



September 2023



Announcements

Membership Dues are due \$20/year —pay either on Website or at the Fall Fashion show. **Take out an Ad in our next Membership Directory!** See page 11 for more info! **We have MHWC shirts for sale!** See page 12 for more info on how to get them.

September 11, 2023 - MHWC's next meeting with Fall Fashion Show sponsored by Servant's Heart. @ 7pm. **Morning Star Lutheran Church Family Life Center.** See article page 2.

October 10, 2023—October meeting will be on a **Tuesday** due to October 9 being a holiday. This is the candidate forum @ 7pm at **Town Hall.**

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 2 and 3.

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 6.

March 7, 2024—*Sip, Savor & Support 2024.*

September

Monday, September 11, 2023
Meeting & Fall Fashion Show @ 7pm
 Morning Star Lutheran Family Life Center
 12509 Idlewild Rd
 Matthews, NC 28105

Wednesday September 20, 2023

Breakfast Bunch @ First Watch
 10—11:30

1643 Matthews Township Parkway
 Matthews, NC 28105

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
 Charlotte, NC

November

Monday, November 13, 2023

Meeting @ 7pm
 Blair Road United Methodist Church,
 9135 Blair Rd
 , Mint Hill 28227

March 2024

Thursday, March 7, 2024

SIP, SAVOR, & SUPPORT

Message from the President

Hi lovely ladies!

Hope you all had an amazing summer, stayed cool and made wonderful memories with family and friends. It's hard to believe the children are back in school, the leaves will soon change and we will dig out our cozy, warm fall sweaters! In just a few short weeks, the MHWC will kick off our year with the Annual Fall Fashion Show and meeting. We are excited to see the beautiful fall outfits Servant's Heart will provide and are confident our 12 models will look radiant! The Fashion show and meeting will be an excellent time to catch up with friends you haven't seen in a while, make new friends and learn about many new things coming your way! I hope you will try to attend and feel free to bring a friend! At this meeting, you will have the opportunity to pay dues, take a picture for the directory, and drop off items for our annual scarecrow entry- Gertrude the Gardener. Please see the article below for items we still need. Just a reminder, the items will be out in the elements so we may not be able to return some items. Please reach out to Jane Morris if you have any supplies or are interested in lending a hand in constructing dear, sweet Gertrude!

We have been so blessed this summer as we have had 9 new ladies join us! Welcome ladies! We are so happy you are here! There will be a new member reception this fall to officially welcome all new members since last fall- more details to follow soon!

Other big events this fall include the Candidate Forum and our Fall enrichment activity- the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk. We hope you will join us and sign up for the walk using the link in the newsletter! Let's all come together on a crisp, fall Saturday morning to rally behind our sisters in the club and other loved ones that have fought hard against this terrible disease.

This isn't really news to any of you but it never hurts to be reminded that this club is made up of bright, beautiful and talented women from all walks of life that share the love of socializing, enriching self and serving the community we all know and love!

I am a firm believer that we get what we give. Life is busy and we as women often put ourselves last leaving our cup a little empty. I encourage each of us to give a little of ourselves to the club this fall and see what you get! Call a member to say hello and check on her, offer to lend a hand, come to a meeting, a lunch bunch, a service activity or an enrichment activity this fall. I know time is short and just flies by but I promise you the time will be well spent and you will be glad you did! It takes all of us doing our small part to make a big impact and succeed.

I have missed your smiling faces this summer and truly look forward to seeing you all very soon!

Love, Jessi

Administrative Action!

The 2023-2024 membership dues are due (\$20) and can be paid online (a small fee is required for online payments) or in person at the September meeting/Fashion Show. 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.

Fall Fashion Show

Greetings Ladies

The Mint Hill Women's Club will kick off its Fall Season on Monday, September 11, 2023 with the Annual Fall Fashion Show sponsored by Servant's Heart of Mint Hill, Assistance Programs and Community Boutique.

Servant's Heart's Community Boutique is a very special kind of thrift store experience. It is a self-funding feature of their Assistance Program. All items are donated and support Servant's Heart ability to help families who are struggling financially. It is located at 9229 Lawyers Rd., Mint Hill, 28227. The store manager, Billie McIntosh, will assist our 12 models in their selections and in the presentation.

We are again looking for donations for the **Backpacks of Love** project. They always need jars of peanut butter, canned vegetables and fruit, macaroni and cheese, breakfast bars, applesauce, pasta, cereal, tuna fish, soup, snacks, and other non-perishable items. **If you would like to donate**, please bring some of these items to the September meeting. If you would like to help distribute the food the next time we are called to help, contact Marilyn Fargo.

