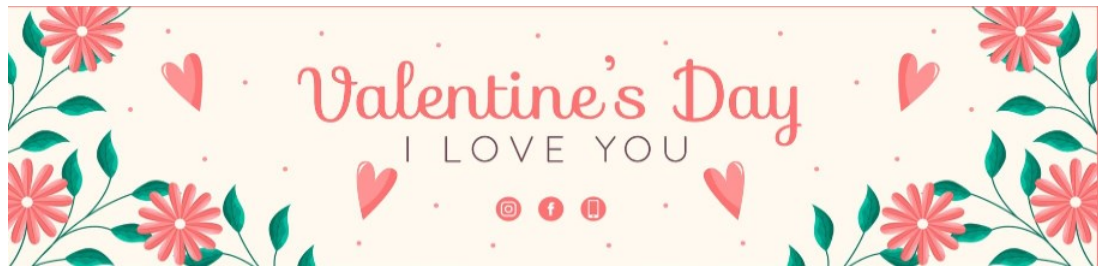




February 2025



Remembering Andree West

February 2025

Monday, February 10, 2025

Membership Meeting @ 7pm
Mint Hill Town Hall

Saturday, February 8, 2025

Gentle / Chair / Beginner Yoga
Stevens Creek Nature Preserve @ 9am
15700 Thompson Rd
Mint Hill, NC 28227

Thursday, February 20, 2025

Dinner Bunch
Azteca Mexican Restaurant @ 6pm
9709 E. Independence Blvd
Matthews, NC 28105

March 2025

Monday, March 10, 2025

Membership Meeting @ 7pm
Mint Hill Town Hall

April 2025

Monday, 14, 2025

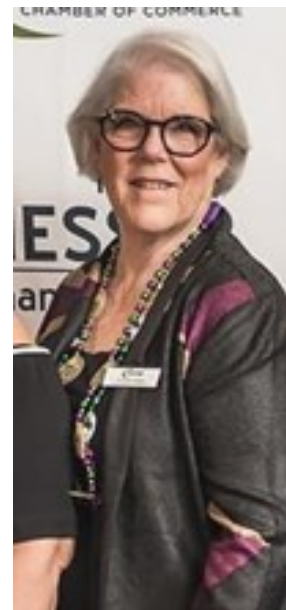
Membership Meeting @ 7pm
Mint Hill Town Hall

May 2025

Monday, 12, 2025

Membership Meeting @ 7pm
Morning Star Lutheran Church
12509 Idlewild Rd
Matthews, NC 28105

On Thursday, January 23, the Mint Hill Women's Club lost an integral part of our group with the passing of Andree West. Andree was a 10-year member of MHWC, most recently holding the position of President. However, Andree had served in various positions during her tenure, sometimes in dual roles to ensure the continuity of the club. Andree fiercely advocated for our club throughout Mint Hill, and with the Chamber of Commerce, which increased local interest and awareness in our club and its mission. With Andree's leadership and fundraising efforts, the club increased annual proceeds from \$8K to \$28K, with 100% of net profits going back to our local Mint Hill community. She was instrumental in keeping the club going during the COVID-19 pandemic. With over 120 active members, the MHWC is larger than ever, thanks to Andree.



Andree will be deeply missed. Her dedication and contribution to the club, and its success, are second to none. She was a friend to many and her absence leaves a big hole in our hearts. Rest in peace, Andree. Our community is forever changed because of you. We are committed to continuing your vision to serve our neighbors.

The Mint Hill Women's Club sent a beautiful arrangement to the family in remembrance of Andree West. Thank you Margaret Heins for ordering the arrangement and having it delivered over the weekend!



The Mint Hill Community Center is scheduled to open later this year and will be an amazing place for the Club and community to gather. We anticipate there will be opportunities to honor individuals within the community at the Community Center. The Board will explore these opportunities and follow back up with membership.

If you would like to do something personally, please see Andree's obituary. At the end, you will find two organizations Andree was passionate about supporting that you may also support in her honor.

