



December 2024



Announcements

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Christmas Party December 9 at 7 pm Bring an ornament! See below
Sip, Savor, Support March 6 at 6 pm **SAVE THE DATE** See [page 3](#)
Lunch Bunch January 22 at 9:30 am

President's Note

Hi Ladies,

As you peruse this newsletter, many individuals will be making preparations for Thanksgiving gatherings with loved ones. It is important to take a moment to reflect on your numerous blessings. This occasion marks the onset of the holiday season, and my sincere wish for each of you is to relish this time without succumbing to stress over imperfections. Keep in mind that such details often go unnoticed. This year, the celebrations of Christmas, Hanukkah, and Kwanzaa will coincide within the same week. I extend my warmest wishes to all of you and eagerly anticipate our gatherings in the upcoming year.

Take care,
Andree

Membership News

The directories are in and are beautiful, please make sure you pick up yours at the Dec membership party. Thanks again to Ann Papais and Cheryl Crawford for putting it all together. You will find the electronic version as an attachment in the email with this newsletter. Please remember that this directory is not to be used for solicitations for any outside organization.

December Meeting and looking ahead

Venue Change: Our December meeting will be held at Morning Star Lutheran Church 12509 Idlewild Rd Matthews. Our December 9th 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 (valued no more than \$10) for a fun gift exchange**. The ornament can be homemade or bought. 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.

We are raffling this basket at the **December** membership meeting. Tickets are 6/\$5. The basket has a \$170 value and contains a plush Vera Bradley hooded robe, a bottle of cabernet, 2 books " From Scratch" and "Twisted Fate, a soothing eye pillow and a Mint Hill Journal.

On **January 13**, we will be back at the Mint Hill Town Hall for our regular meeting. The topic will be "Decorating Refresh" with Alicia Albertson from "Fairvue Market"



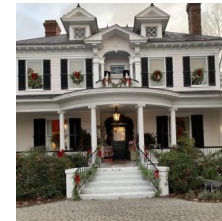
November Membership Meeting

The Mint Hill Women's Club met on November 12 with 46 members in attendance. The evening began with Mayor Brad Simmons presenting a proclamation for the Mint Hill Women's Club. Second up was Chef Dan McHugh of "A La Minute" presented demonstrations of the making of "Creamy Cranberry Baked Brie" and "Ginger & Orange Mulled Mocktail", offering helpful hints on their creation. Dan also reviewed the services provided by "A La Minute", a prepared meal delivery service. The evening continued with the business meeting for the Mint Hill Women's Club. The meeting continued with various board members giving their reports. The meeting adjourned for a social gathering where the Fall team provided many tasty treats and Chef Dan provided the "Creamy Cranberry Baked Brie" and "Ginger & Orange Mulled Mocktail" for everyone to enjoy.



December Holiday Tea

Our Holiday Luncheon is ready to go! We look forward to a delicious lunch at **A Cause for Tea** in Monroe on Friday, December 6, 2024, from 10 am to 12 pm. Look for an email from Dona Phillips with the names of everyone going and their meal choices. If you are going and need a ride to the venue, the list might help with finding a ride. Contact Dona Phillips at 704-996-4993 with any questions /concerns.



Winter Team Event

Breakfast Bunch
January 22, 2025
Sunrise Restaurant @ 9:30 am
8923 Albemarle Rd
Charlotte, NC 28227

Contact your WinterTeam leaders for more information.
Dona Phillips and Jane Price

November Team Events

Edna Vera and Kathy Mercer
Fall co-leaders

A fun time was had at First Watch on November 7, 2024. I want to thank these great ladies for making this event so memorable. Their energy, constant camaraderie and love is greatly appreciated.



A very informative enrichment program took place at the Mint Hill Historical Society on November 20, 2024. Our guide, Patricia, was chock full of historical information, she was lively and knowledgeable about this wonderful place. If you have not done the tour, I encourage you all to go. A fun time was had by all.



Fundraising

Sip Savor Support

It is time to start gearing up for our annual fundraiser. The event will be taking place on Thursday, March 6th. As we will be celebrating our 50th annual fundraiser, we are looking for suggestions as to a theme that would be appropriate to 1974. We are also open to suggestions for a champagne cocktail and mocktail for our complimentary drink.