Our meeting will be held at the Morning Star Lutheran Church Family Life Center, 12509 Idlewild Rd., Matthews NC 28105. The time is 7-9 PM. An invite has been sent out to members and guests are welcome.

Anne Doughty, VP



Our Lovely models from the 2022 Fall Fashion Show

Fall Team Events

Wednesday, September 20, 2023

Breakfast Bunch
First Watch
10—11:30
1643 Matthews Township Parkway
Matthews, NC 28105

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 Meeting

Date Change: Our October meeting will now be on **Tuesday, Oct. 10th, 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.

A representative from the Mecklenburg County chapter of the League of Women Voters will moderate the forum. We have invited 5 candidates running for commissioner to participate. All questions asked will come from the audience, and the event is free and open to the public.

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.**

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.

New Members

Danita Stewart
Jennifer Manchester
Sarah Ekis
Sheila Moore

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

Hugs

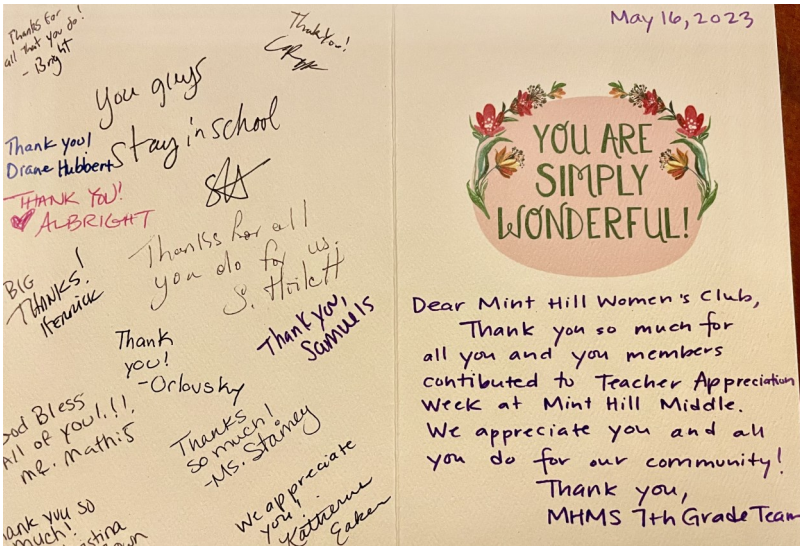
Lynn Gallagher	Sympathy—Mother passed away
Sandy Harrison	Get Well—eye surgery
Kevin Smith	Donna Smith’s husband Thinking of you— Spine surgery
Donna Smith	Sympathy—Father passed away

Please contact Deonna Bandos, Corresponding Secretary, with information regarding any member who needs a Hugs card. You can email her at ddmbandos15@gmail.com

September Birthdays

Birthday	First Name	Last Name
09-03	Jessica	Burns
09-10	Ann	Litaker
09-11	Jeannine	Kring
09-12	Kathy	Clontz
09-14	Patricia	Mastrovito
09-14	Shirley	Courter
09-20	Dee	Baker
09-22	Bonnie	Kramer
09-23	Amy	Goodman
09-26	Cassandra	Heath
09-27	Delores	Hurt
09-27	Toni	Rollins
09-28	Pat	Sankowski

Thank You from MH Middle School



Shaking things Up!

As you know, we have a Spring, Fall, Summer and Winter team which is each responsible for providing small snacks after meetings for the 3 month season, planning “lunch bunches” and enrichment activities for membership as well as organizing special events. Each team has an event (Spring - End of Year party, Fall -Fashion Show, Summer - Game Nights and Winter - Christmas luncheon and party). After much thought, we have decided it would benefit the Club to add a Membership Team, Service Team and Fundraising Team and expand the Summer Team.

We realize that some people have been on the same seasonal team for a while. If you are interested in rotating to a new team including one of the new teams, please email Desiree van Egmond (vanegmond23@gmail.com). There will also be an opportunity to sign up at the Fashion Show/September meeting.

Summer Team Pictures

On August 4th, we held our **Lunch Bunch** at Olde Sycamore Plantation. We had a nice turn out of ladies who shared a good time and good food.



At our **Game Night** on August 14th, Rummikub was the most popular game. We had several new members join us, which was a treat.



Enrichment

On a dark and stormy August 7th, a few of us met to discuss our entry into the Mint Hill Scarecrow Contest. This is a sketch of what we plan to do. We plan to put the names of the charities that we support on the pumpkins to show Mint Hill how we help the town thrive.



You can help us!

We are in need a few things: gardening gloves, a gardening apron or a half apron we can adapt, gardening tools (they can be returned to you), a watering can (also returnable), a high collared dress, a jeans jacket, 2 bales of hay, fake ivy, a straw hat, a wig, two big buttons for her eyes and fake flowers.

