



CHWC May 2023 Newsletter

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President's Message

Although there were no April showers, **it was a very busy month for CHWC.** Our **Spring Golf Tournament** wrapped up our **last fundraising event of the club year.** Representatives from our supported charities joined us for lunch at our April meeting, and shared their words of gratitude as they received our donation. In addition, **a special program was held to recognize our many members who volunteered throughout the year.** Finally, I presented our **Annual Report to the membership.** For those who were unable to attend the meeting, highlights of the Club's 2022-2023 membership year are below.

Milestone Year

This year has been a significant transitional milestone year for the club. CHWC was officially recognized by the IRS as a **501(c)(3) charitable organization** in late July 2022. This prestigious status opened up many benefits to our organization, such as many tax benefits that exempt us from certain taxes and also allows our donors to claim a tax deduction. It **opened up an expansive network of donors that we can tap into and enabled us to increase our charitable fundraising and scholarship goals this year.** In fact, this year, we exceeded our goal of \$30K by **\$20K!**, we embarked on various initiatives **targeted toward marketing, operational, and cost savings:**

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Marketing Initiatives

- **Modernized our organization's website** to serve as a helpful and informative tool for our members and visiting public. The site provides up-to-date information at your fingertips – anywhere, anytime.
- Appealing to our diverse group of members, we debuted for the first time the **“Let's Give It A Try” small group activities**, offering a versatile assortment of fun things to do, while also adding some different flavors to our typical bus trip activities.
- Expanded **club publicity efforts on several fronts**, including the Facebook publications and additional newspaper coverage (i.e. the Chronicle sponsored us through providing free advertising space).
- Established a relationship with potential national sponsors such as: **Combined Federal Campaign, Amazon's Benevity Charitable Manager Services Fortune 100 companies (e.g. Coke, Google, Microsoft, Samsung, Starbucks), and Versaic.com Charitable Manager Services Sporting Companies such as Dicks Sporting Goods and Golf Galaxy.**
- Developed a **marketing Tri-Fold brochure representative** of what the CHWC Organization is about to provide prospective sponsors and donors.

Operational Initiatives

- **Standardized and Centralized** key forms and letters. Updates were made to several of our forms and letters, such as donor letters, donor receipts, and key tracking forms to meet the requirements as a **501(c)(3) charitable organization**.
- Innovated our raffle ticket system which saved time and ticket purchasing cost.
- Developed a **“Donor Tracking System” to serve as an IRS record**, as well as a helpful tool for us to know what donors were approached and when.





President's Message (continued)

Charitable Projects

The Club collected Charitable Donations through varied approaches:

- **Three public drive-thru collections** were held at the Lutheran Church parking lot – July, November, and March - seeking donations of needed items for **CASA, the Resource Center, and Paw Pantry**. These events, advertised to the public through the news media, proved to be extremely successful.
- At our monthly luncheons, members generously donated needed items for **CASA, the Resource Center, Head Start, and Paw Pantry**.
- **“Operation Keep Citrus Warm”** was held in November. A plethora of blankets, coats, jackets, sweatshirts, hoodies, sweaters, hats, gloves, socks and children’s clothes were collected and given to **Daystar for distribution** to families in dire need and many with limited to no heat.
- CHWC supported the distribution of **Bombas socks** to many local groups in great need.
- Our members generously supported the **Citrus County Resource Center sponsored “Adopt-A-Child” for Christmas project**, giving so many children the joy of Christmas.

Charitable Fundraisers

We’ve experienced a **very profitable year with our fundraising efforts**. Making use of our new status, we began to tap into company sponsorships such as **Tito’s and Google**, and began laying the groundwork for future partnerships. We’ve only just begun!

April will wrap-up our eighth and final event. Events included:

- **2 Golf Scramble Tournaments**
- **2 Mah Jong Tournaments**
- **Annual Craft and Bake Sale**
- **Bunco event**
- **Leesburg Blues Brothers Dinner**
- **Annual Fashion Show**



Funds raised, in addition to our **Share the Wealth drawings and Scholarship ticket sales**, all contributed to this year’s fundraising success!



President’s Message (continued)

Fundraising Summary

The board approved **\$40,000 this year for allocation to charities and scholarships** listed below. This year, we were able to increase our high school student scholarship amounts from **\$1,000 to \$1,500**; funds were allocated as follows:

- **\$24,000 to 16 local high school student** scholarships
- **\$16,000 to eight local charities** - Carter Head Start School, CASA of Citrus County, Citrus County Blessings, Citrus County Family Resource Center, Community Food Bank of Citrus County), Jesse’s Place, Voices for Children (Citrus County only), and Meals on Wheels PetMeals.
- Additional funds available from our April fundraiser will be targeted for scholarships to **College of Central Florida and Withlacoochee Technical College and charities.**

The **2022-2023 year serves as a milestone year in the club’s 37-year history**, and has paved the way for our future years’ **endeavors and continued successes**. I’ll part with one of my favorite quotes:

“Change is the law of life, and those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future.” JFK.

Ladies, we are the future!

Thank you to each and every one of our members for your generous support and continued participation. I hope to see you at our May luncheon where we’ll be honoring and presenting scholarship awards to the **16 deserving high school students!**



Kind Regards,

Cheryl Ringel

CAWC President



2023-2024 Officers for the Citrus Hills Women's Club

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Scholarship News



At the April 3 meeting of the **CHWC Board of Directors**, a vote was taken to approve the recommendation of our **Finance Advisory Committee** to award a total of **16 high school scholarships** this year, as recommended by the **Scholarship Committee on March 30th**.

We are overjoyed to be able to have **six winners from Lecanto High School and ten winners from Citrus High School**, each of whom will receive the amount of **\$1,500** to go to the college or university of their choice. Our attention **will turn to college scholarships for students attending Withlacoochee Technical College and the College of Central Florida** once all fundraising activities have been **completed** for this year.

