

April 2025



Message from our President

April 2025

Monday, April 14, 2025

Membership Meeting @ 7pm

Mint Hill Town Hall

Friday, April 18, 2025

Easter Egg Hunts @

Little Flower Assisted Living @ 11am

Mint Hill Senior Center @ 1pm

Little Flower Assisted Living 8700 Lawyers Rd

Mint Hill Senior Center 10830 Lawyers Glen Dr

Thursday, April 24, 2025

Bingo @ 6-8pm

Arlington Baptist Church

9801 Arlington Church Rd

Charlotte, NC 28227

Friday, April 25, 2025

Lunch Bunch @ 11:30

Dunwellz

7110 Brighton Park Dr Suite 405

Mint Hill, NC 28227

May 2025

Thursday, May 1, 2025

Spring Team Enrichment @ 5:30 pm

Make Your own Succulent Garden

Mint Hill Historic Village Houston Shelter

Mint Hill, NC 28227

Monday, May 12, 2025

End of Year Meeting @ 6:30 pm

Arlington Baptist Church

9801 Arlington Baptist Church Rd

Mint Hill, NC 28227

Friday, May 16, 2025

Mid Morning Coffee & Pastries

Forest Trail House

7201 Matthews-Mint Hill Rd

Mint Hill, NC 28227

There's more than just pollen in the air! Can you feel the excitement, enthusiasm and energy in the air? The Mint Hill Women's Club has so many incredible activities coming up that will surely bring a smile to your beautiful faces! Please don't miss out! We want you to join us! Let us know if you need a ride- don't be shy!!

The amazing ladies on the Board and Spring team have been working hard to bring enjoyable and unique opportunities for us all to thrive and grow together within the club as well as out in our community!

Have you ever heard age is just a number?? Well, it's true! We want our friends at Mint Hill Senior Living and The Little Flower to feel like a kid again!! Help us turn back the hands of time and sign up to volunteer at the two egg hunts happening on Friday, April 18th! We will need lots of help making this a success! A sign up will be available soon!

As you may recall, we postponed our big annual fundraiser but hope you, along with your family, friends and neighbors will come out to Beach BINGO and help us raise funds! Throw on your lucky flip flops, favorite sunglasses and cute sun hat for food, fellowship and fun prizes! A big thank you to Tina Whittier and Arlington Baptist Church for hosting us and allowing us to use their beautiful facilities!

Dig up the "dirt" on the Spring enrichment in the newsletter! You will take home a cute little arrangement and best of all, a green thumb is not required!

Many ladies have asked about the MHWC shirts. We will take orders for t-shirts and polos at the April meeting. These shirts unify us and are so cute to wear to service events or as sweet testament to brighten the day of the person behind you at the grocery store!

Be sure to check out the new section in the newsletter- Member Feature! Each month a member will be asked a series of questions to share more about herself and she will share one of her favorite delicious recipes! This is a delightful way to get to know one another and we hope you love it as much as we do! Thank you Shelia Moore for graciously accepting to be the first member featured! We appreciate all you do for the club!

Lastly, remember to join our MHWC Members Facebook group! It is a quick, easy way to stay connected as well as make new friends!

I hope you are enjoying the beautiful sunshine and warmer, longer days! As always, I look forward to seeing each of you soon! Love, Jessi

April Meeting



Some BUNNY appreciates you!

An egg-citing April meeting is planned for everyone on Monday, April 14th! There will be an engaging activity for us all to enjoy. Next, we will have a short business meeting and vote for the 2025-2026 board and budget.

Finally, we will work on our April service project- making cards to let teachers know some "bunny" appreciates them! We "HOP" to see you there!

March Meeting

The March meeting was SOOOO much fun! Tying and filling! We really appreciate everyone who came to the meeting and helped with the service projects. The food and decorations were AMAZING!!! The Spring Team did a GREAT job and we appreciate everyone who helped with preparation, set up and clean up!!



Project Linus Cutting Party

THANK YOU!! THANK YOU!!! to Shelia Moore for suggesting we do Project Linus. You went above and beyond making sure the event was a HUGE success. We had a SUPER fun cutting party! We laughed, measured, cut and laughed some more!! It was a great event and we appreciate everyone who came out to help!!



Panera Bread Fundraiser

We would like to thank everyone that came out and participated in the Panera Dinner Bunch Fundraiser! Twenty-eight ladies and family members came out to dine together, a few members ordered take out and one member had a "sweet" breakfast out with her babies! It was a great evening and fun to see everyone!

