

CHWC May 2025 Newsletter

President's Message

What a phenomenal year this has been for the Citrus Hills Women's Club!

We finish the year with **379 members**. Record setting fundraising year with **\$60,883.63** (\$56,107 going to our 9 charities and 21 scholarship winners). **Record number of college scholarships (21 at \$1,500 each) to deserving college-bound high school students at our three county schools plus scholarships to the Withlacoochee Technical College and College of Central Florida.** Creation of an emergency fund for future disasters in Citrus County.



All of our accomplishments are directly due to the **generosity of our members through our fundraisers, monthly charity collections and charity drive - throughs**.

In addition to the hours of charitable works and committee meetings, we also had FUN! **Trips to Mt. Dora, St. Augustine, and Sunken Gardens; Mini activities including card-making, Book Clubs (3), Lunch Bunch, Mah Jongg and Bunco Happy Hour, to name a few.**



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As they say, it takes a village. I am so proud to be a part of this phenomenal Club. I wish to thank my **co-President, Pat Crawley**, for mentoring me this year. **Our '24-25 Board is to be commended for this historic year:**

1st VP (fundraising) Debby Blackie & Cheryl Gramlich
2nd VP: Diane Edwards & Gail Bockiaro
Secretary: Marta Iler & Del Gillispie
Treasurer: Deborah St. Martin & Barbara Pankosky

Committees:

Activities: Patti Noon, Helen Salkowski, Beth Huntsberry
Community/Charity: Judy Stone & Sheri Chancey
Electronic Media: Marta Iler
Hospitality: Andrea Pastorello & Carol Adair
Membership: Clare Fennessy & Dee Chaffier
Member Support: Pam Brink & Marcia Porterfield
PR: Karen Settles & Jackie Huband
Scholarship: Nanette Mitchell & Marcia Schenker



There are **so many other members who volunteer on committees and events** that contribute to this success! And our members who **faithfully buy Share the Wealth, and Scholarship tickets**, event tickets, bake and make crafts for our Fall Marketplace, play golf, Bunco and Mah Jongg in our Tournaments, and encourage their friends and neighbors to join us.

Have a Happy, Relaxed, Entertaining Summer and see you in the Fall!

COMPANIONSHIP

CHARITY

COMMUNITY



Diane Trowbridge
Co-President



Officers



Executive Board for the 2025–2026 Year

The following women will be sworn in at the May 2025 luncheon:

Co-Presidents:	Diane Trowbridge and Del Gillispie
CO-1st Vice	
Presidents:	Madonna Ray and Dawn Buckingham
Co-2nd Vice	
Presidents:	Diane Edwards and Gail Bockiaro
Co-Secretaries:	Marta Iler and Marcia Schenker
Co-Treasurers:	Barbara Pankosky and Dianne Kohm



Pictured Above: Diane Trowbridge, Del Gillispie, Dawn Buckingham, Madonna Ray, Diane Edwards, Gail Bockiaro, Marta Iler, Marcia Schenker and Barbara Pankosky. Not pictured was Dianne Kohm.

As the 2024-2025 Club year winds down, it is time to start thinking about **NEXT YEAR!!** We announced the new **Executive Board at the April luncheon** and these women will be sworn in to their new positions at our final luncheon of the year on May 14th. There is much to be done over the summer to **ensure a fun and successful 2025-2026 year**. The Executive Board will appoint our standing committee chairs **(for Activities, Community and Charity Outreach, Electronic Media, Hospitality, Membership, Member Support, Public Relations, and Scholarship)**. All these ladies will work hard to build a fun-filled and loaded calendar of events to begin in September 2025 and carry through until May 2026. This cannot happen without volunteers to take on positions as event chairs and committee members for each fundraiser, bus trip, monthly small group activities and clubs **(Book Clubs, Lunch Bunch, Card Making and many more)**. Please consider volunteering to help, it is a great way to meet new friends and go places and participate in activities that you might not have ever thought of trying. As mentioned above, nothing happens without our volunteers, so jump in and experience something new. **Contact Diane Trowbridge or Del Gillispie, our incoming co-Presidents.**

CHWC Facebook

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The CHWC Facebook site is back. Please follow as new pictures, activities and fun things to do are posted.