Our applicants this year were remarkable in many ways. **Eight of our winners ranked in the top 3% or better of their class**, several of the students from both schools are **AP Scholars**, and **four of the Lecanto winners are scheduled to receive the prestigious International Baccalaureate Diploma**. Additionally, two of our scholarship recipients have worked so diligently in the **Dual Enrollment program with the College of Central Florida** that they are **graduating this year not only with their high school diplomas, but with their Associate of Arts (A.A.) degree** as well, a truly laudable accomplishment! **As a group, they represent the high schools' best scholars, outstanding athletes, school leaders and contributors to the well-being of our community.**

This **senior class has had a high school experience somewhat different from the one most of us and our children had**. Many of the **experiences and opportunities** one associates with high school were diminished or lost to them during the pandemic and its aftermath. But nevertheless, we were able to pick a strong, accomplished group of young people who we believe has the potential to be successful in future academic studies. **Each of them has a personal story, ambition, creativity, and all have an admirable work ethic**, noted by teachers, coaches, employers, and ministers alike. We also looked at **demonstrated financial need as we made our decisions** and found this group to have a strong desire to be self-reliant, self-supporting, and debt-free upon completion of their studies.

This **years' scholarship winners will be introduced to you at the May 10th Luncheon** and in the June Newsletter. Please come! Meeting these young people will surely put a smile on your face and make you feel proud of the work you have done and the support you have given to **support the scholarship efforts of the Citrus Hills Women's Club**.

A special treat! We recently **received updates from several of our 2022 scholarship winners** and would like to share their comments with you.



Scholarship News – continued

Noah Breder, Undergraduate Research Assistant, S.M.M.R.L. University of Florida

I have been doing quite well, as I am just about to conclude my third semester at UF. I have had the opportunity to take several courses specific to Civil Engineering and Urban Planning, all of which have cemented my interest in those fields.

I am most pleased to share that since December I have been employed as an **Undergraduate Research Assistant with the University**, as part of the Sustainable Materials Management and Research Laboratory (SMMRL) team. Our laboratory conducts civil, environmental, and materials engineering research, specifically investigating material sustainability, impact, and reuse.

Because of this employment, I have been able to save your scholarship and put it toward an extremely exciting opportunity: a study abroad trip in London! **For a week in the middle of May I will be considering the urban design principles of London, specifically their accessibility and smart technology approaches to improving quality of life for Londoners.** It is because of scholarships such as the one from the CHWC that I can take advantage of this incredible opportunity, and for that I would once again like to reiterate how grateful I am to your organization for all that you have done for me and my peers.

Bethany “Joy” Evans , Brenau University, Gainesville, Georgia

I’m so very thankful for the scholarship you gave me for this school year. With your help **I was able to focus solely on my schooling and didn’t have to worry much about having to pay for my tuition.** I have greatly enjoyed my time in Georgia and can’t wait to go back for next year.

Sadly, though, I will need to be **transferring schools** due to the **high tuition cost**, but I get to stay with my school’s theater program because I will be transferring to the sister school. The only downfall is I will have to get an apartment because the new school does not have housing, but I know in the long run it will be the best choice for me to make.

This school year I have learned so much with my program. I have helped make the costumes for all the shows and I was able to be assistant stage manager for one of our shows this semester, which was Pygmalion.

I want to thank you again so much for your help and support this year. **Let me know if you would like to know anything else!**





Scholarship News – continued

Amber Losciale, Florida State University

Hello, I have been doing great overall. Academics-wise, I have been doing well. I have not received anything lower than a B, and **my GPA is 3.7. As a STEM major, I am proud because I have taken some absurdly challenging math classes.** I have started taking my first major specific class this spring semester, and I have a high A, so I am happy with how I am doing in that area so far. I hope that by the end of my four years, **I can keep my GPA above a 3.5**



I made it into the **Marching Chiefs, which has given me unique experiences.** Especially considering how great our football team was this year. I traveled to New Orleans, which was so much fun and if I stick with it, **there is a chance we will get to go to Dublin!**

The only significant challenge I have had has been **time management and financial need.** Going in, I knew the obvious such as tuition, dorm prices, and a meal plan which has been burdensome but anticipated. However, what has made affording higher education challenging is the other relentless fees that come with being a successful student. **For Marching Chiefs, required gear and instrumental repairs were a heavy burden.** Acquiring professional clothes for symposiums has been a bank account wrecker. Even simple tasks such as obtaining student storage between terms have amounted to over a thousand dollars, and I am still only in my first year. **I hope to find more financial assistance since I have enjoyed my time here, and I do not want finances to disrupt my success in the university.**

Thank you for reaching out! Honestly, local scholarships assisted me throughout my first year, and they genuinely made a difference. **I hope you make a difference for many other students like you did for me.**





Scholarship News – continued



Aubrey Cioe, Florida State University

Good morning, it is so great to hear from you! I am currently finishing up my first year at Florida State University, and I just applied to the prestigious Athletic Training Program here at FSU. If I am accepted into the program, I will have the opportunity to work hands-on with the athletic teams here during the 2-year program.

Even if I do not earn acceptance into the program, I am on track to graduate in 2025 with my Bachelor of Science in Exercise Physiology. I also joined a sorority at the beginning of the fall semester, and I am now an initiated sister of Sigma Delta Tau, Gamma Lambda Chapter. None of this would have been possible without the help of the Women of Citrus Hills and I truly cannot thank you all enough!

I would also like to congratulate those who are receiving the scholarship this year and wish them luck in their upcoming adventures. Your hard work is finally paying off, so don't forget to celebrate your accomplishments and have fun! Thank you all again for the opportunity you have given me and GO NOLES!

Last bit of news! Through the continued generosity of our members, we raised \$345 in raffle donations at our April 12th Luncheon, which brings our year to date total to \$2595. The winner of the \$100 raffle drawing in April was **Gwen Hetherington**. Gwen has been a member of CHWC since 2014. She has volunteered with the golf scrambles and Share the Wealth. Gwen is a generous supporter of the scholarship raffle and this is the second time she has won the monthly drawing. Congratulations, Gwen!



Pictured above left to right: Marcia Schenker, Claire Lindley and Gwen Hetherington



Citrus Hills Women's Club Supports Local Charities

Citrus Hills Women's Club distributed \$16,000 to local charities at the April 12, 2023, luncheon. Citrus County groups receiving money included Community Food Bank, Voices for Children, Family Resource Center, Jesse's Place, CASA, Citrus County Blessings, Meals on Wheels-Pet Meals, and Carter Street Head Start.



CHWC held various fundraisers during the year to support both the **eight charities and sixteen scholarships for local high school and college students.** Monies were raised at two Mah Jongg tournaments, a Bunco tournament, bake and craft sale, evening dinner party, two golf outings and monthly ticket draws.

