



Announcements

- November
Monday, November 13, 2023
Meeting @ 7pm
Blair Road United Methodist Church, 9135 Blair Rd, Mint Hill 28227
Wednesday, November 29, 2023
Dinner Bunch @ Fresh Chef @ 5:30
7800 Stevens Mill Rd Unit P Stallings, NC 28104
December
Saturday, December 2, 2023
Mint Hill Christmas Parade @ 5pm
7427 Matthews-Mint Hill Rd #101 Mint Hill 28227
See article within for details
Thursday, December 7, 2023
Singing Christmas Carols @ 2pm
More info to follow
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Monday, December 11, 2023
Christmas Party @ 7pm
Blair Road United Methodist Church, 9135 Blair Rd Mint Hill 28227
Wednesday, December 20, 2023
MHWC Holiday Luncheon @ 11:30
Pine Lake Country Club
5504 Lebanon Rd Mint Hill 28227
January 2024
Monday, January 8, 2024
Meeting @ 7pm
Mint Hill Town Center
Mint Hill 28227
Tuesday, January 23, 2024
January Enrichment
More info coming soon
March 2024
Thursday, March 7, 2024
SIP, SAVOR, & SUPPORT
Pine Lake Country Club
5504 Lebanon Rd
Mint Hill 28227

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November 18, 2023 —Mint Hill Chamber of Commerce Pop-Up. See page 5.
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March 7, 2024—Sip Savor Support—See article on page 4
MEMBERS AND GUESTS: Christmas is coming: Shop at our monthly meetings: We will start selling Mint Hill wine glasses, tea towels, and gift cards at our Board and Membership meetings, starting in November. You can buy items as Christmas or birthday gifts. Gift cards will be sold at FACE value. Bring cash, checks or credit cards. They are great gifts and you will be supporting Fundraising for the Mint Hill Women’s Club.

Message from the President

Hi Lovely ladies!
The holidays are here and busy days are ahead!! For many of us, this is an exciting time to decorate, enjoy delicious foods and celebrate with family and friends but for some, it can be a sad and difficult time. We have many fun activities planned for everyone as well as many opportunities to spread joy and make this time a little easier! Some of the events are traditions we are continuing but to keep things exciting, we are adding a few new events such as the Christmas parade and caroling! We hope you can join us!
I am keeping this letter short and in the spirit of November, a month of thankfulness, I want to end with a few thank you’s!
The Candidate Forum was a success! Thank you to everyone that attended and sent in questions. A big thank you to Kathy Cowles for all her hard work organizing the event! Our new directory will be out soon and takes an enormous amount of work. Thank you to Ann Papais, Marilyn Fargo, Desiree van Egmond and Deonna Bandos for handling all the tedious tasks including securing directory ads required to get this very essential resource completed! Thank you to Pheadra Line and Level Up Logo for doing our amazing MHWC shirts- they are beautiful! (If you don’t have one yet, you are missing out!! Be sure to contact me if you would like to order one and we will add you to the next order!) Thank you to the fall leaders Jane Dunne and Sharon Jennings as well as the entire fall team for planning wonderful “lunch bunch” events, setting up and providing snacks for meetings as well as planning the enrichment activities (including the incredible Making Strides walk!). Last but certainly not least, thank you to each of you for all you do to make such a difference in the community!

Wishing you a very happy Thanksgiving!
With love, Jessi

October Meeting Recap

The MHWC hosted the “Meet the Candidates Forum” on Tuesday, October 10, 2023 from 7-8 PM. Our Mayor, Brad Simmons gave an opening statement. The five candidates for commissioners were Tony Long, Dale Dalton, Patrick Holton, Matthew Schowebel, and Twanna Henderson. They answered questions about their qualifications presented by the moderator, Suzanne Elsberry. Paige McKinney was the time keeper. It was open to the public and 55 people attended.

Afterwards, the MHWC members met in the Flex room for refreshments and a short business meeting. The Fall Team provided lots of tasty treats to our 24 members. The board members gave their reports and the MHWC shirts that were ordered were distributed. The meeting was adjourned by acting president Anne Doughty at 8:45 PM. Anne Doughty, VP

November & December Meetings

Venue Change: Our November and December meetings in 2023 will be held at the Blair Road United Methodist Church, 9135 Blair Rd., Mint Hill 28227. Please park in the UPPER Lot.

Our **November 13th** meeting will host David Sanford from the Charlotte Eagles telling us about their ministry. Their Urban Eagles staff uses the world-wide game of soccer to form soccer teams among refugees and immigrant families. Soccer is a tool to love and serve all of these youth to provide intervention and help them reach their full potential while growing in their relationship with God.