If you can donate any of these items, please text Jane Morris at 704-491-9123 or call Suzanne Maddox at 704-488-5399.

Check Presentation Healing Vine Harbor



Mint Hill Holiday Pop-Up

Looking for craft vendors to participate in the **Annual Chamber of Commerce POP-UP CHRISTMAS SHOP** at the Town Hall on the **3rd Saturday of November**. In addition to crafts, we will put out a call for members to make sweets to sell as well. **Stay tuned.**



Service

Mending Strides

MENDING STRIDES is a local, nonprofit in Mint Hill. They have asked us to help make items for their fundraising events. MaryAnn DeSano sewed jean purses shown below. Jessica Burns' painted rocks are shown below. If you would like to participate in this project with your talents, contact Marilyn Fargo.



Note from our Service Chair:

Every month we will send information to membership about upcoming volunteer opportunities. Check our monthly newsletter, and/or come to our meetings for more information. You can always call Marilyn Fargo at 716-867-7780, Service Chair, if you have any questions or concerns.

I would like to encourage membership and new members to get involved in Service projects. It is a good way to meet members in small groups and learn more about the Mint Hill Women's Club.

Service

USO Christmas Cards for Soldiers

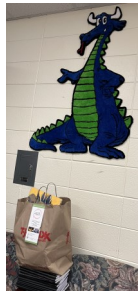
The MHWC is supporting our troops for the holidays. Many members have started writing handwritten messages in Christmas cards and including a treat. The NC Packs4Patriots is an organization that supports the members of our military. The cards with handwritten messages help our troops feel the support and appreciation of our nation for their service and sacrifice. It is the MHWC way of thanking our service men and women. I had a group of club members meet at my house in July and another group in August. We had a nice time talking, getting to know each other and writing "thankful" notes in the Christmas cards. Some members are writing cards at home too. We received about 70 beautiful handmade holiday cards made by Robyn Imirie and Jessica Burns. Thank you ladies for your donations and for your creativity. And THANK YOU to everyone who donated other Christmas cards and participated in this important Service project. My goal was to send 300 cards and to date, we have 353 cards ready to be shipped! **GREAT JOB LADIES!!!** If you are writing cards at home, you can bring them to Marilyn Fargo or bring signed cards to our first membership meeting / Fashion show in September.

Note: DO NOT SEAL ENVELOPES, do not address the envelopes, write a Thank You note in the card, sign your name with our town, Mint Hill, NC.



Servant's Heart

Servant's Heart has asked the MHWC to help with their Back2School program. We filled 15 book bags with specific school supplies for Mint Hill Elementary School: grades Kindergarten, First, and Second. As always, YOU came through with all their needs. In fact, we had several shopping bags of extra school supplies which we delivered to Clear Creek and Lebanon Road. A group of members met on August 7th to fill all the book bags. A big thanks and appreciation to Marilyn Folnsbee, Pam Allred, Sharon Jennings, Anne and Rick Doughty, Dona Phillips, and Marilyn Fargo. Many thanks to Maynell Outen who helped Marilyn deliver the book bags to Servant's Heart.



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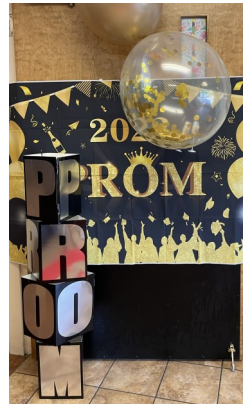
Blessed Assurance:

We continue our monthly nail service to seniors at Blessed Assurance. They just love the attention and look forward to the MHWC coming. It is always on a Monday 10:00am to 12:00. If you would like to sign up please contact Marilyn Fargo at 716-867-7780 or talk to her at a meeting. NEW MEMBERS welcome! On August 14, four members painted nails. Thank you to Edna Vera, Desiree Van Egmond, Robyn Imirie, and Marilyn Fargo. You are all so nice to the senior men and women!



Blessed Assurance Prom:

Blessed Assurance held their second annual Prom for seniors. Men and women got dressed up and enjoyed extra treats and a catered lunch. Novandria Huggens, CEO, asked the Mint Hill Women's Club to help at the Prom on August 25, 2023. Our members stepped up, once again. We had three-two hour shifts from 10:00 to 4:00. Eight members and the Blessed Assurance staff helped serve snacks, lunch, and desserts throughout the day. Everyone enjoyed socializing, dancing, and eating some good food. **Our Wonderful team of MHWC members did a great job!!!** Thank you to Sharon Jennings, Pheadra Line, Mary Ann DeSano, Deonna Bandos, Edna Vera, Rosy Crumpton, Desiree Van Egmond, and Marilyn Fargo. Another "feel good" experience. We all had a good time and enjoyed interacting with so many nice people.