<https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/charlotte-nc/andree-west-12211578>

February Meeting



Have you ever thought about volunteering with the Mint Hill Women's Club? We have so many wonderful opportunities waiting for you! From positions on the Executive Board (President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer) to Committee Chairs (Communications, Webmaster, Corresponding Secretary, Fundraising, Membership, Scholarship, and Service), as well as Seasonal Team Leaders, there's something for everyone. Join us at our February Club meeting, where we'll take a few moments to go over each position and answer any questions you might have. Our club is growing, and we'd love to welcome new members who are eager to get involved. Come find out how you can be a part of our amazing community!

After our meeting, we're throwing a Galentine's party! There will be delicious refreshments and a fun game to help us all get to know each other better. It'll be a great chance to catch up and chat with friends as well! Can't wait to see you there!

January Meeting

The Mint Hill Women's Club met on January 13, 2025 with 47 members in attendance. Alicia Albertson, owner and designer from Fairvue Market here in Mint Hill, was the speaker and she discussed design ideas and the latest trends. The evening continued with the business meeting, a message from Andree was read and a discussion of the club moving forward. The meeting continued with various board members giving their reports.



Winter Team Events

Enrichment

February 8, 2025 @ 9am
Gentle / Chair / Beginner Yoga
Stevens Creek Nature Preserve
15700 Thompson Rd
Mint Hill, NC 28227
(See more to the right ==>)

Dinner Bunch

February 20, 2025
Azteca Mexican Restaurant @ 6pm
9709 E Independence Blvd
Matthews, NC 28105

Contact your Winter Team leaders
for more information.

Dona Phillips and Jane Price

Winter Team Update

First off, the Breakfast Bunch at Sunrise Breakfast was a blast! We had fifteen wonderful ladies join us for some fun and engaging conversations, and the food and service were fantastic. A big thank you to everyone who made it out!

Looking ahead, a reminder about our next Winter event: Gentle/Chair/Beginner Yoga at Stevens Creek Nature Preserve on February 8, 2025, at 9:00 AM. It's just \$10 to join in! You should have received all the registration info in the January Newsletter, but if you have any questions or need help signing up, don't hesitate to call the preserve, they're happy to assist! I can't wait to get moving and share some good times together!

February Enrichment

Winter Team Enrichment Group
Gentle / Chair / Beginner Yoga
Saturday, Feb 8, 2025
9-9:45 am
\$10 for the class
Stevens Creek Nature Preserve
15700 Thompson Road
Mint Hill, NC 28227



This slow-paced yoga class with modifications is geared especially for those new to yoga, recovering from injury, or who would like to use a chair / blocks / straps to access yoga. Incorporate breathing techniques with simple flows to focus on alignment, strength, balance, and flexibility. Appropriate for all levels; All props provided or BYO.

3 ways to sign up:

You will have to sign up for an account on the Mecklenburg County Parks and Recreation website. Once you have an account, make sure you choose Stevens Creek Nature Center and Gentle / Chair / Beginner Yoga, #139619, from 9-9:45am on February 8, 2025.

Go in person to Stevens Creek Nature Center front desk and sign up. Call Stevens Center Nature Center and ask to sign up for the above class and date. The phone number for the center is (980)-314-2526

Sign up as soon as possible! There is a maximum of 25 people.

Finally, mark your calendars for our Winter Team Dinner Bunch at Azteca Mexican Restaurant! We'll meet on Thursday, February 20, 2025, at 6:00 PM. The address is 9709 E. Independence Blvd, Matthews, NC 28105. Keep an eye out for the Evite that will be coming your way a few weeks before the dinner; we'll need to give the restaurant a heads-up on how many of us will be there. It's going to be a fun evening!



Can't wait to see all of you soon!

A note from the Executive Board

On January 25th, Vice President Ann Papais and Treasurer Cheryl Reid resigned from their positions on the Executive Board due to unforeseen circumstances. Both ladies provided all files and property of the club to Margaret Heins which resulted in a smooth and easy transition.

