



December 2023



Announcements

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

See page 8 for more info

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

"Unwinding in the New Year"

Mint Hill Town Center
Mint Hill 28227

Saturday, January 20, 2024

Breakfast Bunch

Americana Restaurant
1628 Matthews-Mint Hill Rd
Matthews, NC 28105

Tuesday, January 23, 2024

January Enrichment @ 5:30

"Relax and Rejuvenate"

Olde Sycamore Golf Plantation Clubhouse
7500 Olde Sycamore Dr
Charlotte, NC 28227

March 2024

Thursday, March 7, 2024

SIP, SAVOR, & SUPPORT

Pine Lake Country Club
5504 Lebanon Rd
Mint Hill 28227

December 7, 2023 — Singing Christmas Carols at 2pm at Cadence Senior Living at Mint Hill (5601 Margaret Wallace Rd, 28105)

December 11, 2023—Christmas Party at **Blair Road Methodist Church @ 7pm**

December 11, 2023—Last day to participate in **Servant's Heart Toy Drive**—see page 8

December 20, 2023—MHWC Christmas Luncheon @ 11:30 at Pine Lake

MEMBERS AND GUESTS: Christmas is coming: Shop at our monthly meetings: The Fundraiser Committee will be selling gift cards at face value at our December, January, and February meetings. Members who purchase \$100.00 or more will receive a 10% discount on gift cards. Please bring cash or a check. We can take Credit cards, if necessary

Message from the President

Hello lovely ladies!

Hope you each had a wonderful Thanksgiving! It's so hard to believe that it is December already and Christmas is just a few short weeks away! The holiday season kicked off last weekend with the Christmas Pop Up. It was such a beautiful day! Thank you to everyone who baked, crafted, worked the event and made this fundraiser a success! A huge THANK YOU to Andree West for all the hard work she put in collecting, organizing, packaging and pricing all the delicious baked goods! Over \$1,000 in profit is incredible!

More Christmas fun is right around the corner with the Senior Christmas party, Mint Hill Christmas parade and tree lighting, Christmas caroling at Cadence, the MHWC Christmas party and finally the Christmas luncheon! Phew! **What an exciting time!**

There are a lot of events, a lot of opportunities to give, and it's easy to get overwhelmed during this season. Let's remember to take a breath, pick and choose what we can do and enjoy all the moments because we will blink and it will be over.

I will close with saying that you truly are a gift and I am grateful for you all. I hope to see each of your holly jolly faces soon!

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and happy holidays!
Love, Jessi

November Meeting Recap

The MHWC held their November 13, 2023 meeting at Blair Road United Methodist Church with 42 women in attendance. We were treated with a talk from David Sanford from the Charlotte Eagles telling us about their ministry with immigrants and refugees using the sport of soccer as a tool for evangelism. He introduced two of his staff members who run a program with girls. Beka and Hozehna shared personal stories about their faith and work in their community off Albemarle Rd.

We then had a brief business meeting followed by wonderful desserts provided by the Fall Team!

Many of the women came to the meeting early and made Christmas Cards to give to the seniors at Cadence during a caroling event in December.

Anne Doughty, VP



December Meeting

Venue Change: Our December meeting 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 **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.

Our **January 8th** meeting will be back at the **Mint Hill Town Hall**. The topic will be "**Unwinding In The New Year**" with some staff from **Total Being Yoga** showing us how to move and stretch.



