



## Annual Fashion Show

DOOR CODE FOR MONDAY  
NIGHT MEETINGS: 44005#

### September

Friday, Sept 17th 11:30am

Lunch Bunch

Kristopher Sports Bar

Outdoor Dining

Evite to follow

**\*\*Tuesday Sept 21st 7pm**

**Annual Fashion Show**

**Emerald Lake Golf Club**

9750 Tournament Dr, Matthews,  
NC 28104

Evite to follow

### October

Monday, Oct 11th 7pm

Candidate Forum

Location TBD

Tuesday, October 26th

11:30am

Membership Tea

Pine Lake Country Club

\$10/member

### November

Monday, Nov. 8th– 7pm

Monthly Meeting

MH Town Hall

Wednesday, Nov 17th 11:30

Lunch Bunch

Location TBD

### February

Save the Date

Thursday, Feb 24th

Sip, Savor, Support Fundraiser

Pine Lake Country Club

\*\* date change

## Announcements

Our Annual Fashion Show will be hosted by **Chico's Stonecrest** and we are having open calls for 6 models to participate wearing 2 outfits. Our models need to be available on Tuesday, Sept 14th or Wednesday, Sept 15th for fitting appointments at the Chico's Stonecrest location. Interested members should contact Marilyn Fargo at 716-867-7780 no later than Tuesday Sept 7th.

Please make a note that our **kickoff meeting/ fashion show, will be hosted at a new venue this year.**



We have secured **The View Ballroom** at Emerald Lakes Golf Club, 9750 Tournament Dr, Matthews, NC 28104. This venue has a capacity to hold 250 guests for a dinner event. This will allow us to spread the tables further apart to accommodate our membership. Due to scheduling challenges, this event will take place on **Tuesday, Sept 21st at 7pm with doors opening at 6:30pm. Evites will go out the first week of September.**

### Activities taking place at Fashion Show Meeting

**Collection of items for Sunflower Café mission - see page 3**

**Wine Basket raffle in lieu of our 50/50 raffle– 6 tickets/\$5 or 1 ticket/\$1 - see page 4**

**Wine Class for 20 Raffle for all members paying 2021-22 dues prior to Sept 6th. See page 7**

**Membership Tea Tickets Members \$10 non-members \$25—see page 3**

**Members Pictures for Directory—see page 4**



Last Year's Display

The 4th Annual Town of Mint Hill "Scarecrow Decorating Contest" will be held October 1-31, 2021. MHWClub will create a scarecrow and put it on display outside the Town Hall for the month of October. The name of the MHWClub Scarecrow, this year, will be called "The Enchanted Princess". Members are encouraged to vote for our display during the month of October. More information and website pictures will follow. If you are interested in helping create this vignette, please contact Marilyn Fargo, at 716-867-7780.

Pop-Up Christmas Shop - We are looking to support our creative members this year by providing a couple of tables for the Annual Christmas Pop-Up shopping experience on Town Hall circle. Several ladies who make greeting cards, as well as Christmas décor and hostess gifts have already agreed to participate. We are looking for a few more ladies to join us. Bakers are needed, handmade ornaments, etc, we would love for you to join us. - The more, the merrier. - If interested, please contact Andree West (508-241-4026) or Marilyn Fargo (716-867-7780) no later than Sept 15th with your idea. 60% will go to the member, 40% to MHWClub. More details to follow in the coming months.



## Message from Co-Presidents

We are so excited to start a new year with our September Meeting of the Mint Hill Women's Club. The season changes in just a few weeks and it brings back the hint of chilly weather to come, and the changing colors of leaves. We are starting off our Fall season with our first General Meeting on TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2021. The yearly Fashion Show by Chico's of Stonecrest will be held at Emerald Lake Golf Club. Chico's will have 12 new Fall outfits to be modeled. A big thanks to the store Manager, Melinda Schindler. She has selected some "Great" outfits from casual to dressy. It's going to be an exciting one, so please do your best to be there!!! After the Fashion Show, by Chico's, we will have light finger foods and drinks. While everyone is snacking, we will have our General Membership Meeting. Note: We have to be out of Emerald Lake by 9:00 pm.