We are streamlining the whole process that evening and eliminating the need for 40 ladies to pour wine tastings. We have also eliminated the collection of wine from our members for the wine pull and the collection of items for raffle baskets. We hope this will encourage more of our members to come out and support as well as enjoy the evening. Attached to this newsletter is a spreadsheet listing the donations from last year and this year as well as the member responsible for getting them. You will notice towards the bottom of the spreadsheet, we have several businesses without any member attached. Please take a look and let me know via email sales@plumesandpearls.com if you will be able to contact the same companies again this year or if you are interested in taking one of the blank businesses.

We are asking that you not share the list outside the club and that the members who collected the donations get back with Andree via email as to which organizations you will contact this year. As you all know this is a collective effort to ensure a successful event. We are also open to new merchants/businesses that are interested in participating.

If anyone is interested in working on the committee, please contact Andree before Dec 15th. We will start having meetings after Jan 1st.

Also attached in this email is the donation receipt letter and the sponsorship agreement. This is a great time to ask businesses about being a sponsor or making a donation as they can take advantage of the tax benefit in the 2024 tax year. Tickets will be available for sale at the Christmas Party on Dec. 9th as well as future membership meetings. They will also be available online after that date.

Thank you in advance for all your efforts to make this a fabulous fundraiser. Our efforts here enable the club to provide the donations, scholarships and service projects going forward.

Andree

50th Anniversary Fundraiser
Mint Hill Women's Club
Sip, Savor, Support
Supporting our community one sip at a time

- Complimentary Signature Cocktail
- Hors d'oeuvres
- Raffles
- Silent Auction
- Photo Booth
- Music
- & More!

6:00 P.M. TO 8:30 P.M.
THURSDAY, March 6, 2025
Doors open at 5:30pm

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
Tickets are non-refundable

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



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SPONSORSHIPS

Title Sponsor : Messer Financial

Signature Cocktail Sponsor: \$4000 includes 4 tickets

Platinum Sponsor: \$2500 includes 2 tickets

Gold Sponsor: \$500 includes 1 ticket

Silver Sponsor: \$250

Bronze Sponsor : \$100

Sponsorships include promotion on all social Media and website, recognition on bid cards, and custom banner on site

PINE LAKE COUNTRY CLUB
6:00 P.M. TO 8:30 P.M.
THURSDAY, March 6, 2025



Holiday Pop-Up Fundraiser

On Sat, Nov 16th we participated in the Chamber of Commerce Annual Holiday Shopping Day.

Many thanks go out to the 24 ladies who contributed baked goods to be sold. They are Nancy Crisp, Edna Vera, Dona Phillips, Kathy Mercer, Lisa Carter, Jeannine Kring, Betsy Hutton, Carol Raffe, Trish Bonsall, Kay Major, Minh Ngo, Jane Morris, Mary O'Rourke, Sandy Dimeo, Donna Smith, Cheryl Reid, Anne Doughty, Patti Levin, Ann Papais, Desiree Van Egmond, Phaedra Line, Shelia Moore, Pam Dalton and Andree West. All the desserts and treats looked and smelled delicious.

Thanks also goes to the ladies who gave up a part of their Saturday to help in the booth. Those are Lisa Carter, Desiree Van Egmond, Marilyn Folsbee, Kathy Mercer, Cheryl Reid, Ann Papais, Mary Pat Busker and Andree West.

The day was perfect to be outside with lots of traffic. The location was terrific with lots of parking spaces for the 63 booth vendors and shoppers as well. We almost sold out of the 120 boxes of baked goods and the few remaining items were taken to both fire stations by Marilyn Folsbee and Cheryl Reid. I would also like to once again thank Donna Smith, Robyn Imirie, Paul Imirie and Erikki Van Egmond for partnering with us to provide hand-crafted items as well.

The club netted just shy of \$900 after expenses during our 5 hours of selling. Due to the busy morning, we forgot to take a picture. The following picture was of the afternoon crew.

Thanks again everyone.



News Article

News article written by Rosy Crumpton about the Honor The Warriors and published in Pride Magazine online



https://www.pridemagazineonline.com/local-veteran-organization-celebrates-15-years-of-biking-for-a-cause/?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTAAAR3fBkdTmWMLLEKk3cbDXascU6i1-BMjBqCn7tQxRflmFD1OJhd_yNICvuM_aem_j347PbpB_2kv1NbmQDspkQ

December Birthdays

First Name	Last Name	Birthday
Paige	McKinney	12-12
Kathy	Cowles	12-13
Mary	O'Rourke	12-23
Mary	Walden	12-25
Tonya	Kerr	12-29



Hugs



Mindy Parman	Wedding
Carol Robinson	Thinking of You
Sandy Harrison	Get Well Eye Surgery
Jessica Burns	Thinking of You
Jane Dunne	Get Well Eye Surgery

Please contact Tricia Fontaine, Corresponding Secretary, with information regarding any member who needs a Hugs card. You can email her at tfontaine74@hotmail.com

New Members



Lucia Trinidad

Service

Cadence Senior Living

On November 6, Five members volunteered at Cadence Senior Living. We made a turkey and talked about what we enjoy most about Thanksgiving and played Bingo. Thank you to Tricia Fontaine, Edna Vera, Sharon Jennings, Kathy Mercer, and Marilyn Fargo!



