October 2023





Announcements

Membership Dues are due \$20/year — pay either on Website or at the October meeting. Tuesday, October 10, 2023 - The MHWC will hold its traditional election year "Meet the Candidates" Forum from 7-8 PM in the Assembly Room at the Mint Hill Town Hall. The event is free and open to the public. See page 2 for more information.

October 21, 2023 — Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk—Fall Team Enrichment @ 10:30 & Lunch bunch at Maggiano's at 11:45. See articles on page 3 and 4.

November 13, 2023—November meeting will be at Blair Road Methodist Church @ 7pm.

November 18, 2023 — Mint Hill Chamber of Commerce Pop-Up. See page 5.

December 11, 2023—Christmas Party at Blair Road Methodist Church

March 7, 2024—Sip Savor Support—See article on page 5

October

Tuesday, October 10, 2023 Candidate Forum @ 7pm MHWC meeting follows forum Mint Hill Town Hall

Saturday October 21, 2023

Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Symphony Park—Southpark Mall @ 10:30

October Lunch Bunch

Maggiano's—Southpark Mall at 11:45 Immediately following Walk

Friday October 27, 2023

Honor the Warriors Dinner @ 6
Fairfield Inn
8540 E. Independence Blvd Charlotte

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

Monday, December 11, 2023
Christmas Party @ 7pm
Blair Road United Methodist Church,
9135 Blair Rd
Mint Hill 28227

March 2024

Thursday, March 7, 2024

SIP, SAVOR, & SUPPORT

Administrative Action by October 10!

The 2023-2024 membership dues are due by October 10 (\$20) and can be paid online (a small fee is required for online payments) or in person at the October meeting. Please review the current directory to ensure all your contact information is correct and send any updates to Desiree van Egmond (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) if we do not already have one.

Message from the President

Hi Lovely Ladies!

October is here! We have a an exciting, busy month ahead of us-I hope you will join in on the fun!

First up, we have our "Meet the Candidate" forum at Townhall on Tuesday October 10th. This event is open to the public, so let's show up in full force and support our community in the search for our next Mint Hill board of Commissioners, school board and Mayor. It is imperative that we have questions to ask the candidates so please email a question or two to mhwclub@gmail.com. If you cannot attend, you may still submit a question. After the forum, we will have a short business meeting with refreshments. This will also be the last opportunity to pay your dues, get a photo taken, or purchase an ad for the new directory!

For four short days (October 18-21), you will have the opportunity to vote for your favorite scare-crow (Greta the Gardener of course!!) in the Mint Hill Scarecrow contest! 2023 is the MHWC's year! Let's bring home that \$500 prize! Be sure to mark your calendar and vote each day!

Last but not least, the Fall team has a fantastic enrichment activity for us! On the morning of Saturday October 21, we are meeting up to make strides against breast cancer. We have many precious members that are survivors AND thrivers. Let's sign up, wear our pink and support these strong, beautiful ladies! The October "lunch bunch" will follow so it is sure to be an awesome morning out! Speaking of awesome- our new, cute pink MHWC shirts should be here just in time!! I'm so excited! A big thank you to Level Up Logo for providing the shirts and hats!!

It seems like as soon as October arrives our schedules fill up, we hurry here and there, and we blink then it's the new year. Join me in remembering to pause to soak in the small moments, share a smile, and take care.

With love, Jessi

Fall Fashion Show Recap

Around 70 women attended our Annual Fall Fashion Show on September 11, 2023 at the Morning Star Lutheran Church. Servant's Heart Assistance Program and Community Boutique of Mint Hill was our sponsor. Store manager, Billie McIntosh, did an excellent job of moderating the fashion show. Thanks to our models Margaret Heins, Rosy Crumpton, Liz Foster, Edna Vera, Tonya Kerr, Phyllis Kill, Desiree van Egmond, Kendall Shoenmaker, Susie Laurie, Mary Blinn, and Patricia Haynie for displaying their outfits well. It was made special this year by music and lights provided by Margaret Heins. Thanks to Deonna Bandos for assisting the models. Billie brought a pair of earrings and \$25 gift certificate for door prizes.

Nancy Crisp and her team put together a beautiful basket and a large plant for the raffle.

Thanks to the board members for the delicious food. Thanks to the Fall Team for hosting and the lovely table decorations. After refreshments, we had a short business meeting led by our President, Jessica Burns. We adjourned at 8:30 PM, *Anne Doughty, VP*

























October Meeting

Date Change: Our October meeting will now be on Tuesday, Oct. 10^{th,} 2023 instead of Monday, October 9th because of a holiday. The MHWC will hold a *Meet the Candidates* forum from 7-8 PM in the Assembly Room at the Town Hall followed by refreshments and short business meeting for our members in the Flex Room.