We received the results and our club brought in \$580.29! Panera will send us a check within the next 45 days for 25% of that total, equating to **\$145.07!!** Cha-Ching!

The Spring Team has many fun activities planned for the next few months and we hope you can join us! Thank you again for your support!



Spring Team Events

Contact your Spring Team leaders for more information.
Lexi McKinney and Jessica Burns

April 18, 2025

11AM at Little Flower Senior Center

1PM at Mint Hill Senior Center

We will be hosting an EASTER EGG HUNT!!! Thank you to everyone who purchased and helped with filling the eggs. We will be sending out a sign-up genius on April 1, 2025 to sign up. Please be on the lookout.



Beach BINGO

Please come join us on **April 24, 2025 at 6:00pm** to play BEACH BINGO at **Arlington Baptist Church** in the auditorium. (Second entrance coming from Bartlett Road)

Bingo Fundraiser tickets are **\$25 Cash/Check** or **\$26.50 when using a Credit Card** (www.mhwclub.com/dues--shop.html). This is for 10 games, 1 Bingo card, and dinner. Additional Bingo cards can be purchased.

Dinner will be sandwiches, fruit and veggies. Prizes will be gift baskets, gift cards and lots of other fun items.



Please remember we did not have our large fundraiser and we are trying to make some additional money for the club. So invite your friends, family and neighbors to come support our amazing club.

Tickets will be for sale at the April meeting and online on our website. Please see the **attached flyer** about the event.

Lunch Bunch

April 25, 2025 at Dunwellz at 11:30 am meet us for a delicious lunch

7110 Brighton Park Dr Mint Hill, NC 28227

Make your own succulent garden—ENRICHMENT

May 1, 2025 Mint Hill Historic Village Houston Shelter (behind Daphne's) **at 5:30pm**. Cost will be \$20 which includes a pot and 3 succulents. More succulents will be available at an additional charge.



Breakfast Bunch

May 16, 2025 Forest Trail House 7201 Matthews Mint Hill Rd Mint Hill, NC 28227 **at 10:00am** - Meet us mid-morning for coffee and pastries.

April Birthdays



First	Last	Birthday
Monica	Sharpe	04-02
Kristina	Maddox	04-05
Jennifer	Manchester	04-14
Cheryl	Reid	04-15
Bette	Felsher	04-17
Amanda	Yelton	04-19
Jane	Morris	04-20
Nena	Hartz	04-22
Margaret	Heins	04-23
Sharon	Samples	04-25



Hugs

Desiree van Egmond	Thinking of You
Suzanne Maddox	Get Well

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

Board Positions Available

We need your help! We have a number of Board positions available for 2025-2026 and each is very important. The Club cannot exist without these positions filled and we need you! These positions are a great way to get more involved in the Mint Hill Women's Club, have an influence on the direction of the Club and make a larger impact in your community!

Please consider joining the Board and making your mark. We will ask for nominations at the March meeting so we can be prepared to vote at the April meeting.

The following positions are available along with the tasks/responsibilities for each listed below. **If you are interested in a position or have any questions, please reach out to Jessi Burns.**

We will vote on nominees during the April Membership meeting. Thank you!



President

- All communications from the President to the board, membership, or any outside organization are to go through the official club email account. All emails are to be kept and maintained according to the retention policy.
- Establish the direction of the club and lead its implementation.
- Preside at all meetings.
- Ensure financial solvency.
- Foster communications.
- Perform all the duties pertaining to this office.
- Appoints a chairperson to assemble ad-hoc committees from membership.

Vice-President

- Arrange monthly club meeting programs (September-May).
- Perform all the duties of the President, in the absence or disability of the President.
- Support and assist in implementation of club goals.

Secretary

- Record the minutes at all board and club meetings.
- Email board meeting minutes to the Executive Board within 5 days. Upon Executive Board approval, the minutes are submitted to the full board prior to publication.
- Support and assist in implementation of club goals.