The Board met on February 4th to discuss a plan to move forward for the remainder of the fiscal year and stay in compliance with 501c3 regulations. The board meeting went very well and nominations were made to fill the vacancies for the interim. Jess Burns was nominated for President and Marilyn Fargo for Vice President. Both women accepted the nomination and are happy to serve the club for the next few months. The Board voted and unanimously approved the nominations. Margaret Heins will remain as Secretary and will also hold the position of Treasurer.

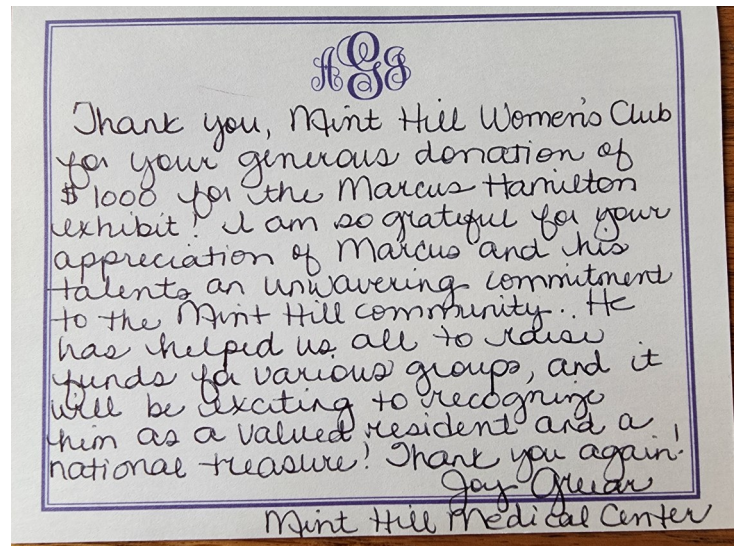
The Club will have our annual nomination and election cycle beginning next month. At the February meeting, board members will take just a few minutes to discuss the responsibilities of each open position and there will be time to ask questions. Membership will vote for the 2025-2026 Board at the April meeting and the new Board will be installed in May. We hope you will consider taking a leap of faith and making your special mark in the Club! There will be many wonderful opportunities to serve on the Board in the upcoming year. Being on the Board is a wonderful way to create strong bonds with other members and make a positive impact in our community and club!

Town Grant Update

The Mint Hill Women's Club was provided with a town grant to help supply local schools with hygiene products and book-bags. A group of ladies met and formulated a plan to reach out to the 10 local schools in Mint Hill. The response at the schools has both been very informative but also quite eye opening. We are so excited to provide these necessities to these children in our community.



Thank You



Scholarship

Kathy and I are pleased to announce that our three scholarship recipients (Noah, Christina, and Aliyah) finished the fall semester above their GPA requirement. As a result, we have extended their scholarship balances for the spring semester at CPCC. In addition, CPCC located three more Mint Hill Scholars and have extended scholarship monies to them. They are Gabriella studying Interior Design, Tien studying Chemistry and Caitlin studying Finance. As a result, we have six Mint Hill Students taking advantage of our Mint Hill Women's Club Scholarship monies. That is very exciting and we should all be very proud of how we are helping our community.

Marilyn Folsbee

Thank you Mint Hill Women's Club Ladies:

We really appreciate The mint Hill women's club and how they are always willing to come help us. I think the whole event went wonderfully last night. The food was great and your group was very cordial and helped make the homeless guests feel at home. Please pass along our thanks to all of the ladies who helped. And you are always welcome to come back, see you next year.
Greg Reeder

Thank you from Greg Reeder at St Luke's Room in the Inn

Service

Room in the Inn

St. Lukes Catholic Church hosts homeless men, women, and children, weekly, during the months of January, February, and March. Greg Reeder and his wife are the church volunteers who co-ordinate and perform this service. They provide a warm bed, dinner, breakfast, and a bag lunch, with hygiene items, to take with them when they leave on Saturday. Many denominations of local churches provide this service weekly, especially in the winter months. The homeless people stand in line uptown and wait for the churches to pick them up around dinnertime. It is a "first come, first serve" system: women and children first, men last. We had 12 people in January: 9 women, 3 children, no men.

