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CHWC June 2025 Newsletter



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Presidents Message

It may feel like SUMMER (oh yes, it is) but **June is the start of the 2025-26 Citrus Hills Women's Club year.** While there are no more luncheons until September, your **new Board members are very busy planning and organizing all the fun** you will enjoy this coming year.



This past year set a **record of over \$60,000** raised for our charities and scholarships! And as we mentioned at the luncheons, **all money raised by our fundraisers go 100% to Charities or Scholarships.** Not one dime is spent on operating expenses, unlike some other charitable organizations. That does not happen in a vacuum. **It takes many hands and many hours, but the rewards are tremendous for our community.**

I am excited to announce a new position, **Fundraising Chairperson.** She will report to the 1st Vice President. Her role is to **help secure sponsorships and financial support to advance CHWC's mission of supporting local charities and scholarship initiatives.** If you have experience with fundraising, please apply for this position or become a committee member. Contact **Marcia Porterfield** (porterfield1921@gmail.com) for more information.

If you enjoyed a fundraiser last year, **consider volunteering for that committee this year.** In the August newsletter you will see what is in the works. **Of course Golf, Bunco, Mah Jongg, Marketplace (Craft & Bake Sale), the Fashion Show, and more will be on the calendar!** Contact **Madonna Ray** (braymray@centurylink.net) or **Dawn Buckingham** (dawnbuck@aol.com) for these events.

Special Points of Interest

- Scholarship Awards
- New 2025—2026 CHWC Board
- Charity Drive-Thrus



Presidents Message — continued

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Have a suggestion for a trip or activity? **Reach out to Patti Noon** (nooner103@yahoo.com).

Spending your summer in the **cool air conditioning making crafts**? Contact Cathy Briatta (cbriatta@gmail.com), Chair of the Craft Sale. Found a new recipe you want to share? Reach out to Lynda Gentz (llgentz@aol.com), Chair of the Bake Sale.

The summer is stressful to the less fortunate in our county. **CHWC will have another Charity Drive-Thru on Wednesday, July 23rd, 9:00-10:30 am, in the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church parking lot.**

Finally, **I welcome my new Co-President, Del Gillispie.** Together we will serve our members in Companionship, Charity & Community!

Have a safe and exciting summer!



Diane Trowbridge
Co-President

New Position Created: Fundraiser Chairperson

Fundraiser Chairperson is an exciting new position that has just been created by CHWC. If you are outgoing, personable, collaborative and a strong communicator, this is the job for you! If you have fundraising experience, that's great, but if you don't, it still can be a good fit for you. We have identified mentors who will work with you to share their considerable knowledge about successful fundraising.

This important position **will be supported by the Co 1st Vice Presidents.** We are also looking for **members who will be a part of the Fundraising Committee.** Each of our fundraising events will have a member of the fundraising committee assigned to work with it. **The fundraiser for the committee will be a liaison working closely with the event chair to assist with the fundraising component of the function,** thus freeing up the event Chair to focus on the other aspects of the fundraiser.

If you would like to know more about this exciting new position, contact **Debby Blackie at 219-871-9561** or **Marcia Porterfield at 734-223-2026.** We can hardly wait to hear from you!

*We love
OUR
Volunteers*

Your 2025—2026 CHWC Board

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Co-Presidents

Diane Trowbridge and Del Gillispie

Co-1st Vice Presidents

Madonna Ray and Dawn Buckingham



Co-2nd Vice Presidents

Diane Edwards and Gail Bockjaro

Co-Secretaries

Marta Iler and Marcia Schenker



Co-Treasurers

Barbara Pankosky and Dianne Kohm

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Co-Activity Chairs

Patti Noon and Helen Salkowski

Co-Community and Outreach Chairs

Carol Peterman and Linda Hardy



Electronic Media Chair

Marta Iler

Co-Hospitality Chairs

Andrea Pastorello and Pat Crawley



Co-Membership Chairs

Clare Fennessey and Coralie Burzynski

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Co-Member Support Chairs

Pam Brink and Claire Lindley

Co-Chair Publicity Relations

Karen Settle and Jackie Huband



Co-Scholarship Chairs

Nanette Mitchell and Jane Dempsey



Pictured above are: Barbara Pankosky, Diane Edwards, Diane Trowbridge, Gail Bockjaro, Marcia Schenker and Marta Iler.