Since the **founding of CHWC in 1986 \$580,000 has been distributed to local charities and scholarships.** The club is dedicated to charitable efforts throughout Citrus County and to educational programs. **The CHWC is a 501(c)(3) organization.**



Ben Kampschroer, Jesse's Place, R.J. Fondana, Family Resource Center, Sunshine Arnold, Director CASA, Carrie Poust, Meals on Wheels, Petmeals, Sue Carpenter, Voices for Children, Brianna Porro and Dana Vaccaro, Carter Street School, Barbara Sprague, Community Food Bank, Gail Bockiaro, Blessings, Judy Stone, Co-Chair Community and Charity Outreach(not pictured Co Chair Carol Peterman)



VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

Each April, we take time to **thank the many members of CHWC for their willingness to volunteer to support our activities.** Without their efforts, the many activities, trips, fundraisers, and luncheons that members and their guests enjoy would not be possible. This year the Volunteer Appreciation luncheon honored 138 of its members for their volunteerism. The number represents almost 40% of the membership, a percentage that continues to grow each year.



To honor our volunteers the Luncheon Planning Committee chose the story of the starfish as its theme. [https://www.learningtogive.org/sites/default/files/handouts/The Starfish Story.pdf](https://www.learningtogive.org/sites/default/files/handouts/The%20Starfish%20Story.pdf). Table decorations designed by **Myrta Keelan** and **Donna Henn** reflected this theme. **Ann Bishop** helped along with other members of the committee to assemble them. **Sharon Davis** crafted booklets that listed the volunteers as well as 29 different volunteer activities. Under those headings were additional opportunities for our volunteers. **Mia Vollmer** sourced the lovely pashmina shawl each volunteer received as a small thank you. **Elizabeth Gannon, Linda Gasko, and Barb Shipman** lent a hand to capture the names of the volunteers.

Debbie Blackie, Andrea Pastorello, and Deborah St. Martin, members who joined within the last few years shared their experiences with the luncheon attendees. **Debbie** explained how she wasn't "crafty" and didn't know anyone when **she volunteered to make blankets for Carter School.** After a fun afternoon with 5 other members, she became a dedicated blanket maker and has continued to supply blankets. A passing comment at a luncheon about getting more involved led to **Andrea co-chairing the spring Mah Jongg tournament.** She had such a good time that she volunteered to chair next fall's tournament. **Deborah** "was looking for a way to get involved without making a major commitment of time". Although Deborah's first choice already had filled its volunteer ranks, she joined the Hospitality Committee which gave her the opportunity to meet many members. Since then, she's joined several other efforts and plans to help lead an activity during 2023-24. **All three of these talented ladies stressed that volunteering takes as much time as you want to give.** Because of the diversity of things to do, they believe you can find your niche. Volunteering is a great way to meet new people who like to do what you like to do while helping others.



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CHWC Membership

Please welcome the newest members to the
Citrus Hills Women's Club.

Frances Lewis

Valerie Hotzfeld

Reanee Kalvinski

Martha Monica Pinzon

Denise Larner

Marcia Schunemann

Sylvia "Sue" Stevens



We currently have **382 Members** and **10 new members** for the 2023-24 membership year.

Membership renewals for 2023-24 are now being accepted. You will find the membership application/renewal form in both this newsletter and on our website. We have simplified the form and ask that you fill it out completely so we will know that we have the most up-to-date information.

The CHWC Membership Directory will now be password protected and posted to our website. If you DO NOT want your information posted to our website, please initial the OPT OUT box on the application form.



Thank you in advance.

Dianne Joyner and Dawn Holley

Membership Committee Co-Chairs





Citrus Hills Women's Club New Member Gathering

On Saturday, March 25th, the Citrus Hills Women Club hosted a **New Member Gathering** to welcome the members who have joined the club within the last year. Eighteen new members attended the event along with **7 Board members**.

President, Cheryl Ringel welcomed everyone,

introduced the attending board members and their positions, and **provided information about the club and our purpose**. A lite lunch was provided by the new member committee which consists of **Dawn Holley, Dianne Joyner and Debby Blackie**. Board members & the new member committee sat at various tables allowing the new members to ask questions, the CHWC members asked for recommendations about what they would like to see and the **opportunity to get to know each other**. At the end of the gathering, door prizes were given away to 6 new members. The prize was a **flower centerpiece in a hand-crafted cover made by Dianne Joyner**. The winners of the floral pieces pictured above. **CHWC welcomes all our new members**.



The winners of the floral pieces from left to right in the picture above are: Sharon Calhoun, Kimberley Steitzer, Sue Boshela, Rebecca Factor, Diane Reed and Kirt Elling.





HIGHLIGHTS OF OUR MEMBERSHIP



Name: Pat Crawley

Member Since: 2014

State: Massachusetts

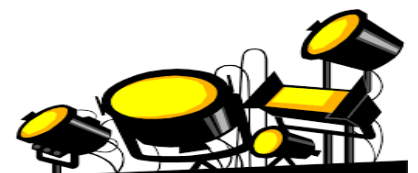
Birth Month: February

Facts: I went to **St. Francis College in Biddeford, Maine**. In my sophomore year, I met Joe, **my husband of 46 years**. We celebrated that anniversary in Hawaii. Originally it was our plan for our 45th anniversary but COVID got in the way. **I graduated with a degree in Psychology and Social Studies**. My first job out of college was teaching High School Social Studies for about 1/2 years. Then Joe and I got married and moved to Western Massachusetts. While Joe was finishing his graduate work, I worked in the administrative offices of several grocery stores as a bookkeeper.

We had two boys, 2 years apart. When the older son was in second grade and the younger was in kindergarten, I decided to return to school and **earned a master's degree in accounting and Taxation**. Just as I was finishing, we relocated to New York across the Hudson River in Spring Valley. Although it was my goal to leave government work, it was very advantageous since they would facilitate a transfer for me to wherever Joe was transferred. I worked with the **Department of the Treasury for 25 years** until I retired. Home life involved being very active with our boys and their activities such as soccer, basketball, Boy Scouts, and Little League. When they were in middle school, we moved to the **suburbs of Philadelphia**. That move turned out to be a great move since the boys were now in a much better school system. We moved 12 times during our working years. 12 times sounds like a lot, but all our moves provided new adventures. Our last house was in **Bethany Beach, Delaware**. We did our research on Florida retirement communities and I **loved Citrus Hills**. At first, we were snowbirds but eventually gave way to living in Florida full-time. Once here, I joined the CHWC. **I started out at Secretary for two years, and then I became 1st Vice President. I was President from 2020-2021 and 2021-2022. The COVID years were particularly challenging as we all worked very hard to keep our members, and not lose their interest in view of the suspension of luncheons and trips. We just did not want it to fall apart. I am now a member at large and learning to relax and enjoy the free time a bit.** I enjoy playing Mah Jongg and playing Hand and Foot with my husband at several card groups that we belong to. I love to read and will give any recommended book a try since I don't favor any genre. **I volunteer every Friday at BLESSINGS** in Beverly Hills providing them with administrative chores. One of my favorite pastimes is **Facetimeing regularly with my 2 grandchildren**.