Our **December 11th** meeting will be our Annual Holiday Meeting and Potluck @ 7:00PM. This event is something we all look forward to with each member bringing something to share (food or beverage). Margaret Heins is planning fun games to play and this year we are asking members to bring a wrapped ornament for a fun gift exchange. The ornament can be homemade or bought but please do not spend more than \$2-3 dollars. Look for an Evite for the holiday party and a Perfect Potluck email where you can sign up for what you would like to bring.

Fall Team Enrichment & Luncheon Event

On October 21, the MHWC participated in the Charlotte Susan B Komen Breast Cancer awareness walk in Southpark Charlotte. We had over 10 members and several guests participate in raising money and walking. At last count, we had raised \$2,013.70 for the cause and not all checks had been recorded. We ranked #22 out of 285 teams. We had Jane Dunne, Deonna Bandos, Donna Smith and her son Greg, Jessi Burns and her family, Lexi McKinney and her family, Carol Carson, Patricia Haynie, Kathy Clontz, Marilyn Fargo, and Joyleen DiRocco walk to represent us. We are very proud of our group. We helped make a difference and we wore our pink shirts to tell everyone who we are!

Once the walk was complete, we all went to Maggiano’s and had a feast for lunch. Everyone enjoyed the company and the food. Many thanks to Joyleen DiRocco!



Winter Team News

December Enrichment - December 2, 2023 @ 5:00PM - Let's gather as a club to start off the holiday season by meeting at the Mint Hill Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting ceremony! The parade starts at 5:30PM at Bain Elementary School and travels down Matthews Mint Hill Road to the Mint Hill Library. Our plan is to gather and watch the parade in front of Subway on the corner of Matthews Mint Hill Road and the entrance to the Town Hall. We are planning to start meeting at 5:00PM so that hopefully we will be able to secure an area for our members. Look for the *MHWC flag*! Bring your family, chairs, hot chocolate, and don't forget to wear your MHWC shirt if you have one. Look for an Evite if you want to join the club at the parade.

MHWC Holiday Luncheon December 20, 2023 at @11:30 Pine Lake Country Club 5504 Lebanon Road Mint Hill, NC 28227. Come join us for our annual Holiday Luncheon at Pine Lake Country Club. This event has always been a favorite of the club. Members get dressed in their holiday finest, meet at Pine Lake in a beautiful banquet room decorated for the holidays, and eat wonderful food prepared by Pine Lake's catering. Each meal comes with a salad, main meal, and dessert, along with unlimited water, tea, or coffee. Look for an Evite to confirm you would like to attend the luncheon and be sure to get your cash or check to Dona.

If attending, please pay attention to the following. **** Dona will be collecting \$30 cash or check (made out to Jane Price) at the November 13th club meeting at Blair Road. We will not be able to take card payments for this event. When paying, you will be asked to make a choice of which meal you would like (chicken, sliced sirloin, or salmon). We need to have all the money to Pine Lake by December 6th, which is before the member meeting in December.** After the November meeting you can mail a check made out to Jane Price to: Dona Phillips 11526 Brief Road Charlotte, NC 28227. You can also drop the money off at Dona's or call 704-996-4993 to make other arrangements. There will be no more orders after December 5th and any mailed payments that come in after that date will be returned to the member.

****Please know that once the money is into Pine Lake on Dec 6th, unfortunately refunds will not be available.**

Save the Date: January Enrichment January 23, 2023 @ 5:30PM (more info to come)

November Birthdays

Birthday	First Name	Last Name
11/01	Sharon	Korp
11/02	Liz	Krzywosz
11/08	Sharon	Allen
11/09	Robyn	Imirie
11/10	Lexi	McKinney
11/14	Desiree	van Egmond
11/16	Danita	Stewart
11/20	Mary	Blinn
11/25	Anne	Cloaninger
11/26	Betsy	Hutton
11/29	Sandy	Dimeo
11/30	Andree	West
11/30	Carol	Robinson

Hugs

Paige McKinney	New Grand baby
Joyleen DiRocco	Thank you

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

Fall Team Events

Our Scarecrow Greta



Our Scarecrow Greta may not have won the contest but she looked mighty fine outside the Town Center.

We would like to **congratulate Jessica Burns**, our President, for winning **second place** in the Residential scarecrow contest.

Wednesday, November 29, 2023

Dinner Bunch

Fresh Chef

5:30—7:30

7800 Stevens Mill Rd Unit P

Stallings, NC 28104

Sip Savor Support Fundraiser

The Fundraiser Committee met on September 20, 2023.