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Activity Chairperson Patti Noon

nooner103@yahoo.com



Let's try it out ~ Contact - Patti Noon at nooner103@yahoo.com

May 3rd ~ Cannon Farms - 11801 SW 180th Ave. Dunnellon. 10 am. Lunch at Sweeties Cafe and Tea House. 20789 Walnut St. Dunnellon. 11:30am

Looking forward to next year!

Please email **Patti with any suggestions** for day trips or activities.

Last Lunch Bunch of the Year



May 7 - 11:30 am

Lollygaggers

618 SE US HWY 19

(WAS 744 SE HWY 19 BUT MOVED LAST YEAR TO THIS NEW ADDRESS)

Crystal River

RSVP to Diane Trowbridge

trobrg@aol.com

We will have a **new Lunch Bunch Chair** for the new fiscal year, **Lynn Budinetz**. Feel free to share your suggestions and volunteer to be hostess one month of your choice. Lynn can be reached at:

jimnlynn.bud@gmail.com

Singing River Cruise By Patti Noon

On **Thursday, March 26th**, members of The Citrus Hills Women's Club, Inc. (CHWC) embarked on a **guided Pontoon boat Eco tour, on the Withlacoochee River in Dunnellon, Florida.**

Singing River Tours specializes in eco tours on a comfortable, covered 40-foot Pontoon boat. **Captain Jon and his crew** performed a fabulous and very informative guided tour. Captain Jon shared his knowledge of **Florida's ecology and history through his very entertaining story telling.** As we cruised along the river, under beautiful sunny skies **Captain Jon serenaded us with his guitar and sang some of his own music about Florida.**

The weather was perfect for an evening cruising the **magnificent Withlacoochee River**, known for its diverse wildlife. We marveled at the **alligators, turtles and various species of birds** like - swallow tailed kites, limpkins and herons. This tour was informative, entertaining and a **beautiful way to spend the evening.**



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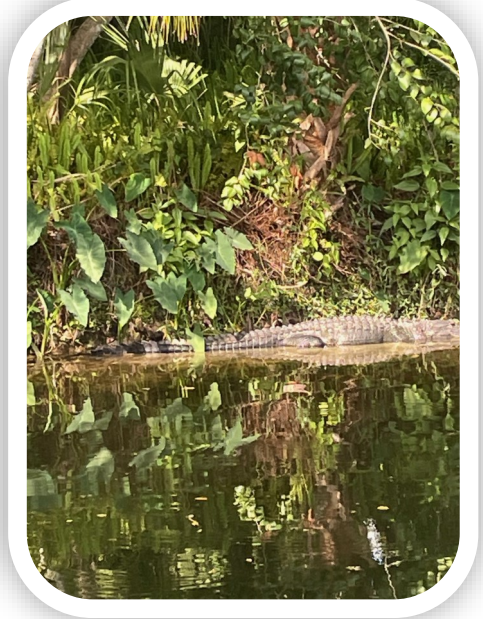
Singing River Cruise Photos