Community News

On August 8th, several MHWC members attended the Mint Hill Chamber of Commerce non-profit meeting. In the few minutes we had to speak, we shared a little about our club history, what we do in the community, and how we as non-profits can support one another. Pictured left to right: Andree West, Taylor Grimes, Jessica Burns, Sharon Allen, Jane Morris, Pheadra Line, and Marilyn Fargo.



DAR Tea

The Mint Hill Chapter of the Daughters of The American Revolution would like to invite you to the first Annual Constitution Week Tea on Sunday, September 17, 2023.

The Tea will be held in the Mint Hill Historical Barn

The DAR would be so appreciative of your attendance and they are sure you will enjoy your time there. There will be Tea and finger foods, a photo shoot in front of a 1913 vehicle, music, two small gifts, and a tour of the Mint Hill Historical grounds led by Docents

Invite your family....all ages and genders. The Tickets are just 35.00 and there will be a seating at 1:00 pm and at 4:00 pm

They look forward to seeing you there.

To order Tickets for the Tea, please click on the blue link.



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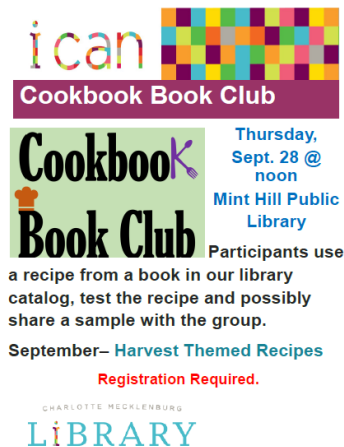
Mint Hill Library announcements


Cookbook Book Club

Every 4th Thursday at Noon

Please [REGISTER](#) to share what recipe/cookbook you tested

Join us on the 4th Thursday of each month at noon for the Cookbook Book Club! Each month we will discuss a different theme of cooking either based on ingredient, style or device. Participants must use a recipe from a book in our library catalog, test the recipe and possibly share with the group. Registration is required to sign up for recipes.



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Cookbook Book Club
Cookbook Book Club Thursday, Sept. 28 @ noon
Mint Hill Public Library
Participants use a recipe from a book in our library catalog, test the recipe and possibly share a sample with the group.
September– Harvest Themed Recipes
Registration Required.
CHARLOTTE MECKLENBURG
LIBRARY

In September, we will have our [Around the World in 21 Branches](#) festival hosted by the Library Foundation. A local chef, Shaun “Shef” Williams, will do cooking demonstrations as well as talk about his book. We will have a screen printer, crafts, gardening tips from the Master Gardeners and more. The event starts at 10am. We would love for Mint Hill to have the best attendance of all the branches.



AROUND THE WORLD IN 21 BRANCHES
STOP no. 4
Saturday, September 16
Mint Hill Library
Featuring cooking demonstrations with Shaun “Shef” Williams, author of “Soul in the Citi”


More information for all programs is available on our website: <https://cmlibrary.bibliocommons.com/v2/events>



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LIBRARY

cmlibrary.org

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 September 30. Please contact **Jessica Burns** with anyone interested in purchasing an ad.



Directory Sponsorship Contract

MHWClub.com
MHWClub@gmail.com

This agreement between MHWC (Mint Hill Women's Club) and "The Sponsor"

Company Name/ Organization/Individual Sponsor

Of _____
Address

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Acknowledges and/or agrees to the following:

1. Print Business Card 3.5" x 2" in annual membership directory and digital advertising on our website . \$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.

Signed: _____
Sponsor Name Date

Signed: _____
Representative of MHWC Date

Jessica Burns
President
704-662-5377

MHWC Shirts

We have been working on a MHWC shirt and know it will really **wow you** and the town of Mint Hill. This shirt will be a beautiful shade of light pink, will have our logo on the left front chest, and an uplifting message on the back. The photo is an example of how the back of the shirt will look. The polo will only have the logo on the front and nothing on the back.

Members will feel united and have great pride while wearing this shirt out in our community! Our hope is to have the shirts back in time for the Making Strides against Breast Cancer Walk in October. It will be a great shirt to wear to service events or just while out and about in town! The t-shirts are a cotton blend, unisex fit for \$18. For those that don't wear t-shirts, we will have a ladies polo option available for \$25. If you would like to purchase a tee shirt or polo, you can mail a check made payable to MHWC to Ann Papais or pay at the September meeting! Be sure to note the size needed. At the meeting, you also have the option to purchase a shirt via credit card with an additional small fee.

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