Activities



The Citrus Hills Women's Club, Inc. (CHWC) visited **Cannon Farms, located in Dunnellon, FL. on Saturday May 3.**

Cannon Farms is family owned and operated.

We had a wonderful time during our first visit to the farm.

The fields are amazing and full of sunflowers and the zinnias are beautiful. Cannon Farms has something for everyone, **a fresh produce stand, local honey and local cane sugar, BBQ sauces, dressings, jams, sourdough bread, flower picking, hayrides, petting zoo and inflatable slide.**

After departing Cannon Farms, we headed to **Sweeties Cafe and Tea House only a 6 minute drive.** Sweeties Cafe and Tea House is overflowing with charm, decorated in tea cups and Victorian decor. **The customers can put on one of the fun fancy hats** (there are many to choose

from) and enjoy a delicious home-made, reasonably priced lunch. The staff was friendly and attentive.

We enjoyed a beautiful **Saturday supporting our local businesses.**



Helen Salkowski and Patti Noon
"Sisters"



Activities



Cannon Farms
SPRING EVENTS

Some new special events to watch out for!

- Easter Egg Hunt April 19th 11am-4pm
- Dinner and Dancing May 3rd 3pm-8pm
- Car Show May 4th 11am-4pm
- Dinner and Dancing May 10th 3pm-8pm
- Mothers Day Brunch May 11th 11am-4pm
- Field Day on the Farm May 17th 10am-4pm
- Sunflower Festival 17th 10am-4pm
- Car Show May 18th 11am-4pm
- Watermelon Festival May 24th 10am-4pm
- Memorial Day Fun May 26th 11am-4pm
- Dinner and Dancing May 31st 3pm-8pm
- Car Show June 1st 11am-4pm

CANNONFARMS.NET

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 DUNNELLON, FL 34432





Charity and Community Service

The May **DRIVE-THRU** was **Wednesday May 28** from 9:00-10:30 at **Good Shepherd Lutheran Church 439 E Norvell Bryant Hwy.** Collections were non-perishable food, tools, unopened cat and dog food, household items, feminine products, diapers, wipes, trash : bags, coffee, ethnic hair products. Clothing donations were taken directly to the Family Resource Center at 3660 Carl Rose Hwy. (Rte. 200).

The **July Drive-Thru** will be **Wednesday July 23, 2025.**

The Carter students will receive their Summer Enrichment Bags on May 19th.

A wonderful Thank You to all the members who have contributed donations throughout the year. CHWC is helping the less fortunate



Summer enrichment bags for Carter students.
in Citrus County.





Charity and Community Service

"Share the Wealth" collections at the May luncheon were designated for the Emergency/Disaster fund for helping Citrus County.

Drive-Thrus for 2025-26 - MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

All Drive-Thrus are held at **Good Shepherd Lutheran Church** 439 E. Norvell Bryant from 9:00-10:30.

July 23, 2025
Sept. 24, 2025
Nov. 19, 2025

Jan. 28, 2026
March 25, 2026
May 27, 2026

Bombas Socks to Daystar

Daystar was thrilled to **receive 500 pair of adult sized socks**. Pictured below are: [Jim Kerch](#), [Molly Kerch](#), [Lynda Gentz](#), [Donna Watson](#) and [Steve Scarallo](#).



Pictured are Jim Kerch, Molly Kerch, Lynda Gentz, Donna Watson and Steve Scarallo



Charity and Community

Pets are often the only consistent companion many seniors have and are often considered part of the family. **Pet food is a big expense.**



CHWC Paw Pantry Needs:

- Unopened dry or canned dog food
- Unopened dry or canned cat food
- Dog or Cat Treats and Kitty Litter
- Watch for BOGOS at Publix's Pet aisle/ any brand or size.

Please bring to drive-thrus and Pet designated luncheons.

For more Information contact:

Karen Settle 708-205-7037. You can have large food orders delivered directly to Karen's Home from Amazon or Chewy —please let her know.

For Your Convenience:

Send food directly to Karen Settle: 1182 N. Hunt Club Dr., Hernando, FL. 34442



By donating to the **CHWC Paw Pantry program**, we can make a difference in the lives of over **100 homebound seniors' with pets**. Pet Meals is a **100 percent donation-based** and volunteer driven program. Food is not guaranteed and **relies on the generosity of the community**.