Open Secret: I worked for the **Internal Revenue Service for 25 years**. (It doesn't matter much now but then we workers guarded our anonymity to protect ourselves from the stigma of the IRS which was not a welcome or desired entity.)

Wish: HEALTH. Perhaps now more than ever. **Health is foremost on my mind for my family, myself, and mankind.**





From Member Support

Cards were sent to: Brenda and Henry Huntsberry, Ann Hoy, Carol Peterman and Jane Dion.

Sympathy cards were sent to: Diane Spengler in memory of her husband, Stephen, Reanee Kalvinski in memory of her husband Neel and the families of Ruth Del Vecchio, Mary Allin, and Jane Felli.

If you know of someone who needs a bit of sunshine, please contact:

Denise Uva at (973) 896-7180 or uva.denise@gmail.com or Marcia Porterfield at (734) 223-2026 or porterfield1921@gmail.com.





Mah Jong Spring Tournament

On March 23, 116 women gathered in the Hampton/Windsor Rooms of the Citrus Hills Golf and Country Club for their semi-annual **Mah Jong Tournament**, with this year's theme of "**Jokers Go Wild.**" This event is a fund-raiser for our designated charities and the Scholarship Fund. The tournament was a big success, with the **final profit of over \$2,700.** The **committee worked for over three months** to ensure this triumph. The team, pictured, included Andrea Pastorello and Pat Crawley, co-chairs,



The Spring Mah Jong Committee - L to R: Marcia Porterfield, Sally, Smith, Lynda Gentz, Mary Lee Erdmann, Andrea Strogney, June Dunn, Kay Stegemann, Andrea Pastorello, Claire Lindley, Pat Crawley, Dawn Holley, Nanette Mitchell, Lori Wood, Deborah St. Martin, Diane Edwards, Mary Pike, and Jackie Huband.

Many thanks to each one of them.





Mah Jong Spring Tournament

(continued)

The ladies played both morning and afternoon sessions, with a break for lunch. A wide variety of gift baskets were auctioned off at the end of the day. Players also had the opportunity to **win the Share the Wealth pot**. Scores were tabulated and the four highest totals were awarded cash prizes. **Winners were 1st place- Pat Ellis, 2nd place- a tie- Lori Wood and Pat Soulliere, 3rd place- June Dunn and 4th place Jane Dempsey.** Door prizes were also awarded, giving the attendees many chances to win prizes.

Everyone went home happy after a fantastic day of fun and games and are looking forward to our **next tournament scheduled for October.**



Mah Jong Door Prizes



Committee members Linda Gentz and Andrea Pastorello with basket winner Lori Wood.



Linda Gentz, Andrea Pastorello, and Jane Dempsey setting up the Hampton Room the day before the tournament.





CHWC Charities Drive-thru Collection A Collaborated Success

It was a beautiful day on **March 29, 2023** when the Club held a **drive-thru collection of food and clothing, pet food, various items needed for CASA and Carter Street Head Start School.** The event was held from 9:30 am to 11:00 am in the parking lot at **Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Hernando.** The response from members of the club and the public was great!



A total of **675 pounds of food** was received for the Family Resource Center to help with feeding those in need. In addition, **many large bags of children's and adult clothing** were collected for their clothes closet. The Meals on Wheels

PetMeals program received a donation of **169 pounds of dog food and 52 pounds of cat food** from this drive-thru. A variety of items were brought for **CASA and Carter Street Head Start School.** All items were delivered



directly to the agencies immediately following the drive-thru.

Our thanks to everyone who dropped off items. Your participation was appreciated by those **CHWC members hosting the event and all four agencies** who received the donations. Again, **our members and the community** came out and blessed those in need with their donations through this event.

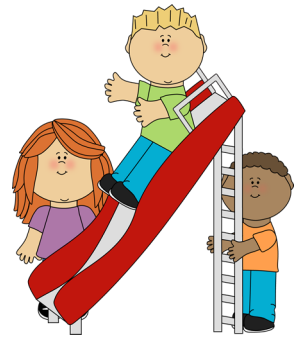




Carter School Needs for Fall

Carter St. School needs **gently used children’s clothing** in sizes **3t, 4t, and 5t for the fall**. Specifically, they need **sweatpants, shorts, T-shirts and sweatshirts**. These items are used for children who have accidents during the school day.

Members who may have **grandchildren who have out-grown those items** may bring them to the fall luncheons and place them in the Carter St. School bin.



Carter School Puppet Show

Carter Street School preschoolers were entertained with a puppet show by Citrus Hills Women’s Club members

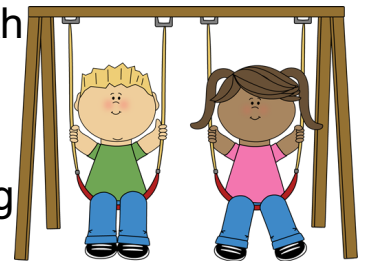
Ginny Langill and Judy Stone. A bear, a hare and a dog

helped students learn colors and color words. The students had an opportunity to try their **hand at puppetry**. They

loved manipulating the hand puppets and

getting a **laugh from their classmates**. Each

child took home four handmade finger puppets.



Carter St. School has garnered **longstanding support from Citrus Hills Women’s Club**. Students receive blankets for naptime, holiday gifts, summer enrichment bags along with **music and reading programs**.



Community & Charity Outreach Needs

Please consider bringing any of the following to the May luncheon to assist with the need of these two organizations.