Blessed Assurance-Service

Marilyn Fargo delivered a ham from MHWC to Navondria Huggins at Blessed Assurance on November 20. They are baking a turkey and ham for their Thanksgiving dinner along with all the fixings.



Festival of Trees

On November 11, Sharon Jennings and Marilyn Fargo decorated the MHWC Christmas tree for the Festival of Trees. This is the 16th year Novant Health Hospital, Matthews, has sponsored the event. A variety of decorated trees will be displayed on the main floor of the hospital from November 21 thru December 25.



Philadelphia Presbyterian Church Pantry

On November 21, we had a group of MHWC members distribute food to low-income families at Philadelphia Presbyterian Church. A BIG thank you to Desiree von Egmond, Mary Ann Desano, Edna Vera, Lisa Carter, Sharon Jennings, and Marilyn Fargo.



Mint Hill Senior Living Center

At our last meeting, Renee Simmons shared a need from the Mint Hill Senior Living Center on Lawyers Road. The Center requested Christmas donations of any type and Christmas gifts for the residents. I am happy to say, once again, the club showed up. On November 20, Renee and Marilyn Fargo delivered 2 vehicle loads of Christmas decorations and Christmas gifts for the residents of Mint Hill Senior Living.

The director advised that others in the club had also dropped off items prior to our visit. They are going to separate and wrap the gifts they received and then let the Women's Club know if there are other items needed. We are hoping that this will be an ongoing relationship between the Women's Club and Mint Hill Senior Living.

Attached is a list of supplies they need on an ongoing basis and a list of things they need to continue doing arts and crafts with the residents (File named Mint Hill Senior Living Arts & Crafts requests.pdf). Any donations can be given to Marilyn or Renee; or you are welcome to drop off at 10830 Lawyers Glen Dr, Mint Hill, NC 28227.

Thank you for your big heart and support of this facility.



Mens and / or Ladies
Socks
Pajamas – Med, Lg, Xlg
Robes – Lg, Xlg
Personal Care Items
Small Lap blankets
Food Lion Gift Cards
Slippers, Med, Lg and Xlg

Women
Gloves and Hats
Perfumes

If we can get an assortment of the above, they can make almost every resident get a gift. There are a couple very specific things but this is most.

Holiday Families

As is the MHWC tradition, Thanksgiving funds were distributed on November 21, 2024. Food Lion gift cards were presented to three Queen's Grant families and 16 Mint Hill Elementary families.

Christmas funds will be distributed to Clear Creek Elementary and Lebanon Road Elementary during month of December.

When we contacted Lebanon Road about their needs, we were told their greatest need for families is **Dish Detergent and Laundry Detergent**. Obviously, we will be providing that product to them. However, anyone who would like to contribute either of the items can do so by bringing them to our December Women's Club Christmas Meeting on December 9th. **Please bring small sizes of the items as they go home with the children in their backpacks.**

Ladies, as always, feel the Holiday spirit as Mint Hill Women's Club contributions to the Mint Hill Community truly make a difference to many families.

Marilyn Folnsbee

November Board Meeting Recap

Board Meeting on November 5th

-Voted to divide Thanksgiving gift card donations between Queens Grant Elementary and Mint Hill Elementary school and Christmas gift cards between Clear Creek elementary and Lebanon elementary schools. Marilyn Folsbee to take care of the distribution.

-After a discussion regarding the monies from the town grant, the board voted on the following allocations based on need for personal hygiene products for the young ladies in our community.

- \$750 to each of the 3 high schools in Mint Hill- Independence, Rocky River and Queens Grant High School.
- \$100 to Mint Hill Middle School (donated supplies collected from Miss Mint Hill Pageant during the Summer)
- \$200 Queens Grant Elementary
- \$250 Northeast Middle School
- \$100 Lebanon Road Elementary
- \$100 Mint Hill Elementary
- \$100 Clear Creek Elementary

Distribution of Hygiene products

Based on the approved allocation of personal hygiene products, we have started to move forward in the distribution.