We are getting started planning for the fundraiser- *SIP, SAVOR, SUPPORT* on March 7, 2024. It will be held at Pine Lake Country Club 6:00pm to 8:30pm. We will need 40-50 members to work the event. It will be smart, casual attire.

We will have a Silent Auction, Raffle, Cork Pull, cash bar, wine and beer tastings, and excellent heavy appetizers sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Messer. Invite your husband, family, and friends to the event!

- If you asked for donations last year, please ask the same businesses. We do not want duplicate people asking the same businesses. It becomes a problem. We have an updated tax-exempt form to give to each business. We will email it to you upon request. **VERY IMPORTANT:** With all donations get a business card and/or flyer, name, address, email, and telephone numbers. We need this for our thank you cards. We will also update the inventory list.
- Team Leaders will be asking you for donations for themed raffle baskets soon. We ask that all items are new and \$5.00 or more in value. We need baskets and decorative containers too. All items will be due on or before December 31, 2023. More information to follow.
- Donations and gift cards can be dropped off at Marilyn Fargo's or Susie Laurie's house. You can also bring items to any meeting.
- Please donate red and/or white bottles of wine for Cork Pull. We are hoping to get 80 bottles. Value \$15.00 or more please. Put price tag on each bottle.
- Tickets will be \$45.00 for general admission, VIP ticket \$85.00. More information about what your ticket includes at a later date.

Thank you,
Marilyn Fargo and Susie Laurie
Co- Chairs

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

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.

Mint Hill Chamber's Holiday Pop-Up

Saturday, November 18th, MHWC will once again participate in the Chamber of Commerce Pop Up Christmas Shop event. The event date and location has been changed to provide the vendors better opportunities to sell their Christmas/Holiday crafts. This year, Santa Claus will be available for pictures as well as 3 food trucks. Our booth will be selling Mint Hill Wine Glasses, Tea Towels, handmade Holiday and all Occasion greeting cards created by Robyn Imirie and Donna Smith, as well as a few other surprise gift items. One of our best sellers is the baked goods that our members provide. The perfect potluck event link is attached here for you to sign up for items. Please remember that all proceeds from these baked goods go towards our fundraising goal to serve the community at large.

www.PerfectPotluck.com/JQCZ9423

We will also provide an opportunity for our members to purchase items at the monthly meeting in November. Hope to see as many of you as possible participate in providing baked goods. We are still in need of a couple of ladies to join us at the booth for a couple of hours (please contact Andree West if interested in working that day).

POP UP Christmas Shop **Sat. Nov 18 11am-4pm** **7900 Matthews-Mint Hill Rd**



22"x16" 100% cotton Keepsake Tea Towel
\$15 ea. or 2 for \$20



20 oz. etched stemless wine
Glasses
\$20 ea. or 2 for \$30



Set of 6 Custom made assorted greeting
cards by Robyn Imirie or Donna Smith
\$25/set

Custom food safe wooden cutting
boards—great for Charcuterie Boards.
Assorted sizes, woods and designs.

Prices as marked



Boxes and bags of cookies, fudge, breads,
cakes, pies and other holiday treats—

Prices as marked



Small service fee applied for Credit card purchases

Holiday Pop-up Shop
7900 MATTHEWS-MINT HILL
RD, BLDG. 2 STE. B
MINT HILL, NC 28227
NOV 18
11AM-4PM

Service

Blessed Assurance:

We are looking for NEW MEMBERS to join our team of MHWC manicurists. We are ladies who paint nails for Seniors at Blessed Assurance Senior Day Care. It is always scheduled on a Monday, 10:00am to 12:00. Please call Marilyn Fargo if you might be interested in this service project, 716-867-7780. Talk to Marilyn at a membership meeting too.

Our enthusiastic friendly ladies painted nails on Monday, October 23rd this month. Thanks to Robyn Imirie, Edna Vera, Rosy Crumpton, and Marilyn Fargo. You are the BEST!!!



November Craft at Blessed Assurance

On Monday, November 13, the MHWC will be doing a Thanksgiving craft at **Blessed Assurance Adult Day Care** for about 40 Seniors.

Time: 10:20 to 11:30 am

Where: Blessed Assurance 13001 Idlewild Rd, Matthews, NC 28105

It is a simple craft, no experience needed. We will need 9-10 volunteers. Contact Marilyn Fargo at 716-867-7780, if you are interested. I will have all supplies needed.

Gift bags for Blessed Assurance

The Mint Hill Women's Club will be collecting items for 40 gift bags for Blessed Assurance in November. These gift bags will be given to each person who attends the Day Care. You can donate items up to November 20, 2023.