Mary Stansfield and Mia Vollmer



Captain Jon



MS. Gator



**Scott
and Cheryl Gramlich**



**Bob
and Patti Noon**

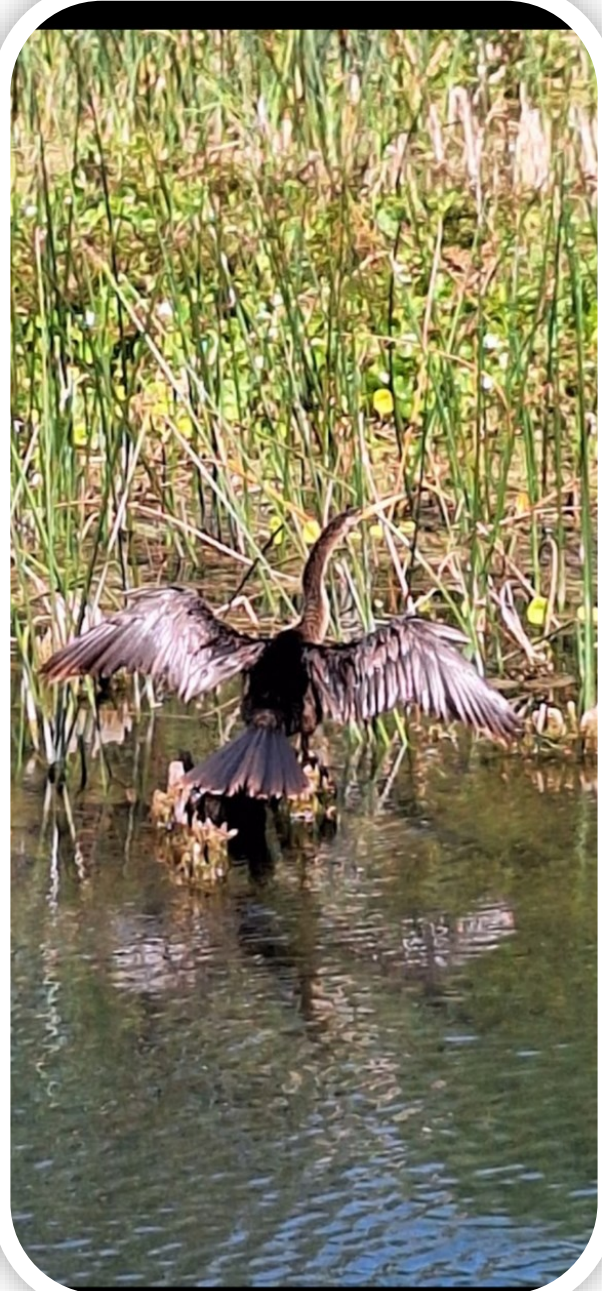


Debby and Bob Blackie



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Singing River Cruise Photos



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One Last Adventure for the Citrus Hills Women's Club

Once again members of the Citrus Hills Women's Club accepted the challenges of the eerie **Swamp Room** and the ancient puzzles of the **Museum Room at the Escape Room**

Crystal River. (We would show you pictures of our adventure, but we refuse to give away any clues.) **From solving cryptic puzzles and dealing with the alligators and snakes that inhabit the swamp, the Swamp group worked to find the combination that would open the treasure chest. The Museum group interpreted clues related to Greek and Roman gods and goddesses.** Both groups had multiple locks that required clues to find the combinations. But our members were up to the challenge. Working together each group **successfully solved several clues and puzzles.** We quickly learned to look for the unusual. Fortunately, when frustration set in, we



Jennette Harper, Martee Meehan, Mary Pike,
Michele McNelly, Jackie Haney

could always ask the Clue Master for help.

Afterwards the group held a **debrief at Kelly's Half Shell Pub** for a lively debate about which group had the harder task and which group had the greater success. By now you might be asking, **"So did you escape?"** The clues for that answer are in this article.



Diane Ballou, Grace King, Linda Roof, Barb Shipman, Cheryl Ringel





Charity and Community Service

At the April 9th luncheon, the nine Citrus County charities supported through club fundraisers were presented with their checks. Members learned about the charities by visiting their tables and by listening to their talks. The nine charities are: **Blessings, Carter HeadStart, CASA, Community Food Bank, Habitat for Humanity, Jessie's Place, Senior Pet Meals, Family Resource Center and Voices for Children. Bombas Socks were also featured.**

An emergency/disaster fund is being implemented to have funds available to help Citrus County. April and May "Share the Wealth" funds will support this line item in addition to fundraiser money.

At the May 14th luncheon collections will include nonperishable food for the Family Resource Center and unopened cat and dog food.