The Mint Hill Women's Club volunteers set up the rooms and made the beds. Many members were involved in making food for their dinner, desserts, and refreshments. Our Club members sat with the guests, talked with them, and made them feel welcome throughout the evening. When you see and talk to these people it makes you realize how lucky we are to have a warm bed to sleep in, food on the table, and clean clothes on our back. It is truly a blessing that we can help those less fortunate. A great big thank you to our wonderful team of volunteers at St. Lukes; Liz Krzywosz, Christi Neal, Trish Bonsall, Patti Levin, Edna Vera, Sharon Jennings, Desiree van Egmond, Phyllis Kill, Pam Dalton, Sharon Baisley, Lisa Carter, and Marilyn Fargo. Thank you to everyone who made food, worked the event, and gave their support to this worthy cause!!!



Cadence Senior Living

Cadence Senior Living is always a fun rewarding experience for our MHWC volunteers. The residents are always excited to see us and want us to come more often. This month we made a snowman craft and played Bingo with prizes. A very big thanks to our friendly, caring, volunteers; Lisa Carter, Christi Neal, Sharon Baisley, Phyllis Kill, Sharon Jennings, and Marilyn Fargo.



Philadelphia Presbyterian Church/Pantry

We are continuing our volunteer service to distribute non-perishable food to low-income families at Philadelphia Presbyterian Church, Mint Hill. This Service activity takes place the third Thursday of each month. If you are interested in joining us, call or text Marilyn Fargo at 716-867-7780. There is a great need, but unfortunately the cold weather has kept some families at home. Thank you to our dedicated January MHWC volunteers, Mary Ann DeSano, Lisa Carter, Christi Neal, Jane Dunne, Phyllis Kill, and Marilyn Fargo.



Service

Mint Hill Senior Living

Melita Crawford from Mint Hill Senior Living has **requested donations for their facility**. They do not have a lot of organizations helping them or providing services for the residents. The following note is a list of donations needed. If you would like to donate, please drop off items to Marilyn Fargo, 13112 Ginovanni Way, Mint Hill (front porch). I would appreciate it if you could drop off your donation by February 20, 2025.

Thanks, in advance, for all you do to support the Club and our Mint Hill Community!

Sincerely,

Renee Simmons

Marilyn Fargo

My name is Melita Crawford and I am the Life Enrichment Coordinator at Mint Hill Senior. The colder months are quickly approaching and our small wholesome community is humbly asking for activity donations. Our community serves older adults with varying types of dementia who love to be entertained with games, puzzles, arts and crafts. We are seeking assistance from the community to help support these residents, continuing to offer purpose and meaning to the external communities.

Donations may include but are not limited to:

- All Personal Care Items / Shampoos / Conditioner / Soap / Toothbrush / Toothpaste
- Adult Coloring books
- Colored Pencils / Markers / Crayons / Sharpies
- Board Games / Checkers / Flashcards / Dominos
- Construction Paper / Card Stock Paper
- Magazines / Books / Hobbies / Farm and Garden / Racing / Religious Reads
- Puzzles / Sudoku / Crossword
- Non-Toxic Paint / Playdough
- Nail Polish / Nail Clippers / Filing Boards / Cotton Balls

February Birthdays

First Name	Last Name	Birth Day
Lynn	Gallagher	02-17
Trish	Bonsall	02-23
Ann	Papais	02-26
Claire	Palermo	02-27



Hugs

Edna Vera	Get Well
Kathy Mercer	Get Well
Phyllis Kill	Get Well
Andree West family	Sympathy

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

Community News



February 2025 @ the Library

Puzzle Swap
Sat., Feb. 1st @ 11am

Author Julia Quinn comes to Charlotte! **



Knot Just Knitting Group
Tues., Feb. 4th @ Noon;
Sat., Feb. 22nd @ 11am

COOKING CLUB: MOCKTAILS
MON., FEB. 24TH @ 6:30PM**

Mint Hill Writing Group
Sat., Feb. 8th @ 11am

Book Club MADNESS is back! Get your club ready!



Artist Linda Keene Talks Quilts & Art

Thurs., Feb. 13th @ 11am www.lkeeneart.com