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 at Cadence Senior Living at Mint Hill (5601 Margaret Wallace Rd, 28105, Matthews)

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. If attending, please pay attention to the following. **** Dona will be collecting \$30 cash or check (made out to Jane Price) When paying, you will be asked to make a choice of which meal you would like (chicken, sliced sirloin, or salmon). Refer to the email sent for more details. We need to have all the money to Pine Lake by December 6th, which is before the member meeting in December. 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. After December 6th, there are no refunds.**

January Breakfast Bunch on Saturday, January 20, 2023 @9:30am at Americana Restaurant
1628 Matthews-Mint Hill Road
Matthews, NC 28105

Menu items include menu items such as traditional breakfast plates, house specialty breakfast plates, 3 egg omelets, breakfast sandwiches, homemade biscuits, and breakfast items from the griddle. *Watch for the Evite in January.*

Enrichment on January 23, 2023 @ 5:30PM

Come join us in January for our Winter Team Enrichment and some relaxation! Sandy from SootheThe Soles and Javier, her associate, will use relaxing techniques by way of trigger points on your choice of feet, hands, or face. Reflexology clear pathways, assisting the body, mind, and human spirit to begin healing relieving pain, easing trauma, dismissing stress, and calming anxiety. You will exit your experience feeling rejuvenated, relaxed, and balanced! As you wait for your turn, enjoy some social time with other MHWC ladies in the clubhouse.

Fall Team November Dinner

On November 29, 14 members enjoyed a great dinner with lots of great food and even better conversation at Fresh Chef.



Hugs

Colleen McCall	Wedding Congrats
Cathy Lode's husband	Get Well—recovery
Shelia Moore's Mom	Thinking of 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

December Birthdays

Birthday	First Name	Last Name
12-12	Paige	McKinney
12-13	Kathy	Cowles
12-23	Mary	O'Rourke
12-24	Anastasia	Farrell
12-25	Mary	Walden
12-29	Tonya	Kerr
12-30	Dawn	Leavesley

Thank you from Honor the Warriors

Dear Mint Hill Women's Club Members,

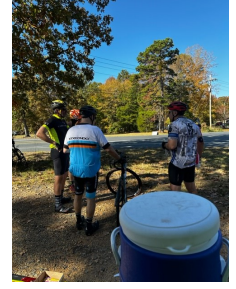
Jerry and I want to thank you on behalf of **Honor the Warriors** for all that you have done for us. Our 14th Annual Cycling Event was a great success, in great part, because of the dedication and generosity of you amazing women. This is a large event, but without your help, Jerry and I don't think we could continue doing it. We have family and friends who came from out-of-state to help, but the MHWC took on so much of what we have to do. Thank you to the ladies who contributed to our rest stops. Thank you to Marilyn Folsbee, Lexi and Zoe McKinney, Kathy Clontz, Carmen and Zane Yazmen, Deonna Bandos, Rosy Crumpton, Margaret Heins and family, Anna Granger and Robyn Imirie for manning the rest stops. Thanks to Suzanne Maddox for taking over the whole rest stop organization! What a big chore!

Our Friday night dinner hosted by the club has become one of the highlights of the event for our disabled veterans and volunteers. It gets talked about every time we have an event! Thanks to all of you who opened your kitchens and your hearts to us and provided the food. Thanks to Marilyn Fargo for organizing the dinner and gifting us with 2 amazing door prizes, along with her husband Craig for always helping out. Thanks to Pam Allred, Edna Vera, Sharon and Charlie Jennings, Anna Granger, Deonna Bandos, Susie Laurie, Mary and Burke Walden and Margaret Heins for serving us and making our vets feel so loved. Our veterans love coming to Mint Hill!

Finally, thanks to Mary Blinn and Suzanne Maddox for letting us use their garages for storage of cycles and other equipment. We feel so humbled and blessed to be gifted with the kindness of the Mint Hill Women's Club. If I left anyone out, know that you are well appreciated and loved by us and our warriors.

Jane Morris, Secretary, Honor the Warriors

Jerry Morris, CEO, Honor the Warriors



Mint Hill Chamber's Holiday Pop-Up

Thank you's go to all the ladies who baked such incredible treats. 130 gift boxes were sold. This included 6 complete cakes/pies as well as assorted fudges, brownies, macaroons, cookies, pastry bars, Hershey kisses, muffins, cupcakes, etc. Also thanks to Mary Pat Busker who helped set up and spent 7 hours working the booth. Thanks to the ladies who also gave of their time to help sell items. These are Marilyn Folsbee, Robyn Imirie, Pam Dalton, Marilyn Fargo, Mary Ann DeSano and Kathy Cowles. Finally, a special thanks goes out to our artisans for participating with their creations: Robyn Imirie and Donna Smith (handmade greeting cards) and Eric Van Egmond (custom cutting boards). These are always a favorite in the booth. This year we profited \$1020 for the club.



