



Mint Hill Women's Club Newsletter

Service, Social, Self-Improvement

Upcoming Events

November – time for our Annual Auction!

Wednesday, November 16

Bus trip to Asheville

Monday, November 21

Annual Auction

Mint Hill Masonic Lodge

Doors open 6 PM

Silent Auction
6:30 pm – 8:40 pm

Live Auction
7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Raffle Drawing
8:59 pm

Bring:

\$\$ to buy,

Items for service project

Baked goods to auction

Friday, December 9

Operation Christmas Child

Monday, December 12

Parade of Homes

Your ticket and map will be mailed with the December Newsletter.

Monday, January 9

Mint Hill Planning Board

Monday, February 13

Makeup

Monday, March 13

Levine Senior Center
(Opening in February)

Monday, April 10

Organ Donation

Monday, May 8

Annual Covered Dish Supper

Ernest Perry, from Perry's Jewelry Store at Southpark, will be our Auctioneer. He did such a superb job last year, we are **very excited** he has agreed to a repeat visit!

The change from our usual 2nd Monday to the 3rd Monday of the month is due to the availability of Mint Hill Masonic Lodge. With this being the same week as Thanksgiving, hopefully, we will sell more baked goods and enjoy the presence of your out of town guests.

Our format is changing this year to a Silent Auction in addition to a Live Auction, concluding with the raffle drawing. In years gone by our auction has extended way too long to suit most schedules. Our goal is to entice more attendees, with the schedule of completion by 9 pm.

In addition to wreaths, table centerpieces, Christmas trees, we will also have baskets, gift certificates and miscellaneous gift items.

EACH MEMBER'S help is needed for the auction. From inviting/bringing a friend or neighbor, supplying a baked good, or securing a donation, the success of the auction is directly dependent on each member contributing her part.

Thanks in advance for your help!

Dixie Helms

October Meeting

Karen Parker Thompson from the Charlotte Battered Women's Shelter presented a very informative program. She indicated that 1 in every 4 women will be victim of domestic violence at some point in her lifetime. Each year more than 5,000 victims of domestic violence and their children seek assistance from United Family Services which is a non-profit organization servicing Mecklenburg County.

Our service committee has chosen to support their activity and we have donated significant number of items and hours volunteering in their donation room. 24 hour crisis line: 704-332-2513

Mint Hill Town News

Community Cultural Plan

Eight club members attend the cultural summit held on Tuesday, 11/1 at town hall.

Robert Bush, vice president of the Arts & Science Council, said, "We've been in

cultural summit, the consultants will present their findings and citizens will be given an opportunity to make suggestions that will impact the final plan. We expect that plan to be presented in January."

Bush said the Arts & Science Council has \$20,000 in its current budget to help fund the new plan once it is approved.

Scarecrow Brigade

To increase participation in the event, Mint Hill and the Arts & Science Council held a scarecrow competition. Our club created a 5 foot-tall scarecrow, in the theme of the "Red Hat" girls.

We are proud to announce our darling received a prize for the funniest.

A big "thank you" to Ann Litaker who was the Team Leader in dressing our gal!



HUGS

Christie Neal - "Get Well"
(faithful attendee at auction)

Support our Troops!

If you wish to nominate someone contact Jo Mann with the name, address, and preference of gift (phone card, care package, or gift certificate for the troop or family).

Jo Mann

LUNCH BUNCH

Friday, November 18th
@ Villa Antonio - NOON

4707 South Blvd - 704 523 1594

Contact Ann Austin to allow for a count to give restaurant

PARADE OF HOMES - DECEMBER 12TH

Plans are being finalized to offer four or five homes for our annual tour. Each club member will receive one ticket along with a map for the route to follow. Club members may bring guests. Guest tickets will be available at the first house for \$5.00 or they can be purchased ahead of time by contacting me.

Pat Stanley

Happy November Birthdays!

November	
14 Birthday - Rhonda Kramer	
25 Birthday - Anne Cloaninger	
27 Birthday - Ginger Harris	

2006 MHWC AUCTION Workshops

There is still time to help!

Auction Craft workshops at MaryAnn Gatz:

Tuesday, 11/01, Thursday, 11/03, 9:30 am

Other times to be determined. Please call MaryAnn Gatz if you are coming.

Gift Basket Preparation at Barbara Banister's: Monday, 11/14, 7:00 pm

Other times to be determined. Please call Barbara Banister if you are coming.

PERSONAL ENRICHMENT

SYMPHONY GUILD ASID SHOWHOUSE

Thanks to those of you who so graciously volunteered to staff this year's ASID showhouse. We had a GREAT turnout on the two days. Bonnie Kramer won a gourmet cookbook!

Sandy Caughman

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS this month!!!

Eileen Allison
Danie Chavanton
Janet Daniel
Gayle Hatley
Sigrid McKeel
Anna Mary Mosher

Our membership now totals 60.

Nov. 16, Wednesday ALL-DAY BUS TRIP



First stop will be "Folk Art Center" to enjoy display of mountain crafts for 1 hour. Second stop Guild Center for ¼ hour. Lunch in Asheville at local cafeteria. Third stop Thomas Wolfe Center (\$1 extra). Last stop is exploring what downtown Asheville has to offer.

Sponsored by The Mecklenburg Co. Parks & Recreation Dept. Cost \$20.00. If interested contact *Bonnie Kramer*

Operation Christmas Child

Volunteers are needed to work processing center on Friday, 12/9 from 9 to 3. In 2004, more than 7.4M shoe box gifts were collected internationally from the USA & 10 other countries - **the most ever** in the 12 years of the project.

Since 1993, more than 38M gift-filled shoe boxes have been distributed to children in over 120 countries on 6 continents. This year's international goal is to collect 7.8M shoe box gifts. National Collection Week is November 14-21, 2005.

Contact either Lois Carr or Sue Black

Service

On October 25, Service Team Coordinators Sue Black, Lois Carr, along with 4 club members entertained 28 residents of Lawyers Glen with a fall Bingo party. Each participant received a pumpkin basket with candy; \$10 was awarded for bingo prizes. Residents snacked on punch, cookies, chips & dip. Many expressed their thanks for the enjoyable evening. Our club plans another Bingo night in March.