Please email pictures of you and your pet to Karen Settle
mkmetier1@gmail.com

Citrus Hills Women's Club, Inc.

Drive-Thru for Charity

Wednesday, May 28th • 9-10:30am

CHWC is collecting for these Citrus County charities:

Citrus County Family Resource Center, CASA, Habitat for Humanity, Pet Meals (a supplement to Meals on Wheels) and Carter Street Head Start School.

Donations needed include non-perishable foods (nothing expired), unopened dog and cat food, pet treats, kitty litter, diapers, wipes, ethnic hair products, trash bags, coffee, basic household items, used tools and gently used children's books. Please take clothing donations and household items directly to the Family Resource Center at 3660 Carl Rose Highway in Hernando. Hours at the center are Monday through Friday from 9am-2pm.

For more information, contact:
Judy Stone at jbstone716@gmail.com



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Member Support

At the May luncheon **Bette June Egan** shared an inspirational reading in honor of our mothers. The reading was entitled "A Mother's Love" from **The Poems and Prayers of Helen Steiner Rice**.

This month cards were sent to **Carol Adair, Jeanne Baker, Sabrina Mizrahi, Nancy Previte, and Barbara Shipman**. Sympathy cards were sent to **Sara Kallis** on the passing of her husband **Scott**, and to **Sabrina Mizrahi** on the passing of her husband **Hans**. A \$50 memorial donation was made by the club in the name of **Scott Kallis to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research**. An additional memorial donation was made in the name of **Hans Zandee to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital**. So far this year the club has sent 49 Get Well or Thinking of You cards. We have also sent out 12 sympathy cards which involved the club making 9 memorial donations to 7 different organizations.

As this year comes to an end, the club would like to thank **Bette June Egan** for her on-going dedication to providing us with monthly readings to help uplift and inspire us. She had to miss a few months due to health issues, but quickly returned. We also thank **Diane Trowbridge** for substituting during Bette June's absence.

Next we would like to thank co-chairs **Alene Bosquet and Fran Geyer** plus their committee of **Jeanne Baker and Rosann Whiteman** for their work in collecting **Share the Wealth** donations at our monthly luncheons. In 7 months they collected **\$1,189**. An additional \$105 was collected at the May luncheon to be allocated strictly to our Emergency Response Fund. Good job ladies!

Last, but not least, we would like to thank **Marcia Porterfield** as she retires from serving on the Board as co-chair of the Member Support Committee for the past 3 years. Her thoughtfulness and kind caring words of support, whether spoken over the phone or written in a card, have been greatly appreciated by many members as they were going through a difficult time in their lives. Although she will be missed in this role, we know she will continue to work and support the club in many other ways. **Thanks again Marcia!**

Over the summer if you know of any member or their spouse/partner who is seriously ill, hospitalized, or has sadly passed away, please contact us as soon as possible. Please contact us and do not assume we probably already know. We much prefer to get multiple contacts than to miss hearing of any member to whom we could have offered our help and support. Please contact Pam Brink at pambrink49@gmail.com or (352)513-4120 (home); or contact Claire Lindley at cblindley@gmail.com or (352)527-1574(home).



Membership

Addendum 3 to the Membership Directory was available at the May Luncheon.

This is the last addendum for the 2024-2025 Membership Directory.

We welcome our most recent new members to our sisterhood.

**Wendy Lance
Andrea Hawk
Carolyn LaBounty**

Renewals for our next club year are now due.

Thank you for getting your renewals to us in a timely manner. It helps us immensely.

Note: The annual membership fee is now \$35.

The form is found later in this Newsletter.

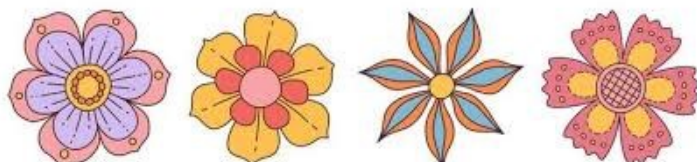
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Any questions, please contact us.

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Scholarship

The members of the Scholarship Committee are pleased to share **with you the names of the 2025 local high school CHWC scholarship winners and a little information about who they are and their plans for next year.** We were so happy to introduce these young scholars to the membership at our May 14th Luncheon.