CASA

- ◆ Contractor Bags, 13 gallon kitchen bags
- ◆ Toilet paper, Large bottles of shampoo, conditioner, body-wash and lotion
- ◆ Foil, Dish soap, Saran wrap, Ziploc Bags—gallon and sandwich size
- ◆ Baby wipes, diapers - all sizes and pull ups, diaper rash cream

CASA Address:

PO Box 205, Inverness, FL. 34451

CASA—352-344-8111

Diane Edwards—860-434-2330

Resource Center

- ◆ Canned Meats & Tuna
- ◆ Mac and Cheese
- ◆ Spaghetti and Sauce or any type Pasta
- ◆ Peanut Butter
- ◆ Canned fruits and vegetables
- ◆ Cereal
- ◆ Toilet Paper and Paper towels
- ◆ Soups

Resource Center Address:

3660 N. Carl G. Rose Hwy. (Highway 200),
Hernando, FL Phone 352-344-1001.

Carol Peterman—352-860-2818





CHWC Paw Pantry Needs:

Unopened dry or canned dog food

Unopened dry or canned cat food

Watch for BOGOS at Publix's Pet aisle/ any brand or size.

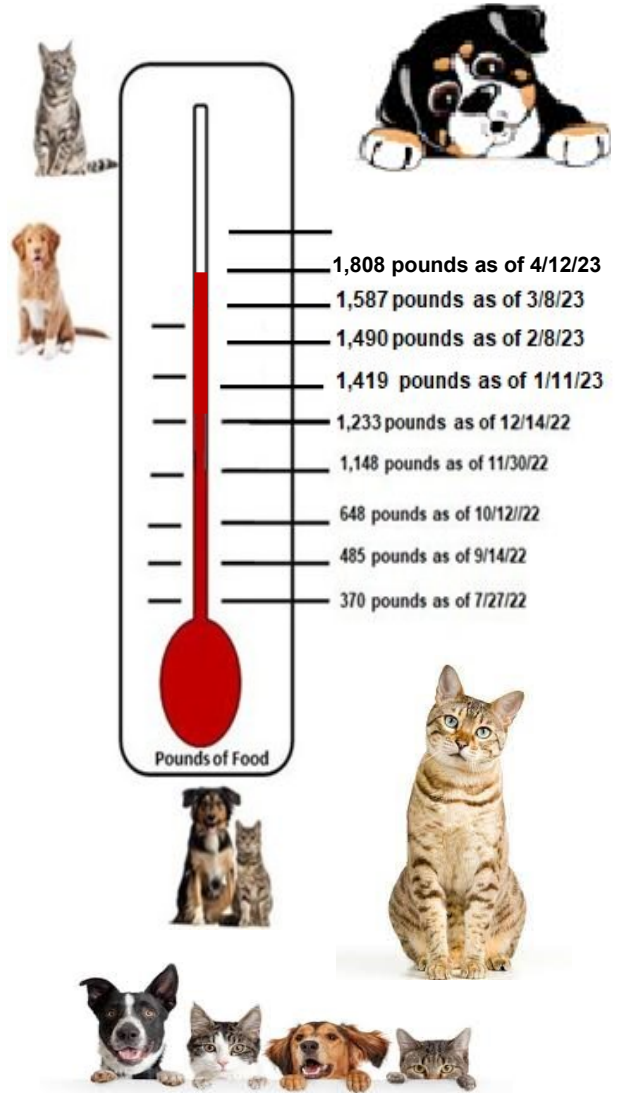
Please bring to next luncheon



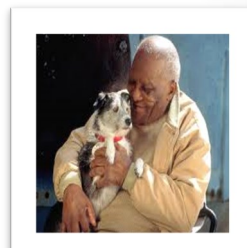
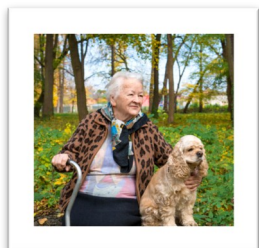
For more Information: Contact:

Karen Settle 708-205-7037

By donating to the CHWC Paw Pantry program, we can make a difference in the lives of over 100 homebound seniors with pets. At last month's luncheon, CHWC's members contributed 97 pounds of dog and cat food. Awesome job! We will be collecting again at the next luncheon to accept your generous donations. Any brand, any size of unopened, canned or dry dog and cat food is welcomed and appreciated. Pet Meals is a 100 percent donation-based and volunteer driven program. Food is not guaranteed and relies on the generosity of the community.



CHWC PAW PANTRY
THANK YOU



Fundraising Event Co-Chair's Duties

A fundraising **Event Co-chair** is responsible for working with the First Co-VPs to organize and bring the events to fruition. In most cases, **the First Co-VPs will have established a date and venue for these events prior to the Event Co-chair being appointed.** In some cases, only one Event Co-chair will have volunteered, and she will work with the First Co-VPs to choose another Event Co-chair and begin recruiting committee members. If she needs assistance finding an Event Co-chair and/or committee members, **the First Co-VPs will assist.** **The help we are seeking includes all the advertisements, fundraising baskets and auctions for the event, day-of-the event planning, and media communications after event activities (such as writing CHWC newsletter & Chronicle summaries).** Additionally, the Event Co-Chairs work with the First VPs to reconcile all expenses and revenues. The estimated time commitment is **10-20 hours over several months**, excluding luncheons. **Typical day-before and day-of-event commitment is 5 hours each day (excluding the actual 3-hour event).**



Committee members assist the event leaders. These members can bring new ideas, energy, and work to make the event a success – both with the fundraising portion and making these fun for our members.



Mah Jongg Fall Tournament – Oct 26, 2023 Two co-chairs, **Andrea Pastorello and Lynda Gentz**, are actively recruiting committee members. You don't have to know how to play Mah Jongg to help with this committee. Please contact **Andrea Pastorello 305-202-1347 and Lynda Gentz 414-217-8128** if you want to meet other ladies, have fun and get to know how the club works!

HELP WANTED FOR FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Fundraising Event Co-Chair's Duties—continued

Fall Golf Tournament – Nov 3, 2023 One co-chair, **Barbara Beck**, is in need of leadership assistance with this golf tournament. She is also actively recruiting committee members. You don't have to know how to play Golf to help with this committee. **Please contact Barbara Beck, 973-722-4124** if you want to assist with leading or helping on the committee. You will meet other ladies, have fun, and get to know how the club works!