Treasurer

- Receive and disburse all funds of the club in a timely manner to ensure financial solvency.
- Record membership dues received, and report non-payments as needed.
- Maintain financial records according to the records retention policy.
- Prepare and submit financial reports monthly to the board and Webmistress in PDF.
- Oversee all approved allocations and report on balances or discrepancies.
- Report monthly on current financial status to board and club meetings.
- Prepare and publish Club year-end financial report in June of each club year.
- Reimburse members for approved and allocated expenses upon submission of original receipts.
- File Federal forms.
- Support and assist in implementation of club goals.
- Oversee the Budget Process:

Board Positions Available

Treasurer (continued)

- Determine funds available to be allocated/reallocated into the next fiscal year budget. A minimum balance of at least \$400.00 (unallocated) shall be carried forward for the forthcoming fiscal year. Any funds unspent at the time of budgeting for the next fiscal year will be used in the allocation of the forthcoming year budget, unless identified as needed in the current fiscal year.
- Present available funds to the Executive Board to develop a financial plan of proposed allocations for the next fiscal year to the board.
- Submit the next year's financial plan and proposed allocations to the full board for approval at the April board meeting.
- Present the board's approved next year's financial plan and proposed allocations to membership for approval at the April club meeting.

Communications (Newsletter)

- Obtain an Executive Board member approval and distribute all information both internally and externally (articles on club activities to local papers).
- Publish the club's activities in a newsletter on a monthly basis and submit newsletter to the Webmistress in PDF.
- Inform members through email of meetings, and other necessary information, via email.
- Maintain presence with pictures, etc. on all relevant social media.
- Maintain club email Contact List (MHWClub@gmail.com) and Evite Contact List when new members join or notified of email changes.

Seasonal Co-Chairs

- Conduct team planning and review the quarter's plans at board meetings.
- Advise Communications Chair and Corresponding Secretary no later than 3 weeks in advance of the activity to notify all club members through regular newsletter and/or special email.
- Arrange for refreshments, room set-up, clean-up and reset, and storage of MHC Banner and Feather Flag.
- Engage all team members in planning and implementing activities.
- Organize meal gatherings. Decide on location, time and date. Make reservations as needed.
- Personal Enrichment: Plan a variety of interesting outings to develop minds, character, knowledge and enjoyment.
- Take photos of event, create writeup and submit for publication in newsletter and social media.

Fundraising Chair

- All monthly, seasonal and annual fundraisers fall under this role.
- Research fundraising ideas and present to the board for approval.
- Implement/oversee approved fundraising activities, using approved funds.

MHC Facebook Group

Breaking news!!!

There is a new Facebook group just for Mint Hill Women's Club members!

This private group is a great place to connect, share ideas, recommendations, and find other MHC friends to do fun activities with you! Maybe you want to go check out the new play this weekend, go for a walk at the park tomorrow, get a recommendation for your next favorite binge worthy tv show, or host a girls only game night- post it in this group and find your flock!!

You can find this group by searching "MHC members" on Facebook and then click "join"! We hope you use this group and will really enjoy making new friends! Happy connecting!!



Service

Mint Hill Senior Living

We received a warm welcome from residents at Mint Hill Senior Living on March 19. They were thrilled to have an activity to do and play bingo. We had men and woman making a stuffed bunny with a ribbon bow; very cute! Bingo is always a high-light because they can win candy treats, or some people like the large print puzzle books.

The homeless couple that we provided clothing, slippers, socks, and hygiene products to, attended the activities today. They have been married 40 years. Both thanked us for coming and enjoyed what we did. The members that volunteer for this Service project are always so friendly and helpful. A BIG thank you to Kathy Mercer, Phyllis Kill, Mary Ann DeSano, Sharon Jennings, Edna Vera, and Marilyn Fargo.

On April 18, we will be doing an Easter Egg hunt and playing Bingo at this facility at 1:00pm. If you are interested in attending, please contact Marilyn Fargo at 716-867-7780 or sign up on the Signup Genius when it is sent out.



Cadence Senior Living

A beautiful Wednesday, March 12th, to do an Easter craft at Cadence Senior Living. The ladies at Cadence look forward to seeing us and socializing with everyone. It gives them something to look forward too. We started with a small, stuffed bunny craft. Most of the residents need help completing the task, but they turned out so cute! Our MHWC members are so patient and willing to help each other. Next, we played Bingo, and each winner picks a prize. We also gave each resident a cute bunny sack filled with candy; donated by Sharon Jennings. Many thanks and appreciation to our wonderful volunteers, Nancy Crisp, Phyllis Kill, Mary Ann DeSano, Sharon Jennings, Edna Vera, Kathy Mercer, Pam Allred, and Marilyn Fargo.