This year's outstanding winners were chosen on the **basis of their exceptional academic achievement, leadership, and community service.** Each of these students is extraordinary in his/her own individual way, completed high school at the top of their class, and is most worthy of our support. Many had a unique and emotional personal story to tell. **A large percentage of these young people have part-time jobs, are first generation college students, AP Scholars, IB Diploma recipients, and many have already earned an impressive number of college credits at the College of Central Florida.** The most

popular future pursuits seem to be the fields of nursing and engineering. They have been on the move and working hard! **We are proud to award these 20 students, representing the three high schools in Citrus County, a scholarship of \$1500 each to help them begin their formal college careers.**

This generosity would not be possible without the hard work of our Co-presidents, Pat Crawley and Diane Trowbridge, our Board of Directors, and of course the numerous club members who worked hard to both organize and participate in the many fundraising events that took place this year. It was a banner year, and it was you, our membership, who made it happen. Thanks to all!

We wish all of the young people listed on the next pages the best of luck as they begin their journeys into adulthood and **feel confident that each one of this accomplished group will make us proud as they pursue their goals to become productive and contributing members of society.** By *supporting* them, we are supporting our future.

Congratulations to Charmaine Jagodinsky, our \$100 Scholarship Raffle Winner for the month of May! We raised **\$310 at the May Luncheon**, and a total of **\$3,805 for the year.** To all of you who supported us, remember, next year, you too can be a winner!





CITRUS HIGH SCHOOL AWARD WINNERS



Madyson L. Brown

Madyson is graduating from high school with 30 college credits and is planning on attending the University of South Florida to major in Health Sciences. She hopes to one day open a women's Health Clinic. Madyson was a Girls' State Delegate, Vice President of Student Government, Dance Team Captain, and has also managed to work an extraordinary number of hours at the Citrus Hills Golf and Country Club since 2022. Some of you may know her! The people she works with cannot say enough about what an asset she is to the Club. She has also been involved in a wide range of community service projects, from volunteering for Kids Central Florida to helping out with disaster relief. One of her teachers wrote: "Madyson excels academically, leads by example, and genuinely cares about the people around her." We are looking for great things from you, Madyson!



Gabriella Eaderoso



Gabriella will be attending the University of South Florida and plans to major in Nursing. She has managed to earn an amazing 51 college credits while still in high school, has been Cheerleading captain, played flag football for four years, and has worked a job for the past two years. In her application to us, Gabriella wrote: "Growing up, I was surrounded by strong, compassionate women – my grandmother, mother and older sister, who all became nurses. Watching them navigate their careers and help others in times of need deeply inspired me. I want to follow in their footsteps, using my own experiences with overcoming adversity to support and care for others in their most vulnerable moments."





CITRUS HIGH SCHOOL AWARD WINNERS



Angelina Nguyen

Angelina will be adding to the 15 credits she has already earned to complete her first two years of college at the College of Central Florida and then plans to enroll in the University of South Florida to major in accounting. She is bilingual in both English and Vietnamese, and as part of the Citrus Computer Academy, has learned some of the technical skills to survive in our fast-paced and ever-evolving world of technology by mastering coding languages such as Scratch, HTML & CSS, Python and Java. She is also a founding member of Citrus High School's Mental Health Awareness Group. One of her teachers wrote to us: "Angelina is a positive force here. She is truly a student exemplar."



Sylvia Underwood

Sylvia is another one of our winners dedicated to contributing to society through the field of nursing. She will be studying at the University of South Florida, majoring in Health Sciences. Her accomplishments are many, including Corp Commander of AFJROTC, President of Student Government, and Junior and Senior President of the National Honor Society. Sylvia has also

been chosen as a Girls' State delegate, captain of her Varsity Weightlifting team both junior and senior years, and captain of the Varsity Track and Field Team for the past 3 years. She has earned over 250 community service hours and is described by her teachers as someone "who best illustrates our school's core values of commitment, consistency and community."





CRYSTAL RIVER HIGH SCHOOL AWARD WINNERS



Sienna will be attending the University of South Florida this fall, having already earned 33 college credits while in high school. She is another one of our most valuable aspiring nursing students! Sienna served as President of the National Honor Society, head Student Representative for Citrus County Blessings, captain of the Girls' Varsity Soccer Team, Girls' State Ambassador, Treasurer of Student Government from 10th-12th grade, and liaison to the Superintendent's Advisory Council, among many other school and community activities. In her application, Sienna told us that her grandmother was her greatest role model: "Her actions have taught me to work hard and dream big, no matter the circumstances."