Charity and Community Service





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Pets Need Your Help

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



Good Shepard Lutheran Church • 439 E. Norvell Bryant Highway, Hernando
Citrus Hills Women's Club Inc. is a Sec 501(c)(3) nonprofit public charity devoted to making a difference in the community.

Member Support

At the April 9th luncheon, **Bette June Egan** shared an **inspirational reading** entitled “**Our Beautiful World**” written by Garnett Schutz.

In the past month, we sent cards to **David Blackie (husband of Debby Blackie)**, **Peter Bockiaro (husband of Gail Bockiaro)** and **Carol Adair**. We also sent sympathy cards to Dawn and Dave Holley for the loss of their son Josh, and to Herbert Wallace for the loss of his wife Linda Wallace. A \$50.00 donation has been made by the CHWC in Linda’s name to the Lungstrong Organization.

Please let us know if someone needs a bit of sunshine, whether it is a card or a call. Contact Pam Brink at 352.513.4120 or pambrink49@gmail.com or Marcia Porterfield at 734.223.2026 or porterfield1921@gmail.com.



There is also a clipboard at our luncheon hospitality table where a member can write down the name of someone in need of a card or call. All communications that help support our members are greatly appreciated.



Membership



Addendum #3 to the Membership Directory will be available at the May Luncheon.

We are closing out our 2024-2025 club year with a total of 379 members. **We will start our 2025-2026 club year with 6 new members** so far. We welcome them to our sisterhood.

Patti Houle
Robin Dowling
Susan Fusegni-Viselli
Irene Riedman
Stephanie Chelius
Brenda Kurtz



We are now **accepting renewals for our next club year.**

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

Note: The **annual membership fee is now \$35.00.**

The form is found later in this Newsletter.

The club year runs from 6/1/25 – 5/31/26
Any questions, please contact us.

Membership Co-Chairs:

Clare Fennessy
cfennessy444@gmail.com
703-399-6405

Dee Chaffier
deechaffier@verizon.net
484-515-7621



Scholarship

What a year we have had! **Scholarship season has arrived, and all of us at the Citrus Hills Women's Club can feel enormously proud of the work we have done this year to make our presence in the scholarship arena of Citrus County a most generous and abundant one!**

We are one of the leaders in the county when it comes to advancing the cause of education for both high school and college students.



Following the Finance Advisory Committee Meeting on April 5th, and the vote of the **full Board of Directors on April 6th, 21 high school scholarships of \$1500 each and two \$875 scholarships to both Withlacoochee Technical College and College of Central Florida were approved.** We hope to be able to increase the amount going to college students based on funds we raise with the Scholarship Raffle at the luncheons in April and May. **We are well on our way, for we collected \$510 in scholarship donations in April. Thank you!**



On April 9, committee members **Henny Feldberg and Sybil Letzing attended the annual Donors Luncheon at the College of Central Florida in Ocala to represent our Club.** It was fascinating to learn about all the new programs this college is developing for local students.

During the month of May, **Scholarship Committee members are scheduled to attend each of the high school evening awards ceremonies, on May 6, May**

8, and May 15, to present our awards to students. This is also an opportunity to publicize the work of our Club in the community.

Scholarship

Wednesday, May 14th is a date to remember! The May Scholarship Luncheon is the culmination of a year of hard work, both for us and for the students we will have the pleasure of meeting on that day. These are the students in our virtual backyard who have excelled during their high school careers and promise to be the movers and shakers of the future! Please make every effort to attend this event and see for yourself



who the recipients of your hard fundraising work and generous donations throughout the year actually are! **Although we do not always have a positive feeling about the future of our young people these days, when you are sitting and listening to their stories on May 14th, you will feel the hope and the promise in your very bones!** You will leave the room smiling, and a warm sense of accomplishment as well as hopefulness will lift you up and make your day a very good one. We guarantee it!



Our yearly raffle total to date is \$3685.00. Our \$100 winner for April was Shirley Vandlik. We thank you for your generosity

and hope to see you for the last donation opportunity in May. Congratulations Shirley!