We are so proud to WELCOME 22 New Members to the Mint Hill Women's Club!!! Get to know each new member by introducing yourself and making them feel welcome. It is always hard joining a new organization and getting to know names, and to learn about the activities we offer. We hope you all will enjoy our Club. A NEW Member Reception will be held in October, Evite to follow.

Through the summer months we have held Board meetings, Lunch Bunch, and Game Nights. In May, our luncheon was held at Olde Sycamore Clubhouse where 14 ladies enjoyed lunch on their outside patio. June, we met at MI Pueblo, Mexican restaurant. July Lunch Bunch was held at Angela's Restaurant. We had a good time catching up and enjoying the luscious Italian food. June, July, and August, many of our members attended Game Night. We had a packed room playing Mexican Train, Nine Hole Golf, and Rummikub. Many, many of our members love games.

The MHWC has re-joined the Mint Hill Chamber of Commerce. This is an organization of local small businesses and non-profits that promote economic development and business activity in Mint Hill. The Chamber encourages a positive business climate by working with investors, attracting visitors, and creating a strong community. The Executive Director is Paige McKinney, a MHWC member. She is a friendly, gracious Southern "Bell" that makes everyone feel welcome. She demonstrates her experience in sales and business while engaging the community and people of the Mint Hill area. The Chamber's first, monthly, meeting was held at Olde Sycamore on August 17, 2021. Andree West and Marilyn Fargo attended and we were glad to meet so many new people. We set up a decorated table of pictures, brochures, and Membership applications to highlight the many projects and activities the Mint Hill Women's Club provides for its members. We were so excited to sign up several new members. People, also, purchased a Business ad in our Membership Directory.

Due to Covid 19 and policy changes, the MHWC will follow the policies set by the venue, Town Hall, or restaurants we will be visiting.

Due to Covid restrictions and the Membership enrollment, we might have to hold Special indoor events at "Off Site" this year. More information to follow.

As always, Andree and I want to Thank all of our new and old members for your help and support, as we enter our new year in September!!!

Sincerely,

*Andree West and Marilyn Fargo*



# Service

Working with Servant's Heart, our members donated items to fill the backpacks for seven 7th grade students at East Lake Middle School. Thanks to everyone who participated in the drive.



Sunflowers are a universal symbol of hope, helping & joy.

One sunflower is made up of thousands of tiny flowers. When skies are gray, sunflowers face each other and share their energy. The Sunflower Club Outreach provides a helping hand to families and individuals in need of food or supportive services.

Our Service project for the month of September is in conjunction with Sunflower Café Outreach program. This non-profit organization works with families and individuals that don't qualify for government programs, but still struggle to make ends meet. They are currently in need of the following items: all feminine products, personal hygiene products, clothing detergent, and dry shampoos. A table will be set up at the Sept. meeting for your bagged items. Thanks,

*Cheryl Crawford and Kay Major*  
*Service Co-Chairs*

# Membership Tea

*Dust off your hat or fascinator and come to our Membership Tea*

Please join us for a celebration of our club. Cheryl Crawford will be selling the tickets at the Fashion Show meeting. The cost is \$10 Members/ \$25 non-members. Ticket will not be available at the door the day of the event. The last time Cheryl will be selling tickets will be the October Candidate Forum meeting. You can contact her at 704-628-5080.



For 47 years, we have been giving back to the local community. We are fortunate to still have some of the founding members with us today. We will be showcasing the 11 members who have participated for more than 36 continuous years with our organization. We will also get comments from the past presidents that are able to attend.

We will be raffling off the fresh flower/teapot table arrangements as well.



We are in need of china sets to include tea cup, saucer, dinner plate. Anyone who would like to loan us your china, please contact Suzanne Maddox (704-488-5399). We are looking for at least 10 sets of 8 place settings. Each table would have 1 set of china on it.

# Head Shots

Several ladies have joined our club since the last directory was published. We need your pictures to add to the new directory coming out in November. You are welcome to send a head shot with solid background for us to use. You can take with your smart phone. Please send to Nancy Crisp via email at [ojcrisp@aol.com](mailto:ojcrisp@aol.com). **DO NOT SHRINK THE FILE FOR WEB PAGE, send as original.**

Shirley Courter  
Amy Goodman  
Patricia Mastrovit  
Ann Papais  
Carol Carson  
Krista Jerkins  
Lynn Gallagher  
Sharon Jennings

Mary Ellen McDonald  
Lee Thompson  
Mindy Parman  
Rachael Goodman  
Dona Phillips  
Emma Santana D'Andrea  
Susie Laurie  
Tonya Kerr

Sherri Taylor  
Charlotte Elliotte  
Anastasia Farrell  
Paige McKinney  
Kelly Rose  
Susan Krupa  
Sharon Korp

We hope to have all these pictures submitted between now and Tuesday, Sept 21st or taken the night of the Fashion Show.