Sienna Callaway



Eli Langston



The University of South Florida will be home to another student from Citrus County, as Eli will be majoring in nursing there, after which he intends to pursue a career as a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist. Having already earned 24 college credits, Eli ranks # 3 in his class of 298 and is one of only 24 students from Citrus County to attend the Academy of Health Careers Project 'Lead the Way' Honors Biomedical Pathway. Eli was Senior Team Leader on the CRHS Varsity Baseball team, Vice-President of the National Honor Society and Co-Vice President of the Superintendent's Advisory Council. He also served as Secretary and Vice President of Student Government in his junior and senior years. Eli has also maintained a part-time job and put in over 475 hours of community service. A very motivated and accomplished young man!



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CRYSTAL RIVER HIGH SCHOOL AWARD WINNERS



Brooke Richey

Brooke is the oldest of six siblings, and the first to head off to college. She will be attending the University of South Florida as a biology major, having already earned 60 credits from the College of Central Florida, giving her an AA degree while still in high school. In her future she would like to pursue a career in medicine. Brooke has been a member of the Superintendent's Advisory Board, a member of the Academy of Health Careers, Social Media manager for the school spirit club, Blue Sea, and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and Manager of the CRHS Volleyball team. She has volunteered as a Sunday school teacher and made a mission trip to Honduras. All of this while keeping a part time job since 2023! One of her teachers wrote: "Students like Brooke are rare – intelligent, compassionate, driven, and deeply involved in making a positive difference."



Ruby Washburn

Ruby will be a first-generation college student attending the University of Tampa as a nursing student next fall. She is a member of the Academy of Health Careers and has been in the Biomedical Sciences Honors Pathway since freshman year. She is currently eligible to graduate with a Biomedical Technician Assistant license as well as a Certified Medical Administrative Assistant certificate. Described by her Senior Naval Science Instructor as an outstanding leader, Ruby has been the Administration Officer, Academic Commander and Color Guard Commander for NJROTC. She is a member of the CRHS Lady Pirates Soccer team, and President and Co-Founder of Students and Teachers Against Cancer. Ruby has won numerous awards, earned over 255 community service hours, and held a part-time job since 2023. A star!





CRYSTAL RIVER HIGH SCHOOL AWARD WINNERS



Charlotte Wright

Charlotte will be the first person in her family to attend college. With 18 credits earned in high school, she will work toward a degree in Biology at the University of South Florida, hoping to eventually earn a graduate degree in Hematology. She wants to “set a new standard for future generations in my family.” A talented musician, Charlotte has been in the Marching Band for 4 years, Woodwind Captain for 2 years and Drum Major for one year. She served as Secretary of the National Honor Society, was a member of the Academic Team, the Superintendent’s Advisory Council, the music honor

society, Tri-M, and has also had a part-time job since 2023. The Director of Bands at CRHS wrote: “I’m amazed by her every day, that she can juggle so many responsibilities. She is such a special student and will be greatly missed. I can’t wait to see what her future holds.”





LECANTO HIGH SCHOOL AWARD WINNERS



Elena Aleman

Elena, an AP Scholar and an International Baccalaureate Diploma candidate, will be attending the University of Florida at Gainesville this fall, studying Biomedical Engineering. Following this, she plans to pursue studies in dentistry. Elena has contributed strongly to Lecanto HS by serving as Editor in Chief of the Yearbook for the past three years, President of the National Journalism Honor society, Quill and Scroll, for the past two years, and Vice President of the IB Student Council her senior year. This was in addition to countless additional activities, such as ambassador to the Hugh O'Brien Leadership Seminar, ambassador to Girls' State, and a Blessings volunteer. One of Elena's teachers wrote: "Elena has dedicated more than 1,500 hours outside of the classroom each year to making the yearbook successful and has shown herself time and time again to be a lifelong learner, team player, and role model for her classmates."



Julianne Amo

Julianne, a first-generation college student, is an AP Scholar and a Dual-Enrollment student who has earned 60 college credits and her AA degree from CCF. She plans to attend the University of South Florida and study Environmental Engineering. One of Julianne's teachers wrote: "She has been an exemplary student and a beacon of hope for the future because she is unmatched in her dedication and thoughtfulness." A talented musician, Julianne has been section leader of the Concert Band and the Marching Band, participated in Honor Bands at USF and CCF, is a member of TRI-M Music Honor

Society, the Environmental Club, the Science National Honor Society as well as the National Honor Society and has maintained a part time job for the past year and a half. She even had the honor of marching in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade!





