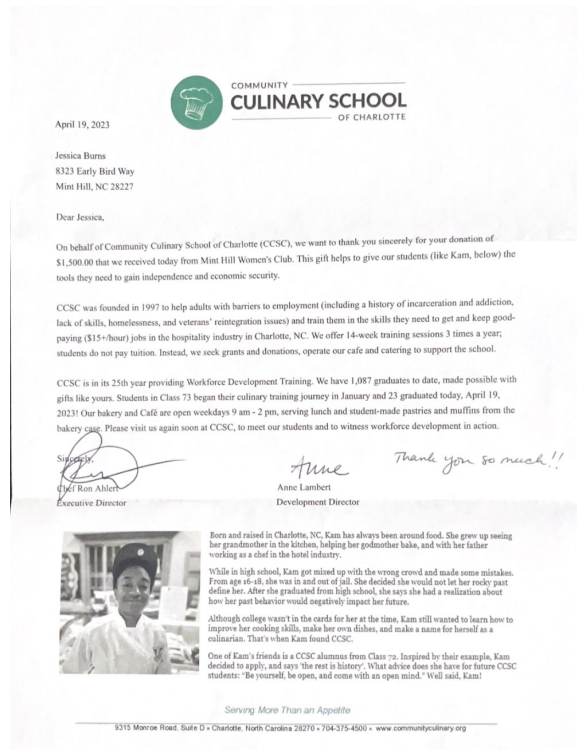
The last Enrichment activity planned by the Spring team will be on Monday May 22. Join us for a handbell performance by the **Bronze Handbell Ensemble** at the Morning Star Lutheran Church 12509 Idlewild Rd in Matthews at 7 PM. The event is free.

# Thank You Messages



From the Ukrainian Family staying at Mending Strides in appreciation for all we do for them.

Thank you letter from the Community Culinary School of Charlotte

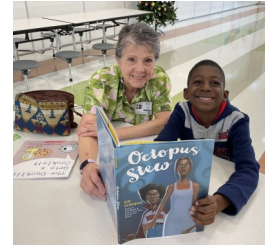


# Service

## Mint Hill Elementary School (MHES) Reading Literacy Program

The after school “Reading Literacy program” continues at Mint Hill Elementary School on Wednesday afternoons. We have many dedicated Mint Hill Women’s Club members who volunteer to listen to first graders read. Everyone is enjoying the experience with these children!

We appreciate your help and want to thank Carol Robinson, Mary Ann Desano, Edna Vera, Robyn Imirie, Liz Krzywosz, Cheryl Crawford, and Marilyn Fargo for participating in this great Service Project!



## Blessed Assurance

Our little group of manicurists paint fingernails at Blessed Assurance, once a month, on Mondays. This is a Senior Day Care for men and women in our community. We will continue this service throughout the summer.

Please contact Marilyn Fargo @ 716-867-7780 if you are interested in signing up. This month, we would like to thank our friendly ladies; Carol Robinson, Pam Allred, Pheadra Line, Robyn Imirie, and Marilyn Fargo for helping these Seniors look good and feel good.



# Service

## Bright Blessings

A new Service Project is with Bright Blessings. This is a 501C-3, non-profit, volunteer-led organization. They have worked with over 27,000 homeless, and impoverished children. Bright Blessings has partnered with over 30 local agencies and many school districts. The MHWC helped complete a program called "Bless A Birthday". We decorated, and filled 50 goody bags with items for kids birthdays. This was a fun morning, being creative, while helping homeless children have a treat bag for their Birthday. Many thanks to all our ladies who helped with this project.



# Upcoming Service Project

## Independence High School

On Friday, May 5, five of our MHWC members will be serving lunch at Independence High School. Several local high schools get together for their "Exceptional Children's" Prom. Students arrive in fancy dresses and suits or sport jackets. There is music for dancing, decorations, and a catered lunch. The Mint Hill Women's Club will be setting up and serving lunch for these high school students and staff.

This is our second year supporting the EC Prom.

# 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](mailto:priceless47@gmail.com).

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MONUMENT DEDICATION

BAIN SCHOOL ROAD, MINT HILL, NC  
SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2023  
3 PM

RECEPTION TO FOLLOW IN THE  
KERR BUILDING, PHILADELPHIA CHURCH

SHARE MEMORIES:  
*[bainacademy1889@gmail.com](mailto:bainacademy1889@gmail.com)*

The poster features a central illustration of a large bell with the text 'BAIN ACADEMY' and 'MINT HILL, NC' around it. The entire design is set against a dark background with white text and decorative flourishes.