Distribution to High Schools

Cheryl Reid and Andree West delivered items to the 2 Social Workers at Rocky River High School. These products were panty liners and maxi pads that were collected last Spring in conjunction with the Miss Mint Hill Pageant.

In addition to that, Servant's Heart has partnered with MHWC to provide gently used leggings to be distributed to schools. The first batch of 25 was delivered to Independence and Rocky River. We also purchased and delivered 65 pairs of underwear to each of the schools and delivered 24 remaining journals to Rocky River as well as 20 Hotel kits from Jane Morris of personal toiletry items.

Both schools appreciated our donations as many times organizations overlook the high schools when putting together projects for the students' benefit. We are still working to provide items to Queens Grant before the end of November.

Distribution to Elementary Schools

Mint Hill Elementary, Lebanon Road and Clear Creek Elementary Schools were provided shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, body wash, pantyliners and pads for our hygiene campaign. The three schools were so very appreciative of the goodies.

We will continue to follow up with these schools to make sure the items are replenished as needed.

Community News



Holiday Mingle & Jingle on December 13



Christmas Tree Lighting and Parade

Now is the time to begin making plans to be part of the Town of Mint Hill Annual Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting. The parade will travel from Bain School down Matthews Mint Hill Road to the Mint Hill Library. Join us after the parade for food trucks and entertainment at the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony. Santa has promised he will stop by to see all the children of Mint Hill.

Santa will have a mailbox with direct access to the North Pole available at Town Hall December 1-15.

<https://www.mintillevents.org/christmas-parade-tree-lighting>



Community News

Annual Senior Citizens Christmas Party 2024

Annual Senior Citizens Christmas Party

Saturday, December 7th

11am - 1pm

Senior Expo:
10am - 11am

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

For over 30 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.

Registration is not required to attend this event.



This is a free event for the senior community, there will be many door prizes, and each senior will leave with a bag of groceries. Please encourage people you know to come to this event. It is always a lot of fun with music, carols, fellowship, and great food.

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December

Knot Just Knitting Group Tues., Dec. 3rd @ Noon* (No weekend edition in December)	Feel it with Music: The Sound of Ease Mon., Dec. 9th @ 6pm**
Chair Movement and Dance for Seniors Thurs., Dec. 5th, 12th, and 19th and Fri., Dec. 20th @ 11am**	Tasty Monday Cooking Club: Cookies!! Mon., Dec. 16th @ 6:30pm**
Puzzle Swap: Sat., Dec. 7th @ 11am	Mint Hill Writing Group Sat., Dec. 21st @ 11:00am**
Jewelry Making with Arts+ Sat., Dec. 7th @ 1:00pm**	**Registration is required

- **Knot Just Knitting Group: Tuesday, Dec 3rd @ 12:00pm** *No weekend edition this month* Join us for community conversation with other crafters.
- **ASC Culture Blocks: Chair Movement and Dance for Seniors: Thursday, Dec 5th, 12th, and 19th and Friday, Dec 20th @ 11:00am**** Movement Migration will provide varied movement workshops that will include movement demonstrations, informal dance performances, and Q&A sessions.
- **Library Puzzle Swap: Saturday, Dec 7th @ 11:00am**
- **ASC Culture Blocks: Jewelry making with Arts+: Saturday, Dec 7th @ 1:00pm***Join Arts+ and artist Kim Turner and create a pattern and texture inspired bib necklace and earring set.
- **ASC Culture Blocks: Feel it With Music - The Sound of Ease: Monday, Dec 9th @ 6:00pm**** Join Rosy Crumpton, NBC-HWC, as she guides us through understanding stress and offers insights and tools to support our physical and emotional well-being. Then, immerse yourself in soothing, uplifting melodies created by Therapeutic Singer Ana Lucia Divins and guitarist Carlos Crespo.
- **Tasty Monday Cooking Club: Monday, Dec 16th @ 6:30pm**** Cookie
- **Exchange! Make a batch of your favorite hand-held baked goods, type up the recipe and bring it in to discuss! Please plan to bring at least 20 cookies to share.**
- **Mint Hill Writing Group: Saturday, Dec 21st @ 11:00am**** Join our writers in discussion as they exchange ideas and provide feedback.



Music Bingo is every Wednesday Night at Pour 64 from 6:30p to 8:30p. It's so easy to play and there are great prizes to be had!



Pottery 51 Christmas Party on Dec 7



Come get your shopping done locally Christmas in the Park on December 2 in Stallings



WinterFest in Matthews on December 21