Marcia Schenker

Nanette Mitchell

Co-Chairs, CHWC Scholarship Committee



Fundraisers



The total fundraising for 2024-25 year was **\$60,883.63**. This total includes all of our fundraising events plus scholarship raffle and share the wealth. **What a phenomenal year.** This could not have been done without the individuals who chair each fundraising event. **The 1st VP's (Debby Blackie & Cheryl Gramlich)**

would like to thank them for their efforts in making this a banner year and they are:

- Great Pumpkin Patch Fall Mah Jongg – chair Diane Edwards
- Marketplace – Bake sale chair Diane Trowbridge & Craft fair chair Debby Blackie
- Lasso Your Luck (Bunco) – chair Mary Stansfield
- Red & Black Casino Night – chairs Debby Blackie & Dennie Zuendt
- Life Is a Party, Dress for It Fashion Show – chairs Carol Peterman, Karen Settle, Diane Edwards & Jackie Huband
- Let the Shenanigans Begin Spring Mah Jongg – chair Diane Edwards
- Swing with Bling Golf Tournament – chairs – Claire Lindley & Gail Bockiaro

We would like to thank the membership for all their participation in these events and look forward to next year.

Debby & Cheryl

Fundraisers

Swing with Bling Golf Tournament

On April 4th, a beautiful Citrus County morning, **140 dazzling Citrus Hills Women's Club (CHWC) members, guests, and neighbors participated in a handicapped 9-hole golf scramble.** The golfers played on the front or back nine of the Meadows course of the Citrus Hills Golf and Country Club. **Everyone had a fun time and returned to the Citrus Hills Hampton Room for lunch and celebration.**

Before and after the Scramble, the ladies had the opportunity to bid on multiple Silent Auction items, including donations from Black Diamond, Citrus Hills Golf and Country Club, Cooper's Hawk Winery, Heritage Pines Golf Club, Inverness Golf and Country Club, Skyview at Terra Vista, and the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. Many participated in a raffle for a variety of bountiful baskets. Share the **Wealth and Guess the Candy** in the Jar were also part of the event. **There were 9 lucky ladies who Shared the Wealth at \$50 each.**



**Peg Crowley, Fran Geyer ,
Sandee Koers, Judy
Stone**

Congratulations to each of the golf winners!

First place team on the front nine was Karen Slaby, Marie Carlie, Shirley Barry, and Valerie Hotzfeld.

First place team on the back nine consisted of Julie Wolf, Mary Boden-heim, Donna Moran, and JoAnne Gutenkunst.

Other winners were:

Closest to the Pin were Donna Maurek and Judy Stone.

Closest to the Line were Marie Carlie and Carol Mullins.

Fundraisers

Swing with Bling Golf Tournament

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Other golfers who placed in the Scramble were Paula Walker, Dee Bognar, Marti Jones, Brenda Lindsey, Sara Kallis, MaryAnn Melano, Ruth Pataca, Patti Noon, Lynda Gentz, Jane Dempsey, Sharon Calhoun, Debbie Maclean, Karen Titkemeyer, Valerie Wilson, Ricki Berrell, Donna Stallings, Eileen Sisolak, Kimberly Steitzer, Ann Bishop, Dianne Barden, Evie Balla, Claire Lindley, Jane Vandenberg, Ileen Zavoda, Trish Coyle, Nancy Kellow, Pat Ellis, Debbie Morneau, Dorothy Frank, Jane Anderson, Carol Graham, Barb Webb, Mary Lou Kosty, Sharon Davis, Harley Manning, Carol Pikosz, Chris Hogarth, Sue Levey, Laura Davis, Shirley Meyer, Angela Busler, Sue Burgun, Dianne Kohm, Pat Healy, Lynnette Hom, Alison Hagen, Nancy Simon, and Carolyn Mansell.