Blessed Assurance

We had an early Monday morning (March 24) at Blessed Assurance doing nails. The women and several men, at the Senior Day Care, enjoyed a "pampering" by having their nails clipped, buffed, and painted. Most of these ladies like dark red and pinks. They always want to know how much they owe us, but we tell them it is free... A big thank you to our wonderful "Nail Girls"; Pheadra Line, Edna Vera, Robyn Imirie, Kathy Mercer, and Marilyn Fargo. If other members would like to join us to do nails in April, call Marilyn Fargo at 716-867-7780.



Service

Philadelphia Presbyterian Church Pantry

The Pantry received a generous donation of fresh desserts, rolls, breads, and cheeses from a local grocery store today. These fresh items added to the non-perishable food items distributed to low-income families. We had a few new people this month, including two ladies who arrived late with several children. As we helped them load up their van, I opened their rear hatch and was surprised to see a large group of smiling children. I asked the women "how many children did they have", one lady had four children and the other had six children. Many of our MHWC volunteers enjoy doing this service monthly. Many thanks to Patti Levin, Phyllis Kill, Sharon Jennings, Trish Bonsall, Fey Grayson, and Marilyn Fargo. If other members would like to volunteer for the Pantry, call Marilyn Fargo at 716-867-7780.



Remembering Carol Raffe

Carol J. Raffe OCTOBER 13, 1942 – FEBRUARY 28, 2025

On March 5th, family and friends gathered to honor and celebrate Carol. She was a great friend to me; I will miss her always. We met 3 years ago at a planning meeting for the fall team. We laughed about having the same first name-and soon found out that both of us had birthdays in October-and only a day apart! We clicked! We enjoyed attending club meetings and activities together.

We also enjoyed eating many meals at one of our favorite restaurants -Vintner's - and then shopping together. Whether it was shopping at a store or a yard sale, we were in search of a deal! We both loved it!

Carol loved to cook and loved her family so much. She enjoyed decorating her home with her wonderful finds from our many shopping trips.

When she found out that she had leukemia, all she wanted was more time with her family and friends. She decided to do the chemotherapy treatment that her oncologist recommended. I was able to go to several appointments with her and support her as she, and her husband needed. Chemotherapy gave her almost another year with us, until it was no longer possible for her to continue treatment. I was able to visit her before she passed and tell her how much she was loved and how much I would miss her. And I will, she was a great friend.

She was someone that was very kind and thoughtful. She was always thinking of others, even when she was sick. Just one example of this was something her husband shared with me.

After she passed away, on the day of her visitation, her husband looked in his closet for a dress shirt to wear to the funeral home. He found a brand-new shirt that she had bought for him. Not one to dress up, he said he had never seen this shirt before-she had bought it for him-knowing he would need a dress shirt for this occasion! She always put her family and friends first.

She was an asset to the club and will be missed. Her family plans to donate to our scholarship fund. She would love that, and it would honor her memory.

Carol Carson



Plant the club gave to Carol's family

Member Feature

We are going to feature a Mint Hill Women's Club member monthly so we can get to know each other better. We have asked the member to also share a recipe of which we will publish in the newsletter. If you would like to be next, contact us!

This month we are starting with **Shelia Moore** aka "the Cake Lady" aka our friendly Mint Hill Librarian.



I sat down to interview her with a few questions.

Tell us a little about growing up and your family? She was born and raised in Mint Hill. She's married and has 2 children, a boy and a girl. Her daughter lives in the area and her son recently moved to Rhode Island. She has one granddaughter, Ivy Clair.

What do you do for a living? She has worked at different places. While her children were little, she was in childcare. When they grew, she started working at the Mint Hill Library and she just celebrated her 20th Anniversary.

What are you currently reading? She likes Cozy Mysteries and Romcom's. She really likes Nicholas Sparks books, her favorite is "Last Song"...she even met Nicholas in person!

If you had a superpower, what would it be? If she could have one, it would be to take away someone else's pain.

What are your talents / hobbies? She loves to knit and crochet for charities and decorate cakes. She has been involved with Project Linus for 15+ years as a volunteer.

If you could choose a food to have zero calories, what would it be? Turtle Cheesecake

What do you like about the Mint Hill Women's Club? She likes their mission of helping others and giving back to the community.