LECANTO HIGH SCHOOL AWARD WINNERS



Isabella Bollin

Isabella is heading to Florida State University in Tallahassee to study Biology. She has already earned 61 Dual Enrollment credits, and thus her AA degree from CCF. She plans to seek cancer research opportunities and internships to gain the experience and knowledge needed for a career in oncology. While holding down a part-time job, playing on the tennis team and serving as a student representative on the Blessings Board, Isabella has also earned 422 community service hours, served as Vice-President of the AVID leadership council, been a member of both the National Honor Society and the National Science Honor Society, as well as Youth in Government and Student Government. One of Isabella's teachers wrote: "What sets Isabella apart, besides her obvious intelligence, is her work ethic. She is driven to succeed, and also possesses traits like perseverance, integrity and analytic skills. She is a fantastic young woman, and I am certain she will do great things."



Nevan Breder



"One thing that particularly stands out about Nevan is his commitment to community service," writes his former Scoutmaster. "His Eagle Scout project, which involved constructing three micro food pantries for community food banks in Citrus County, showcases both his leadership abilities and his desire to make a meaningful impact in his community." Amazing! Nevan will begin studying this summer at the University of Florida in Gainesville, with an English/Creative Writing major. Having already earned 54 college credits, he

is well on his way. Nevan has been a member of the National Honor Society, the Patriot Press of CCF, has volunteered extensively in Citrus County, working for the Library Services while also holding down a part time job for the past year and a half. And he found time to earn his First-Degree Black Belt in Shotokan Karate.



LECANTO HIGH SCHOOL AWARD WINNERS



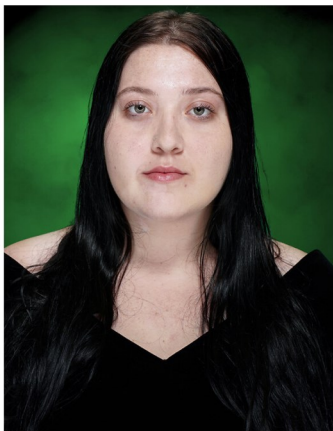
Joseph Brunk



An AP Scholar and an International Baccalaureate Diploma candidate, Joseph will be attending Southeastern University in Lakeland, Florida, and is planning on a dual major of Business & Ministries. While maintaining a very full academic schedule and a part-time job, Joseph excelled in athletics. He played soccer and football, received the Coach's Choice Award for soccer, and was named MVP, won the Panther Award and served as team Captain while playing football. He also participated actively in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Joseph traveled to Sao Paulo last summer and wrote to us: "Since my mission trip, I set a lifetime goal to change the world, go on missions, build better infrastructure, clean waterways, and hand out food. This is the goal of my life."



Scholarships



Annastacia Cassidy

The oldest of four siblings, Annastacia grew up helping and caring for others, which ignited her goal of becoming a nurse. She will begin her studies at Withlacoochee Technical College in the Medical Assisting Program. Annastacia has been involved in AVID, Yearbook, Student Government, Quill and Scroll, and has been a school leader in the LHS Poptv News show. One of her teachers wrote: "As lead editor of the weekly news show, she manages the filming schedule, organizes the class of 30 students and edits the 15-minute show. She has shown herself to be a lifelong

learner, natural leader and a role model for her classmates." Working in the primary schools during the day as part of the LHS teaching program is one way Annastacia contributes to the community, as well as working before school in the Panther Den program, playing with and mentoring teachers' elementary aged children. Another teacher wrote: Annastacia is truly a young adult that we wish for all our students to emulate."





LECANTO HIGH SCHOOL AWARD WINNERS

Nicole Caudill

Nicole has been quite busy throughout her high school career. She has earned 58 college credits at the College of Central Florida, held a part-time job working 25-30 hours per week, and volunteered at the Central Ridge Library, while also helping at home with her two infant baby brothers. She plans to continue working throughout her college years and has already started on her CNA license to help her as she works toward ultimately attending pharmacy school. Her counselor wrote to us: "I have been consistently impressed by her dedication, work ethic and positive attitude. She brings not only her time but also her passion to every activity she undertakes, whether in school, at work or in service to others."