Suzanne Elsberry, President of the Mecklenburg County chapter of the League of Women Voters, will moderate the forum. The Mayor and all commissioner candidates have been invited to participate. The event is free and open to the public. All questions for the candidates can be sent to MHWClub@gmail.com

Nov & Dec Meeting

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 Christmas Party**. Details will follow later.

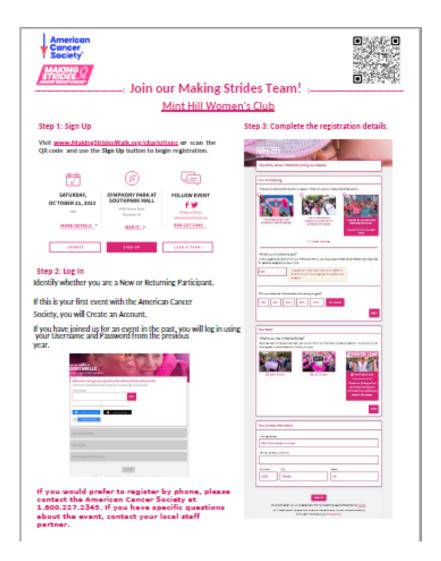
Fall Team Enrichment Event

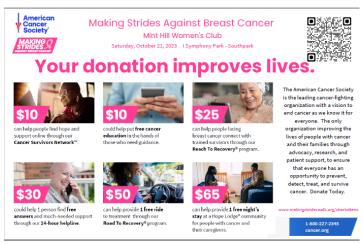
Plan ahead and join our team.

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)



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.





New Members

Terri Jeltrup

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

Hugs

Sharon Clark	Get Well
Kathy Clontz	Happy Retirement
Desiree Van Egmond	Get Well—Eye 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

Fall Team Events

Saturday, October 21, 2023

Enrichment Activity and Lunch Bunch Walk, Donate, and Lunch with us!

10:30 am

Breast Cancer Walk & Lunch Bunch SouthPark Charlotte—See flyer on Page 3 Lunch following at Maggiano's @ 11:45 4400 Sharon Road, Charlotte, NC 28211

Wednesday, November 29, 2023

Dinner Bunch Fresh Chef 5:30—7:30

7800 Stevens Mill Rd Unit P Stallings, NC 28104

October Bírthdays

Birthday	First Name	Last Name
10/02	Jane	Rutledge
10/06	Sharon	Baisley
10/07	Jayme	Diehl
10/09	Fey	Grayson
10/12	Carol	Carson
10/13	Carol	Raffe
10/13	Debbie	Brinkman
10/17	Paulette	Harper
10/22	Cathy	Lode
10/22	Sandy	Rigney
10/25	Pam	Dalton
10/27	Mindy	Parman



Mint Hill Holiday Pop-Up Shop

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. An evite will go out in the 3rd week of October for you to sign up.

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)

Thank you again for your generosity with the baked goodies. Andree West

Sip Savor Support Planning

The Fundraiser Committee met on September 20, 2023. We are starting to plan for the Fundraiser SIP, SAVOR, SUPPORT, on March 7, 2024. It will be held at Pine Lake Country Club from 6:00pm to 8:30pm. We will need 40-50 members to work at 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!

For your action:

- 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 with name, address, email, and telephone numbers. We need this for thank you cards. We will also update the inventory list.
- Seasonal 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 the Cork Pull. We are hoping to get 80 bottles. Value \$15.00 or more per bottle please.
- 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

Mint Hill Library Donation

This spring, the club donated \$300 to the Mint Hill library. The staff at the library was very appreciative of the gift and used it to give the children's section an upgrade! On September 15, the Around the World in 21 Branches festival stopped in Mint Hill. At this amazing event, along with many great vendors and activities for the community, a local chef spoke, gave cooking demonstrations and handed out samples. Perfectly timed and themed, the new play kitchen was unveiled at the event! During my family's time there, I observed many happy children playing with the new addition which really warmed my heart. This is just one example of how your hard work fundraising throughout the year makes a big difference to others!



Service

Kiwanis of Mint Hill

Kiwanis is serving the children of the world. It is a thriving organization of service who support children and young adults. More than 13,000 clubs in more than 90 countries make their mark by responding to the needs of their communities.

On September 6th, five MHWC members and five Kiwanis Club members worked together to pack 300 Terrific Kids Bags. It was nice working with another non-profit community organization. Our appreciation and thanks goes out to Pheadra Line, Rosy Crumpton, Deonna Bandos, Robyn Imirie, and Marilyn Fargo.