Bake Sale – Nov 8, 2023 Luncheon Diane Trobridge has volunteered to lead this fun (and delicious) fundraiser, but she needs someone to help her as an event co-chair. This is all about reaching out to CHWC bakers and organizing their donations. Love to bake or get experience with leading a CHWC team or want to volunteer to cook, bake or help in another way? **She can use your assistance! Give Diane a call or text – 703-851-0946.**

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Winter Dinner Dance – Jan 27, 2024 This is the fundraiser that everyone in the club wants to attend. **DANCE is the center of this event, but we need 2 leaders to head it up!** We also need volunteers to be on the committee – decorations, baskets, auctions, donations, and more will allow you to meet fun ladies that love to help put this amazing night together! **Please call/text Elizabeth D'Andrea, 540-273-6183** to volunteer to lead or be on the committee.

CHWC Fashion Show – Feb 14, 2024 Fall in Love with Fashion and help **Del Gillispie** co-lead this luncheon of the year. Everyone loves this event, and we need a co-leader and ladies on the committee. We also need models to show off our fashions. Del has ideas to share, and she loves to hear new thoughts on how to make this a great event. Call Del, 219-801-0496.

HELP WANTED FOR FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Fundraising Event Co-Chair's Duties—continued

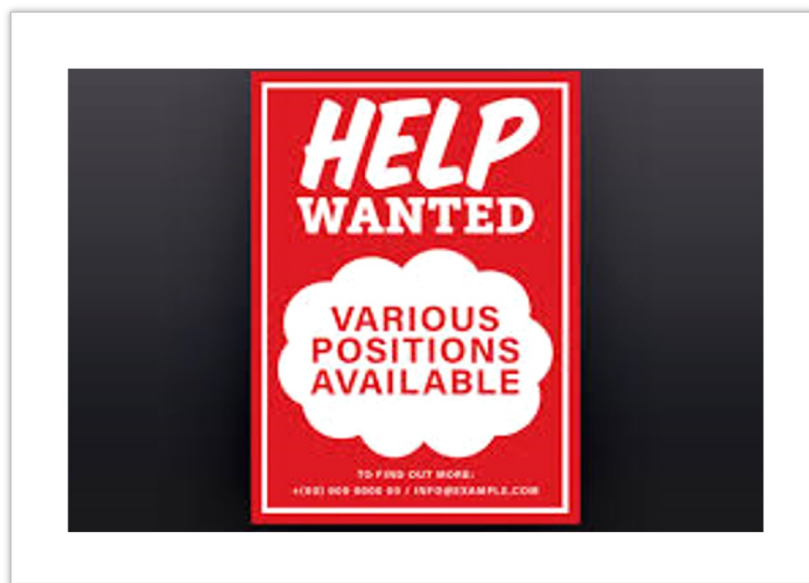
Bunco – Mar 1, 2024 No luck involved at making this event a hit! **Mary Lou Kosty and Sharon Davis** know how to make this super fun AND bring in the FUNDS. Call them to volunteer if you want to join their committee. **Mary Lou Kosty 978-590-3630 & Sharon Davis 408-390-9527.**

CHWC Spring Mahjong Tournament – March 7, 2024 We love playing Mah Jong together—so help **CHWC host the spring tournament.** We need two Co-Chairs & many committee members for this event to happen— **Please call/text Elizabeth D'Andrea 540-273-6183 to volunteer.**

**HELP
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CHWC Spring Golf Tournament – April 12, 2024 This event will be held on **The Oaks Course and will be a mixed 18-hole tournament.** Help lead this event or volunteer to assist as a committee member. This will be the first time CHWC has hosted a mixed 18-hole event – so the sky is the limit to how you want to make it happen. We need two Co-Chairs & many committee members for this event – **Please call/text Elizabeth D'Andrea 540-273-6183 to volunteer.**

Let's make \$50,000 again for charities and scholarships!





HELP WANTED FOR ACTIVITIES

BUS TRIP LEADERS & HELPERS – If interested: contact Mary Stansfield at mstansfield60@gmail.com

Activities is looking for volunteers to work as trip leaders & trip helpers for bus trips for the 2023-24 year. Trip leaders have significant input into where/when trips will go.

A **trip leader** is responsible for working with the Activities Chair to set the date and itinerary for the trip. She and her helper(s) will assist with signups at the luncheons. She will maintain the reservation rosters. At the conclusion of the trip, the leader is responsible for completing an evaluation form and working with the Activities Chair to reconcile all expenses and revenues. Trip leaders have the option to recruit their own helper(s). **Estimated time commitment 10-20 hours over several months excluding luncheons and the actual trip.**

**HELP
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A **trip helper** assists the trip leader to organize and execute the trip. Her primary responsibilities are to check in participants on the buses at the departure and return. She is responsible **for working with the Activities Chair to obtain the water and to distribute it at departure.** At the trip leader's direction, she may assume additional duties such as registration at luncheons as needed. **Estimated time commitment 3-5 hours over several months excluding the trip itself.**

**HELP
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HELP WANTED FOR ACTIVITIES

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LET’S TRY IT OUT ACTIVITY LEADERS & HELPERS – If interested: contact Mary Stansfield at mstansfield60@gmail.com

Activities is seeking members to organize and lead short term, local activities & workshops.

A **LTIO leader** gains agreement with the Activities Chair to design the activity. She provides the research for the event and coordinates with the venue. Because of her expertise, she may opt to lead the workshop or seek assistance. She and her helper(s) will assist with signups at the luncheons. She will maintain the reservation rosters. At the conclusion of the trip, the leader is responsible for completing an evaluation form and working with the Activities Chair to reconcile all expenses and revenues. Trip leaders have the option to recruit their own helper(s). Estimated time commitment is dependent upon the complexity of the activity.

Current opportunities include:

- **Blueberry picking (TBD)**
- **Bunco Happy Hour (5/31)**
- **Making Sit-upons for Carter School (TBD)**



SUPPLIES NEEDED:

Packing from meal delivery services needed to be used as padding for the sit-upons for Carter School. Hello Fresh and Home Chef materials are examples of what we need. If you have any or think you might, please contact Mary Stansfield by text 48-696-3186 or email mstansfield60@gmail.com . **Mary will pick up from your home.**



ESCAPE WITH US TO MARGARITAVILLE

(and bring a friend or partner)

Matinee Performance & Lunch

\$94.00 per person

Saturday, May 6

Leave 9:30am – Return 6:30pm

Suncoast Broadway is transformed into a Caribbean paradise where boy meets girl, girl is unimpressed, and boy does everything he can to win her over, while their two best friends fall for each other. Told through the music of Jimmy Buffett, **ESCAPE TO MARGARITAVILLE** is the musical comedy featuring your most-loved classics, including “**Fins,**” “**Volcano,**” “**Cheeseburger in Paradise**” and many more. USA Today calls it, “**A little slice of paradise!**”.