Valerie Funez-Ocon

Valerie plans to build on the 15 college credits she has already earned at CCF by studying at Santa Fe College in Gainesville, working toward an AA degree in Diagnostic Medical Sonography. Valerie is an AVID student, a member of National Honor Society, and has helped in her community through work on the Good Samaritan Project and Our Lady of Grace Food Pantry. She has also held a part-time job. Born in Honduras, Valerie came to this country not speaking English and had to work very hard to get on an even plane with her peers. She is now fluent in both English and Spanish and is studying Italian as well. One of her teachers told us: "When she encounters difficulties, she seeks assistance and does not let difficulty stand in her way. She has a bright and

inquiring mind that seeks knowledge and does not know the meaning of defeat. I have seen Valerie struggle with numerous difficulties in her short life, and I am amazed and proud of how she has overcome and continues to overcome her obstacles. Her heart and spirit are inspirational."



LECANTO HIGH SCHOOL AWARD WINNERS

Kaileigh Moran



Kaileigh will be attending the Judy Genshaft Honors College at the University of South Florida as a Biomedical Sciences major on the pre-med track with a minor in Music or Musical Theater. She is an AP Scholar and an International Baccalaureate Diploma student who has also been exceptionally active in extra-curricular activities while at LHS. Kaileigh served as an officer on the Student Council for 3 years and as Vice President (11) and President (12) of the IB Student Council. She was a Judicial Coordinator for Youth in Government, Secretary of the National Honor Society, a member of the Science National Honor Society and the Superintendent's Advisory Council. The majority of her time, however, has been spent at the Art Center Theater of Citrus County, where she has volunteered and performed since 2014, putting in 500-600 hours per year. "Kaileigh is a 'glad spirit.' No matter what life throws at her, she is positive and upbeat. She always finds a way to smile and laugh even in the midst of stress. This makes her a leader even when she is not purposefully trying to be one."



Ava Rueck

"She is a force to be reckoned with," is what one of Ava's teachers wrote to us. An AP Scholar and Dual Enrollment student, she has earned an astounding 67 college credits while in high school and has been working on getting her AA degree in Nursing. She will be attending the University of Central Florida and dreams of becoming a neonatal nurse practitioner. In addition to her studies, Ava has volunteered at the Homosassa Public Library and Habitat for Humanity. Ava is

captain of the Girls Weightlifting Team and has been recognized twice as Athlete of the Year along with receiving an MVP award and placing at the Florida State Championship two years in a row. Her coach wrote: "Ava is one of the most humble, generous and dedicated athletes I know. She is truly representative of what is needed in women's sports. She cheers on not only her teammates, but her competition as well. When she sets a goal, there is no stopping her."



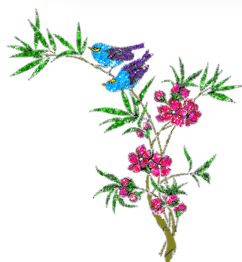


LECANTO HIGH SCHOOL AWARD WINNERS



Samantha Spall

Samantha is an outstanding scholar and musician, earning the AP Scholar award as well as 60 Dual Enrollment credits while in high school. She will be attending Florida State University this fall and majoring in Mechanical Engineering. One of her teachers told us: "Samantha is articulate, intelligent, driven and dependable. She is well-liked and respected by her peers, bandmates and teachers alike." In addition to being a member of the high school Band program, and Band Room Manager, Samantha has participated in a wide variety of school and volunteer activities, such as Interact Club, National Honor Socie-





ANNUAL CHWC BAKE SALE WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 12, 2025

**Do you like to bake?
Do you like to eat fresh baked goods?
You are in the right place!**

Looking for volunteers for the planning committee and hoping for some fresh ideas to make this bake sale successful. **Contact Lynda Gentz for details.**

Dust off those cookie sheets and search for your favorite recipes. If you have a favorite baked good you would like to purchase at the bake sale, we want to hear from you too!

Lynda Gentz
LLGentz@aol.com
414 217-8128



Fundraisers



Calling all Crafters!



Let's get ready for Marketplace 2025

On November 12th, 2025, CHWC will be holding our annual "*Marketplace*" during the monthly meeting.