Here is her recipe: **7-up Pound Cake with Cream Cheese Frosting**

7-up Pound Cake



INGREDIENTS

½ cup Crisco Shortening
2 Sticks of Butter
2-1/2 cups Granulated sugar
5 eggs
2 tsps Lemon extract
3 cups Cake Flour
6 oz 7-up

DIRECTIONS

Cream sugar, butter & shortening together. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Add Lemon extract. Add cake flour and 7-up alternately. Bake **325** degrees for **1 hour** or until done. **DO NOT OPEN OVEN DOOR WHILE BAKING.** No salt or baking power / soda is added to this recipe. If added, the cake will run over

Cream Cheese Frosting



INGREDIENTS

2 sticks Butter
2 pounds Confectioner Sugar
1 tsp Vanilla extract
8 oz block of Cream Cheese
1 Tbls Lemon Juice

DIRECTIONS

Cream butter & cream cheese together. Add Lemon Juice and vanilla extract and blend well. Gradually add Confectioner's Sugar and mix to spreadable consistency.

We have MHWC Shirts for sale

In Fall of 2023 we created cute, pink MHWC shirts and made them available to purchase for our members. Thank you Pheadra and Level Up Logo! These shirts are a terrific way to bring unity among our members and are perfect to wear to service events! These shirts are an easy way for the community to identify who is lending a helping hand. You may have seen them on the local news last May when we handed out blue ribbons at Townhall in support of our police!

Many ladies have asked if we could order more and I for one could definitely use a larger size right now- hello baby bump! We are happy to report that shirt sales are now live! Orders for t-shirts (\$20) and ladies polos (\$25) will be taken at the April membership meeting. You can write a check, bring cash or use a credit card (small processing fee is required for credit cards). If you cannot attend the meeting but would still like to place an order, please visit our website and look in the menu for "[Dues / Shop](#)".

These shirts are cute! Don't be left out and help support this fundraiser for the club!



Front T-shirt



Back T-shirt



Port Authority Light Pink

Polo

Community News

CHARLOTTE MECKLENBURG
LIBRARY

April @ the Library

Puzzle Swap Sat., April 5th @ 11am	DIY: All About Tools New to home management? Thurs., April 3rd @ 6pm Register online!
Knot Just Knitting Group Tues., April 1st @ Noon; Sat., April 26th @ 11am	Black-out Poetry Using discarded book pages, we create our own poetry and artwork. Thurs., April 10th @ 11am No Registration
Container Gardening for Beginners Sat., April 12th @ 11am Registration Required	

SMARTFEST
FAMILY FUN DAY & SILENT AUCTION

A fundraiser to support Smart Diehl Academy

SMART DIEHL ACADEMY
7201 LEBANON RD SUITE B
MINT HILL, NC 28227

**SATURDAY
APRIL 5
11AM - 4PM**

INCLUDED WITH YOUR TICKET:

- Bounce House
- Slime Making
- Face Painting
- Games & Prizes
- Cotton Candy & Popcorn
- Games and More

Additional Attractions:

- Live DJ & Music – Dance to the best beats!
- Vendor Market – Discover unique local finds!
- Silent Auction – Bid on amazing items to support education!
- Food Trucks – Delicious eats from local favorites!

\$8 per person
\$30 Family Pass
*Tickets available at the entrance!

704-709-0501 | smartdiehl.com

Smart Diehl Academy
Thinking back, all learning.

MUSIC AND BREWS

Mint Hill Veterans Park

LIVE MUSIC-FOOD-BEER

May 17, 2025 6:30pm - 9pm



Fundraiser on Sunday, April 6th from
12pm-3:30pm at The Barn at the Mint
Hill Historical Society.

**Fetching Fun
Festival**

An event for your 4-legged friend

Mint Hill Founders Park - 9801 Brief Road

Adoption*Vendors*Activities*Food Trucks

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

www.minthillevents.org

May 3, 2025 10am—2pm

**CASINO
NIGHT**

FRIDAY APRIL 4, 2025
at PINE LAKE COUNTRY CLUB | 6PM

Join us for an evening of fun with gaming, delicious food and drinks, silent auctions, raffles and great company to benefit Leadership Mint Hill and continued education programs.

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For more information, scan the QR code or visit our website at
minthillchamberofcommerce.com

**Tina Ross
Afternoon in the Park**

Arts & Craft Festival
April 26, 2025
10:00 am - 4:00 pm
Mint Hill Veterans Park