Floral Design Workshops on April 4, 2023

Donna Henn and Myrta Keelan jointly created and led the hands-on Floral Design workshop held at the

Art Center of Citrus County's education building.

Donna studied floral design and had a business preserving flowers such as bridal bouquets. **Myrta is a certified floral design judge with experience throughout the USA.**



The workshop began with an introduction to **flower arrangements that included concepts such as balance, proportion, scale, rhythm, and harmony among others.** After a discussion of the color wheel and how it influences a design, the group talked about how these all applied to creating an arrangement. **Throughout the lecture, the instructors added practical tips for prolonging the life of your arrangement and general rules of thumb related to design.** The instructors placed special emphasis on designing inexpensively. Myrta exhibited an arrangement she'd

created using a discarded palm frond as a container. **Participants asked many questions making the workshop extremely interactive.**

But then it was time to put theory to practice. **Each participant had a container, oasis, and 8-10 pink carnations.** Even though each person worked with the same materials, the completed arrangements reflected the personality of the florist. **Some of these creations graced holiday tables on Easter.**





Fascinator Workshop on January 18 and February 17,

The budding milliners of CHWC demonstrated their creativity during one of two workshops as they each fashioned a fascinator. (Think one of those adorable small hats that Kate Middleton wears.)

Led by Elizabeth D'Andrea and Mary Stansfield with the help of several U-Tube videos, the group gathered to craft hats to



wear to

the spring fashion show "Hats Off to Fashion." Wire, ribbons, tulle, silk flowers, and a fair amount of "bling" resulted in a variety of styles and colors. There was laughter throughout the afternoon as the ladies worked on their creations. Lots of suggestions flowed through the room about which flower, where to place it,



and what else to add (or subtract) to make the fascinator stand out. While it's unlikely that any of us will try millinery as a side hustle, each of the headpieces was uniquely lovely.

What was conceived as a way to support the fashion show morphed into a sea of hats on

the day of the luncheon. A group of ladies from Hunt Club who lunch together created theirs. Other members of the Club wore hats that they had been hiding in their closets.





Learn to Play Bunco and Decorations on January 27 & February 10, 2023

Two playdates gave members the chance to learn how to play Bunco before **“Bunco on the Bayou,”** the annual bunco fundraiser. Carolyn Robertson with the help of Sharon Davis and Mary Lou Kosty guided the group through several rounds of play. The group had the chance to preview the new scorecard that was used at the tournament and provide feedback. **Between shouts of “Bunco” followed by a flying**



cloth die tossed from the prior Bunco winner to the latest to roll a Bunco and the laughter that followed facilitated the opportunities to get to know other members.

But playing Bunco wasn't the only way that members supported the tournament. Members also



joined the decorating effort to make the tournament seem like a trip to the Big Easy. With feathers and glitter flying everywhere, **the members created decorative table numbers and a festive entry.**



Genealogy Presentation on February 16, 2023

Twenty-two members of our Club took advantage of member **Joan Herzog's** knowledge and experience in tracing her family's history. Believing that other members might share her interest and passion about this process, she organized a workshop. The group met at the **Lecanto Family History Center for a presentation led by Grant Farnsworth, the Center's leader.** The Family



History Center is one of 5,000 centers around the world sponsored by Family Search.org. **Besides free access to multiple websites** to use for exploration, the Center has volunteer consultants who will meet with interested people to help them get started. While all the consultants could help



you get started, several had special expertise such as ability to decipher European church records that recorded births & deaths or translating documents from their original language. **The highlight of the program was Joan's presentation of her journey to trace her ancestry.** She explained that her journey had started with organizing old family pictures. From there she built a family tree while collecting family stories. She shared pictures of the scrapbook that **she created that has become a family heirloom.**





A Night at the Theater—February 25, 2023

Who doesn't like to laugh? **On February 25**, CHWC members and guests attended a performance of **"The Robin Hood Caper"** on opening weekend. The night at the theater provided many opportunities for laughter. Like CHWC these older citizens raised money for charitable purposes. However, their "modus operandi" was very different than ours!



The show, **directed by member Mary Stansfield**, followed their group **"Charities Anonymous"** through a series of mishaps and twists. But like all comedies, good won out and the boy got the girl in the end. Afterwards several of the members toured the backstage dressing rooms, green room, and costume loft in addition to the sound/light booth to see how it all happens. Stage manager **Julie Wolf** assisted **Mary** by **ensuring that props and actors** were in place and ready throughout rehearsals



and the run of the show.

Diane Reed, a new member, enjoyed the experience so much she volunteered to become more involved. Her first assignment was to assist as a set dresser for the **current show "Don't Mention My Name"**. Set dressers select colors, furniture, artwork and accessories for the set that will complement the script. **Aileen Schnarl** joined **Mary Stansfield** to usher at the theatre and recently joined the script reading committee.





Mindfulness & Meditation Workshop on March 13, 2023

Mary Pike shared her interests in the practice of mindfulness and meditation during a “Let’s Try It Out” workshop held at Moonbeams Crystals in Crystal River. The group learned about the difference between the two concepts. **Participants performed simple exercises to practice the concepts.** Mary pointed out that these were simple enough to do by oneself. She



something that you weren’t familiar with its use. The uses and benefits of several of them were explained. For example, **amethyst is thought to have healing qualities while agate helps rebalance and harmonize mind, body, and spirit.** Even though we only spent two hours in the shop, there was general agreement that we’d like to have **Mindfulness & Meditation 102.**



also shared a number of **websites that offer similar meditations and exercises.**

One of the fun activities was to look at the **items in the store** and identify





From flowers in the field....



Final details will depend on the weather and what's blooming.

We're returning to Cannon Farms in Dunnellon to pick some flowers and check out the delicious produce at their farmstand.

Tentatively planned for:

Monday, May 8 or

Tuesday, May 9

Meet up at 9:30

To gorgeous arrangements....

Email Mary Stansfield to join the mailing list to receive additional information closer to the date.

We can't predict what will be in bloom (if anything) or what produce will be at the farmstand. We'll let you know 3-4 days ahead of time so you can decide whether you're interested in joining us.