## Welcome New Members

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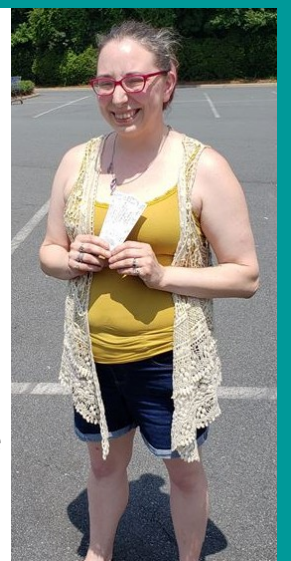
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### *Michael Bublé Concert Tickets Winner*

Thanks to the generosity of Kathy Raiano, MHC was able to auction off 2 concert tickets. The high bidder at \$180 was Sarah Ferguson. Congratulations to Sarah! We have officially launched our fundraising efforts for the coming year..



# LUNCH BUNCH and Game Nights



August Game Night brought out 15 ladies to play cards and games. We also had 8 guests attend our Open House.



New Asian Cuisine provided the food for 16 of our members attending lunch Bunch. As you can see, everyone was smiling as they anticipated the lunch to be brought out.

Thank you to Suzanne Maddox and Ginnie Freeburn for their successful efforts with the Summer game nights and delicious lunch bunch choices.

## Hugs

*Deonna Bandos*— Get Well Card  
broken shoulder

*Pam Dalton*—Sympathy card  
Death of Mother-in-law

Please contact Pam Dalton, Corresponding Secretary, with information regarding any member who needs a Hugs card. You can email her at [daltongang123@aol.com](mailto:daltongang123@aol.com)

## Birthdays

Ann	Litaker	09-10
Jeannine	Kring	09-11
Bonnie	Kramer	09-22
Amy	Goodman	09-23
Delores	Hurt	09-27
Toni	Rollins	09-27
Lee	Thompson	09-30



Wine Basket for raffle at Fashion Show - Value \$50— includes bottle of Cabernet and 4 stemless MHWC wine glasses

*Congratulations to one of our members, Tracey Questell, for being named one of Charlotte's Women of the Year 2021. Her work with Healing Vine Harbor, the organization she created, has truly made an impact on our community in Charlotte. I encourage all of you not familiar with Healing Vine Harbor to take a moment to look at the website and possibly support her efforts in some way.*



It is truly an honor to be recognized & acknowledged alongside these amazing women & gifts to the Charlotte community & the world! I'm sure that we all started with a dream to help others, it wasn't about the accolades, but about the ideas and hopes to make the world a better place no matter how small the affect. Thank you to those who nominated and voted for me for believing in my charge to impact lives. Together, We Help them Ascend! On Thursday August 26th we have a virtual fundraiser dance party from 7-9pm, so please join us as we help break the cycle of poverty and homelessness.

## WOMEN OF THE YEAR

### AMERICA'S WOMEN MAGAZINE

#### Proudly Presents Charlotte's Women of the Year

With Esteem, Gretchen Gaertner

Nominates Tracey Questell

#### Congratulations to Tracey Questell

Tracey Questell is the founder and Executive Director of Healing Vine Harbor (HVH). She is employed full time at Central Piedmont Community College as a counselor and instructor. Every moment she is not working for the college, she is working for the homeless and displaced women in Charlotte.

In the short time I've known Tracey, I have learned her life is about providing for others. She is driven to help women in need. Through her work at Healing Vine Harbor Tracey supports, inspires, and empowers women in Mecklenburg County and beyond.

Her charge is to help those women who are not prepared to live on their own and be self-sufficient. Because they have aged out of the foster care system/their homes or current housing situation, they are no longer safe or stable. These women lack preparation or resources for the future and end up in shelters, jail, or bounced around from place to place. To combat this situation, Tracey created Healing Vine Harbor Inc. Healing Vine Harbor works towards filling basic needs such as housing, safety and security. HVH's goal is to equip women through a holistic approach. Its mission is to reduce the number of single women living in shelters or unsafe situations, providing a pathway out of poverty to ensure self-sufficiency.