Sip Savor Support Fundraiser

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.

Service

Blessed Assurance:

Blessed Assurance Turkey Craft:

On November 13, 2023, Mint Hill Women's Club members arrived at Blessed Assurance. We assisted and made decorated Turkeys with the Senior Day Care folks. About 37 men and women enjoyed making this holiday craft. They turned out really cute! A big thanks to the MHWC ladies who participated in this event. Our creative and caring volunteers were Edna Vera, Robyn Imirie, Rosy Crumpton, Deonna Bandos, Donna Phillips, Ann Papais, Susie Laurie, and Marilyn Fargo. A fun and rewarding experience for all!

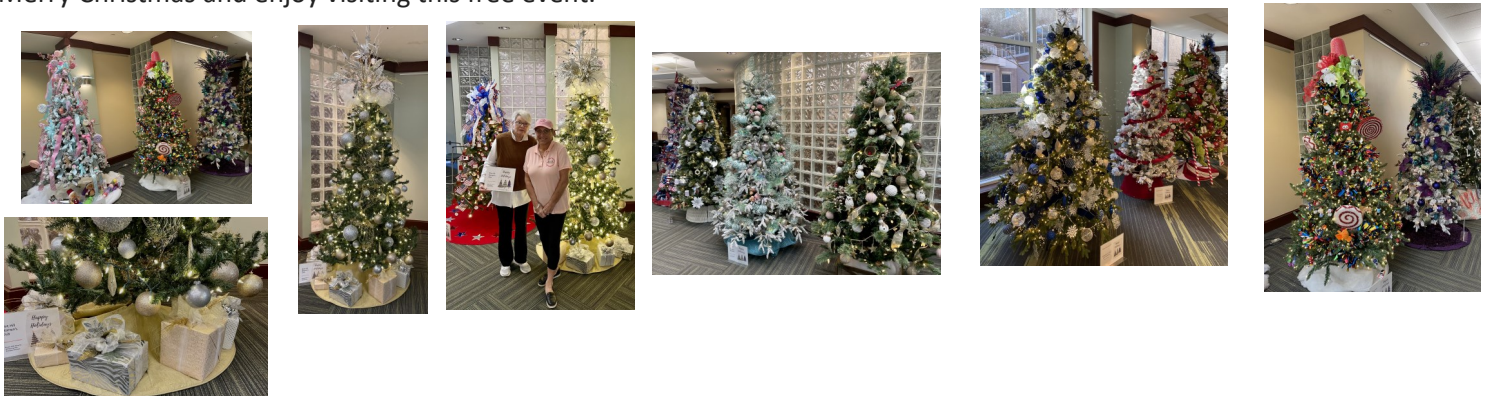
Blessed Assurance Christmas Gift Donations:

Once again, our caring and generous members brought donations for the Blessed Assurance Christmas bags. Each year the Mint Hill Women's Club fills 40 bags with items requested for Seniors. Blessed Assurance will distribute these filled Christmas bags in December to their day care men and women. Thanks to everyone for continuing to support our Service Projects in the Community.



Novant Health Festival of Trees - Matthews:

The 15th Annual Festival of Trees is taking place at Novant Health in Matthews. Trees will be displayed through December 25, 2023 on the first floor of the hospital. All the Christmas trees are decorated by local residents and businesses. The Mint Hill Women's Club has a decorated 7-foot tree represented in the Festival. This year our tree has ornaments of gold and silver with wide gold and white mesh ribbon. It is topped with decorative spiked twigs and sparkling adornments. Gold and silver wrapped presents are under the tree. Sharon Jennings and Marilyn Fargo had fun decorating the tree!!! Merry Christmas and enjoy visiting this free event.