Activity leader – Mary Stansfield mstansfield60@gmail.com



QUESTION: What do...

- a Grunt
- a Buckle
- a Pandowdy
- a Claflouti
- a Slump
- a Crumble
- a Kuchen
- a Whoopie Pie
and Wojapi Sauce

Have in common?



ANSWERS:

- A. They are clothing items worn to a 1980's heavy metal music concert.
- B. They are the names of stomach ailments.
- C. They are a reason to go blueberry picking with the CHWC (weather permitting).

Correct answer = C

Join us **Wednesday, May 31 at 9:00** to pick some blueberries at **Sanchez Farm in Crystal River.**

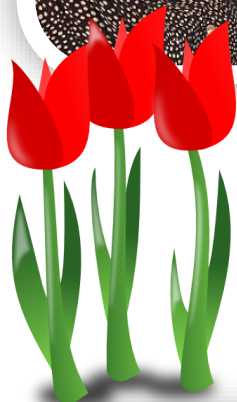
Each **registered participant will receive a recipe booklet** with these and other ideas on how to use their berries.

Sign up at the May Luncheon or email Mary Stansfield mstansfield60@gmail.com to receive additional information.



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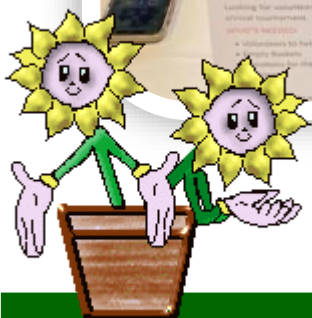
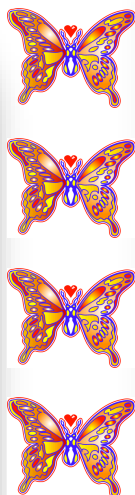
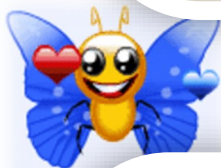
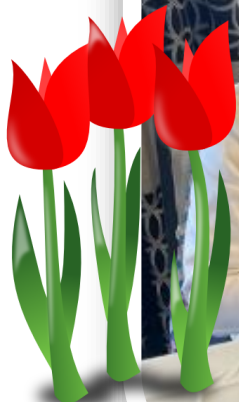


I love Spring!



LUNCHEON PHOTOS

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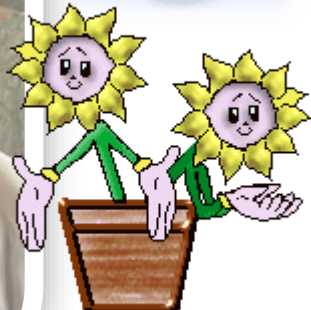
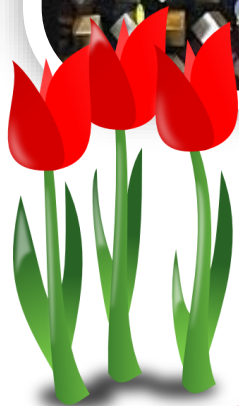


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Citrus Hills Womens Club – May Luncheon

Citrus Hills Golf & Country Club – Hampton Room

Honoring Our Scholarship Recipients

Wednesday, MAY 10, 2023

Doors open @ 10:30, Meeting 11:30 to 12:00

Lunch @12:00

- **Luncheon Cost:** Members \$23.00 Guests \$25.00
- **Price Includes:** rolls, coffee or tea, and gratuity

RESERVATION DEADLINE IS MONDAY, May 1, 2023

Your Registration is not final until your check is received – No refunds after the deadline

- Make checks payable to CHWC: Deposit form & check in the CHWC box at the CHG&CC Pro Shop **OR:** Mail to Linda Gasko, 3920 N Baywood Dr., Hernando, FL. 34442 (Questions? fasther829@gmail.com)
- Please indicate group or individual table seating requests, and special needs requests* on form.

Menu Choices:

- A. Dijon Chicken – Pan seared Chicken Breast seasoned with a Dijon Mustard Sauce.
- B. Tuna Salad Croissant – Tuna Salad with lettuce and tomato.
- C. CHWC Salad with soup

Dessert: E. Key Lime Pie F. Fruit Cup

Name	Menu Choice (A,B,C)	Desert Choice (E/F)	Check #
1. M or G	_____	_____	_____
2. M or G	_____	_____	_____
3. M or G	_____	_____	_____
4. M or G	_____	_____	_____
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6. M or G	_____	_____	_____
7. M or G	_____	_____	_____
8. M or G	_____	_____	_____

Sent By: _____ Phone _____ Amount _____

*Luncheon attendees who require special needs seating, please note your request below.

Preferred seating cannot be accommodated to a group table.

We look forward to seeing you!

*Special Needs Request:

COMPANIONSHIP

CHARITY

COMMUNITY

CITRUS HILLS WOMEN’S CLUB, INC. MEMBERSHIP FORM
Annual Membership Dues: \$30

Membership in the CHWC is open to women that reside within the Villages of Citrus Hills. Our membership year is June 1 – May 31. **NEW MEMBERS** joining after March 1 shall be members through May 31 of the following year. **Memberships will be accepted from March 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023.**

Type of Membership: _____ New _____ Renewal Ck # _____ Date Pd. _____

DIRECTORY INFORMATION (Please PRINT legibly)

The CHWC Membership Directory will now be password protected and posted to our website. If you **DO NOT** want your information posted to our website, please initial this box to OPT OUT.

NAME: _____ SPOUSE: _____

STREET: _____ CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

LANDLINE: _____ CELL PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

Would you be interested in serving on the Citrus Hills Womens Club Board: Yes _____ No _____

Would you be interested in serving on one of the committees? Yes _____ No _____

Is there anything you are interested in Volunteering for? i.e.: Fundraising, Scholarship, Outreach, Activities.

Do you have specialized skills to contribute? i.e., Excel, word, web technology, publicity

Check our Website for many volunteering 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) organization.

Please make your check payable to **CHWC** for **\$30** and place it along with this form in an envelope marked “MEMBERSHIP” and either:

1. Place in the CHWC box located in the Citrus Hills Pro Shop **OR**
2. Mail to: Dawn Holley, 955 N. Hunt Club Drive, Hernando, FL 34442

For questions regarding membership, you may contact Dawn Holley at dholley76@gmail.com or Dianne Joyner at thejoyners@tampabay.rr.com