Tracey works towards changing the outcome

of these women's lives by providing emergency financial assistance for housing and/or utilities, life skill training, mentoring, as well as building a positive self-image for each person she works with. She builds relationships with the women she serves and cares for each one of them. One of our clients, Dasia, was unable to drive because, at 22, she never acquired her driver's license. Tracey personally took her out regularly to learn and practice driving. She brought Dasia to the NC DMV for testing AND then secured a donated car so that she had the means to travel back and forth from her fulltime job. When Tracey met Dasia, she was living on the streets and in and out of shelters. Today she has secure housing, a fulltime job, and a sense of strength and self-worth that no one could take from her.

Administering items for immediate care like clothing, toiletries, and housewares/furniture is another way Tracey, through her organization, supports the women she ministers to. She even shares her personal cell number with the ladies so that they can contact her at any time of the day or night.

I am always so impressed with her kindness and generosity, and I'm amazed at how Tracey never stops giving! Our community is a better place because of her compassion, strength, and leadership. Each person Tracey meets is forever changed for the good.

# Total Wine & MORE

Treat your friends, family and fellow wine lovers to a private wine class for up to 20 people in our store's classroom.

Total Wine & Moore will host an event that is certain to impress you and your guests. Taste a variety of our premium, hand selected wines and discover hidden treasures from the wine region of your choosing. Your guests will enjoy a tour of the land and learn about the famed appellations and grape varieties that make each region so unforgettable. One of our wine experts will present and discuss each delicious wine during your two hour class, which can be arranged as a seated class-style or more casual walk-around event. **Total Wine and More** will provide all necessary stemware and educational handout for tasting notes.

**VALUE \$500**

**Certificate valid until January 1, 2023**

**We are raffling off a wine class for 20 people at Total Wine and More. All members as well as new members will be automatically entered into the drawing provided you pay your dues between now and September 6th. This certificate is valid until January 1st, 2023. See details on page 3. The drawing will take place at the September Fashion Show. You can submit your dues online, send a check to Cheryl Reid or give your money to any of the board members prior to that date.**

Your odds of winning this prize are better than 1 in 100. Good luck to all of you.

Enrollment is now open for fiscal year 2021-22

Please submit your \$20 dues by clicking the following link :[https://www.mhwclub.com/store/p3/Annual\\_2021-2022\\_Membership\\_Dues.html](https://www.mhwclub.com/store/p3/Annual_2021-2022_Membership_Dues.html)

Or sending \$20 check to MHCW care of Cheryl Reid , 6411 Robin Hollow Rd, Mint Hill , 28227.



**CHOOSE FROM ONE OF OUR POPULAR THEMES**

**Wine 101: In Vino Veritas**  
Identify key components of wine and explore how to pair with the right food to make your next dinner party a success!

**Beautiful Blends: The Most Carefully Crafted Wines**  
Join us to explore the art of the blend, from easy-drinking domestic reds to the great white wines of Bordeaux and the Rhone.

**New World, New Wines: Exploring the Southern Hemisphere**  
Discover how the Old World's native grapes and long wine-making traditions have helped shape how we make and enjoy wine all over the world.

**Vive La France**  
Explore the greatest wine-making regions in France so you can master our wine aisles and any restaurant wine list!

**Into the Wild: Walla Walla Willamette & Pacific Northwest**  
Take a tour of the Pacific Northwest! Learn about the very best from Washington Wine Country to Willamette Valley, Oregon.

**From Tip to Toe: A Wine Tour of Italy**  
Explore many distinctive wines of Italy, from sparkling Proseccos and crisp Pinot Grigios to the Sangiovese-based wines of Tuscany to rich, dark reds of Sicily.

**California Uncorked: Napa Valley & Beyond**  
Try a variety of red and white wines that have brought acclaim to Napa Valley, Sonoma, Amador and the Central Coast.

**Here's to Bottles that Pop: Great Sparkling Wines**  
Nothing is better than a bottle of bubbly! Learn about our favorite sparkling styles, food pairings and, of course, champagne!