Service

Cadence Senior Living

Cadence Senior Living is located on 5601 Margaret Wallace Rd. On Thursday, November 16, 2023 6 MHWC members volunteered to do a Thanksgiving craft. Residents came to a craft room and we helped them make a Turkey to hang in their room. They were so happy to see us and loved talking with us. They all asked "when are you coming back"? Thank you to our crafty ladies: Edna Vera, Nancy Crisp, Tracy Doyle, Phyllis Kill, Betsy Hutton, and Marilyn Fargo. Hopefully, we'll be able to go back in December and make a Christmas craft. I am waiting to hear back from the Craft Director for a December date. More information to come. If you would be interested in joining us in December text or call Marilyn Fargo at 716-867-7780.

Our members made one-of-a-kind Christmas cards at our November membership meeting. As members arrived they were asked to create a card and write a short message for Seniors at Cadence Senior Living. The MHWC will be caroling and passing out these Christmas cards in December to Cadence Senior Living residents. Sign up with Jess Burns to join the Carolers.



Backpacks of Love

Backpacks of Love is a non-profit organization that distributes weekly non-perishable food to qualifying students. They also distribute fresh fruits, vegetables, eggs, milk, bread, and cheese through the Bulb. Each week they need to replenish their shelves. Any non-perishable food is appreciated. You can give donations to Marilyn Fargo.

In November, several of our Mint Hill Women's Club members volunteered, in the Pantry, to distribute non-perishable food to qualifying families. A BIG THANKS to Betsy Hutton, Edna Vera, Sharon Jennings, and Marilyn Fargo. Great job ladies!!!



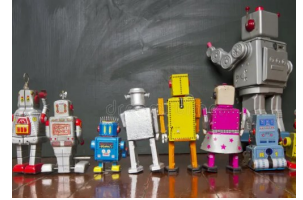
Service

Servant's Heart Toy Drive

Servant's Heart will be holding their Annual Toy Drive in December. The MHWC has donated toys and gift cards to Servant's Heart for the last five years. They are asking for our help again this year. You can drop off toys and/or gift cards to Marilyn Fargo's at 13112 Ginovanni Way Mint Hill NC 28227 on her front porch. You can also bring toys and gift cards to the December Board or Membership meetings.

NEEDS THIS YEAR:

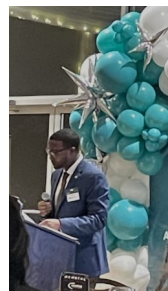
- Toys for boys or girls, **ages 6 months to 12 years**, unwrapped.
- Leave prices on each item. The original price, not the sale price.
- New toys, Valued \$15.00 or higher.
- Gift Cards for Walmart or Target. Value \$10.00 to \$25.00. Gift cards will be given to teenage boys and girls.
- Last day to donate toys will be at our December 11, 2023 membership meeting.



Chamber Christmas Party / Meeting

The Mint Hill Chamber of Commerce held their annual Christmas Party/meeting on November 16, 2023. It was held at Pine Lake Country Club. Many local business owners, politicians, and non-profits were there. It was a festive and exciting evening for everyone! The MHWC was represented by several members.

Thank you to the Chamber for hosting this party and for all you do for the community!!!



Chamber of Commerce Thank you

Thank you to the ladies who helped create 70 centerpieces and 400 gift cards for the Annual Senior Citizen's Christmas Party sponsored by the Mint Hill Chamber of Commerce.

Those who helped were Jane Price, Dona Phillips, Nancy Crisp, Carol Raffe, and Desiree van Egmond.



Community News

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.

Sunflower Ministry

Sunflower Outreach is a Christ-centered ministry, moving with compassion to find people the resources they need to thrive. If you are a ministry, church, non-profit, business or individual who is interested in partnering with us through sponsorship, donation or volunteerism please...

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