Please bring items to our November Board or Membership meetings. You can also drop items off at Marilyn Fargo's, front porch, 13112 Ginovanni Way, Mint Hill, 28227.

SUGGESTED items needed:

- Small packages of tissue
- Small tubes of toothpaste, tooth brushes
- Small bottles of hand sanitizer and hand cream
- Snacks, candy, chips, pretzels, corn chips etc.
- shampoo and conditioner
- Hand soap (liquid)
- Small Note pads
- Bandages
- Socks (men and women)
- Small bottles of water

If you have any questions, call Marilyn Fargo at 716-867-7780. Thank you!

Service

November Craft at Cadence Senior Living

The Mint Hill Women's Club will be doing a simple Thanksgiving art craft at Cadence Senior Living, 5601 Margaret Wallace Rd., Matthews, NC, 28105. (On Margaret Wallace Rd., close to Lebanon Rd.).

No craft experience needed, just a smile and friendly face. It will take place on Thursday, November 16, 23, 1:00 to 2:00 pm. Call Marilyn Fargo, at 716-867-7780 if you would like to volunteer for this service event.

Backpacks of Love

Backpacks of Love helps over 100 children with weekly bags of food. They also distribute fresh fruits, vegetables, eggs, milk, bread, and cheese to qualifying families through the "Bulb." Four of our Mint Hill Women's Club members volunteered at Backpacks of Love on October 19, 2023. We helped families collect non-perishable food items. The Bulb distributed fresh produce too. Many thanks to Betsy Hutton, Kay Major, Edna Vera, and Marilyn Fargo. It is so pleasurable to give back to our community.

Honor The Warriors

Honor the Warriors in Mint Hill, non-profit, helps disabled veterans through cycling. They fit them on adaptive cycles that fit their needs. Jerry and Jane Morris provide group rides for them to be with other Veterans throughout the year. On October 27, 2023, the Mint Hill Women's Club provided dinner, desserts, refreshments, two large flag paintings (as door prizes), and conversation with over 40 Veterans and family members. Members made food and donated items for this evening and the community ride on Saturday, October 28, 2023. Many MHWC members volunteered to serve food at the dinner held at the Fairfield Inn. We look forward to seeing these veterans each year and getting to know them. Our set up and servers included Pam Allred, Edna Vera, Sharon Jennings, Anna Granger, Deonna Bandos, Susie Laurie, Mary Walden, Margaret Heins, and Marilyn Fargo. We also want to thank the 25 plus members who donated food, beverages, desserts, and paper products for this event. The MHWC would not be able to serve so many community organizations without the support and dedication of our members. **You ALL truly make a big difference in the town of Mint Hill.** Thanks to everyone!!!



Community News



CAPTAIN'S CHOICE & PAR IS YOUR FRIEND

SAVE THE DATE!

Join us at
Pine Lake
Country Club

November 6, 2023

Kiwanis Club of Mint Hill
10TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

HELP SUPPORT THE KIDS OF MINT HILL!

BEGINS 11 A.M. PINE LAKE COUNTRY CLUB
5504 Labarum Rd.
MINT HILL, NC
704-545-4513

Kiwanis needs Volunteers for AM check-in for their golf tournament on November 6, 2023. If you can help, please email us at KiwanisClubOfMintHill@gmail.com

Annual Senior Citizens Christmas Party 2023

Saturday, December 2nd

11am - 1pm

Where: Independence High School
1967 Patriot Drive
Charlotte NC, 28227



For over 28 years, the Mint Hill Chamber of Commerce has celebrated the holidays with local seniors by providing a luncheon, entertainment, prizes and giveaways, and even a visit from Santa.

The Chamber is looking for seniors to register to attend, volunteers to help out the day of the event and Andree West is looking for several women to help prep the table centerpieces (70 of them).

Links to participation and volunteers are below.

<https://minthillchamberofcommercenc.chambermaster.com/eventregistration/register/1284>

<https://www.minthillchamberofcommerce.com/volunteer-for-an-event/>

To help with centerpiece creations on Tuesday, November 28 from 10 -Noon, they are looking for 8 ladies **please text Andree at 508-241-4026**

To help with decorating the tables the afternoon before the event on Friday, December 1 from 3-4:30pm at Independence High School **please text Andree at 508-241-4026**



Spreading Cheer this December

"The best way to spread Christmas cheer is singing loud for all to hear!" The MHWC will don our elf ears, reindeer antlers and Santa hats while singing Christmas carols on Thursday, December 7th at 2pm.

If you are interested in participating, please reach out to Jess Burns as soon as possible!