Blessed Assurance:

Our monthly Nail Service was done at Blessed Assurance on Monday, September 11th. We continue to provide our personal service to the men and women who attend the Senior Day Care. Many thanks to the team of special NAIL women; Robyn Imirie, Edna Vera, Pheadra Line, and Marilyn Fargo. One of our regular nail ladies, Carol Robinson, had to call in sick that day. Get Well soon Carol.





Backpacks of Love

Wow... what a GREAT first meeting with our fashions from Servant's Heart, and the wonderful food, and set-up by the Fall Team!!! We had a fantastic response, to the call, for non-perishable food items for Backpacks of Love. There were bags and bags of donations. The BPOL Coordinator, Erin Clark, was very thankful and excited about our generous donations. As always, Thank you to our Mint Hill Women's Club members!!!



Service

USO Christmas Cards for Soldiers

We had such a strong response by members writing personal messages in Christmas cards for soldiers. Some ladies met in groups in July and again in August. Others wrote cards at home and added non-perishable goodies in the envelopes. Thank you to each and every member who participated in this Service project. I was hoping to send about 300 cards this year. To my surprise we have 460 Christmas cards to mail to the men and women in the military.

Terrific job ladies; you are the BEST!!!



November Craft at Blessed Assurance

On Monday, November 13, the MHWC will be doing a Holiday craft at Blessed Assurance Adult Day Care.

Time: 10:20 to 11:30 am

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

We will need 9 Volunteers to monitor and help with the craft. It will be a simple holiday craft with gluing and decorating. Some of the Seniors can do it on their own but some will need help. You will be assigned to one table. You will be given instructions upon arrival at 10:20. It will be fun and it will get you into the holiday spirit. These men and women are very pleasant and appreciate us coming in each month.

Please sign up at our October membership meeting or call Marilyn Fargo at 716-867-7780. Thanks.

Our Scarecrow on Display

Our scarecrow, *Greta the Gardener*, is now out proudly watering her pumpkins in front of Town Hall.

A **huge thank you to Jane Morris** for ALL her hard work on Greta! She really outdid herself and we really appreciate it! **Thank you** to everyone that donated items as well! Please be sure to go admire Greta, get a selfie with her, share her on your socials- she is a real beauty and deserves to win this year!

We can not win without your help! This is not judging. Winners are selected based on the most votes received. Voting will occur for 4 days only this year 10/18-21! We need every member to vote all four days and tell your family, friends, neighbors, the person behind you in the checkout line to vote too! \$500 and bragging rights is at stake! That prize money will go a long way in helping our community so let's bring home that prize this year!



Membership Directory Ads

Ads for our Upcoming Directory

We are looking for anyone interested in putting an ad in our upcoming directory. Options are a full 5x7 inch ad for \$125 or a business card ad for \$50. Approximately 125 directories are printed as well as sent out electronically. We encourage our members to patronize these organizations during the year. This campaign helps us defer the costs of printing our directory each year. If you need the PDF version of the form, it will be on the website under the Annual / Renewal Membership dues tab. We need all ads and any artwork **no later than October 10**. Please contact **Jessica Burns** with anyone interested in purchasing an ad.



Directory Sponsorship Contract

	This agreement between MHWC (Mint Hill Women's Club) and "The Sponsor"			
	Company Name/ Organization/Individual Sponsor			
	OfAddress			
	Address			
	Telephone: Email:			
Ac	knowledges and/or agrees to the following:			
1.	1. Print Business Card $3.5'' \times 2''$ in annual membership directory and digital advertising on our website for \$50 (approximately 125 booklets) or full page ad (5x7) for \$125. Artwork of full page ad would need to be submitted to MHWC.			
2.	Hard copy print and electronic copy will be in full color.			
3.	Directory is issued every November. Sponsor will be emailed a copy of the page their Business Card or Ad appears. This will be emailed no later than the 1st week of January.			
4.	The rate will be \$/annually payable by check made out to MHWC.			
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	Representative of MHWC Date			
	Jessica Burns President			

704-662-5377

Community News





Help us celebrate our emergency department and imaging expansion.

Friday, Oct. 6, 10:30 a.m.

Save the date and join us in Mint Hill. Formal invitation to follow.

The expansion at **Novant Health Mint Hill Medical Center** is underway. We are excited to celebrate the groundbreaking of our emergency department and imaging expansion and invite you to join us.

Location

Novant Health Mint Hill Medical Center 8201 Healthcare Loop, Charlotte, NC 28215