The fundraiser was co-chaired by Gail Bockiaro and Claire Lindley. An amazing team of hard working CHWC members were on the committee, including **Barbara Beck, Debby Blackie, Janet Dawson, Lynda Gentz, Dawn Holley, Mickey Johnston, Dianne Joyner, Nancy Kellow, Ann Massey, Chris Morrison, Barbara Pankosky, Sandra Skiesgelas, Cheryl Gramlich and Mia Vollmer.** The much-appreciated corporate sponsors were **Citrus County Chronicle, Mariana's Stinky Rose-Hernando, Meadowcrest Family Practice-Crystal River, Mike Scott Plumbing-Hernando, and Modera Wealth Management-Inverness.** Each of the 18 golf holes were sponsored by CHWC members and noted "Who put the Bling in your Swing". Members honored, children, spouses, grandchildren, friends and pets.

A special thank you to Stephanie Rodney, Assistant Golf Professional and her staff for all their support.

We thank **Del Gillespie** for her tireless pursuit of donations for this event.

Over \$7,500 was raised in the philanthropic outing. All the profits from this annual fundraiser go directly to support **our spectacular local scholars and appreciative community charities.**



Claire Lindley

Fundraisers

Swing with Bling Golf Tournament Photos



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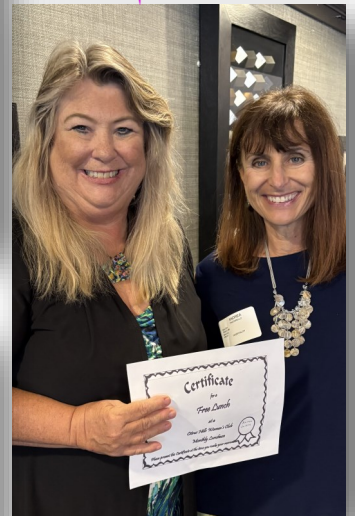


May





April Luncheon Photos



CHWC LUNCHEON
MAY 14, 2025 11:30 a.m.
Hampton Room – Doors Open at 10:30 am
CELEBRATING OUR SCHOLARSHIP STUDENTS

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Reservation deadline is **TUESDAY MAY 2nd @ 5:00 PM !!!!** Please make checks payable to **CHWC** – mail to Diane Edwards 4195 N. Monadnock Rd Hernando, FL 34442

or place your reservation with a check in the CHWC box at the CHG&CC Pro Shop. **No refunds after the deadline. A reservation is definite after your check has been received.**

IF you wish to have special seating based on mobility, hearing, eyesight or other limitations, please note on the registration form.

PLEASE BE SURE TO PAY THE CORRECT AMOUNT FOR YOUR CHOICES!!

MENU CHOICES:

- A. **TACO SALAD**-tortilla shell w/taco beef, shredded lettuce, tomatoes, cheddar cheese, sour cream, salsa & guacamole
MEMBERS \$22.00 GUEST \$25.00
- B. **TURKEY ON A CROISSANT WITH AMERICAN CHEESE, LETTUCE AND TOMATO W/SIDE POTATO SALAD**
MEMBERS \$22.00 GUEST \$25.00
- C. **CHWC SALAD-W/BROCCOLI,BLK OLIVES,RED ONION,CUCUMBER, EGG,AVOCADO W TOM BISQUE SOUP**
MEMBERS \$22.00 GUESTS \$25.00

Dessert Choices: D. Brownie Sundae E. Fruit Cup with strawberries and blueberries

Name	Menu Choice	Dessert Choice
1. M or G _____		
2. M or G _____		
3. M or G _____		
4. M or G _____		
5. M or G _____		
6. M or G _____		
7. M or G _____		
8. M or G _____		

This reservation was sent by: _____

Phone Number _____ Amount Enclosed: _____

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

<input type="checkbox"/> FUNDRAISING:	<input type="checkbox"/> Golf	<input type="checkbox"/> Bunco	<input type="checkbox"/> Mah Jongg
	<input type="checkbox"/> Fashion Show	<input type="checkbox"/> Winter Event	

Other: _____

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

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.