It's not too soon to start thinking about what you will create. Do you make jewelry, sew, quilt, crochet, knit, embroider, stained glass, wreaths or something unique? Don't be shy about showing other members what your talents are. **Contact Cathy Briatta** with information on what you will make to donate and how many.

Items will be collected in October and stored at Cathy's house.

We look forward to seeing your creations.

If you would like to volunteer on the planning committee or to assist during the event, you can **let Cathy know** via phone or email and you will be contacted with more information.

Cathy Briatta

cbriatta@gmail.com

847-650-0506

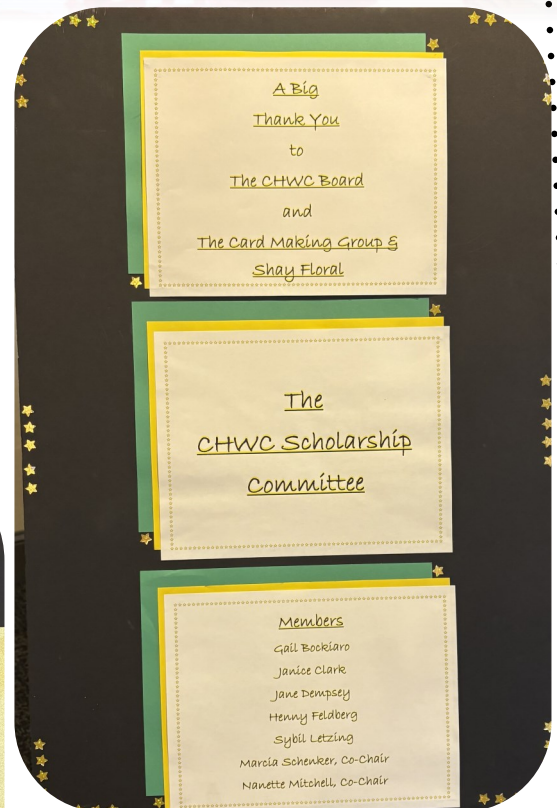


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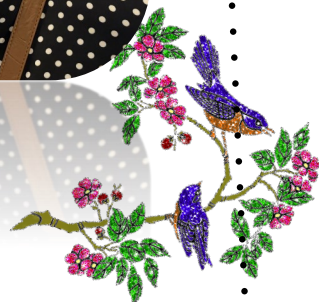
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2025-2026 CITRUS HILLS WOMEN'S CLUB, INC.

Membership in the CHWC is open to women who reside within the current Villages of Citrus Hills. Our membership year is June 1-May 31. NEW MEMBERS JOINING AS OF APRIL 1 or later shall be members through May 31 of the following calendar year. Renewals accepted starting April 1, 2025.

Type of Membership: New _____ Renewal _____ Ck # _____ Date Paid _____
Village of Citrus Hills You Reside (e.g. Terra Vista, Brentwood, etc.) _____

Annual Dues \$35

Optional Voluntary Contribution (in addition to dues) \$ _____

Directory Information (please PRINT legibly)

**ONLY INCLUDE INFORMATION THAT CAN BE SHARED WITH MEMBERS*

NAME _____ SPOUSE _____

STREET _____ CITY _____ ZIP _____

HOME PHONE _____ CELL PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

Check off Activities/Committees you might be interested in serving:

<input type="checkbox"/> Activities	<input type="checkbox"/> Electronic Media	<input type="checkbox"/> Member Support
<input type="checkbox"/> Board/Administration	<input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Relations
<input type="checkbox"/> Charity/Community	<input type="checkbox"/> Membership	<input type="checkbox"/> Scholarship

☐ FUNDRAISING: ☐ Golf ☐ Bunco ☐ Mah Jongg
☐ Fashion Show ☐ Winter Event

Other: _____

Special Skills: Computer, Fundraising, Finance, Media, PR, Parliamentarian

Other: _____

Please make your check payable to CHWC and either:

1) Place in CHWC LOCKBOX in the Citrus Hills Pro Shop

OR

2) Mail to CHWC, PO Box 1494, Hernando, FL 34441-1494

Check our website for many volunteer opportunities: www.citrushillswomensclub.org

Our Club was established in 1986, and is dedicated to charitable efforts throughout Citrus County and to educational programs. Members work together in a spirit of friendship for the betterment of the community and to help each other. CHWC is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit public charity.