



CHWC April 2024 Newsletter

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April begins the 2023-2024 club year wrap-up. Time flies so quickly - it seemed like it was only yesterday when we turned the page to begin our new chapter!

This year, once again, reached a record high as we concluded our fund-raising finale with the **Blooming Bunco Bash** and the **Dragons Roar Mah Jongg** tournament. If you want to know more, I hope you'll join us for our April Annual Membership Meeting and Volunteer Appreciation luncheon, as there is a full line-up planned. Here's a little sneak preview:

Elizabeth Gannon, 2nd VP, will be hosting the **Volunteer Appreciation portion of the lunch program**. As members arrive, they'll have the chance for a lively exchange with our **charity representatives and learn about the various volunteer opportunities available**. If you have a special interest that's near and dear to you, **don't miss**

this opportunity to see where you can contribute.

Recognition will also be given to the many, many women who have volunteered this year and contributed to making this year a fun and successful club year

As President, I will deliver the CHWC's slimmed-down version of the "State of the Union Address" through presenting our Annual Report, summarizing this year's accomplishments and successes.



April Presidents Message—continued



Judy Stone, Co-Chair - Community and Charity, **will lead a short presentation of our charities, awarding checks to this year's recipients.**

Let your vote count! The membership will cast their vote to approve the 2024-2025 Slate of Officers.

2024-2025 Slate of Officers

Co-Presidents: Pat Crawley and Diane Trowbridge

1st Co-Vice Presidents: Elizabeth Gannon and Debby Blackie

2nd Co-Vice Presidents: Gail Bockiaro and Diane Edwards

Co-Treasurers: Deborah St. Martin and Barb Pankosky

Co-Secretaries: Marta Iler and Del Gillispie

A special acknowledgement goes out to Marcia Porterfield (Chair) and the entire nominating committee for their time and dedication to present this final Slate of Officers.

Finally, I would like to wish you and yours a **Happy Easter or Passover.** Please enjoy this time with friends and family. I'll bid farewell to our many **snowbirds who will be leaving us over the next weeks to fly north.** We look forward to your return in the fall.

Hugs, Cheryl



2024-2025 Slate of Officers for CHWC

The **Nominating Committee** submits the following **Executive Board nominations** for the 2024-2025 year. The members present at the April luncheon will vote on the slate. The elected officers will be sworn in at the May luncheon. Thank you to the following members for serving on the nominating committee: **Pat Crawley, Jane Dempsey, Elizabeth Gannon, Del Gillispie, Andrea Pastorello, Diane Trowbridge and Marcia Porterfield.**



Pat Crawley – Co-President

Pat has **served on the Executive Board** in many positions over the last seven years **including President, 1st Vice President, Secretary, and is now serving as co-2nd Vice President.** She also has a strong business background, working for the Department of Treasury (IRS), working with Tax Exempt and Government entities for 25 years. She has the experience and knowledge to **mentor her co-president and to secure an experienced line of succession.**

Diane Trowbridge – Co-President

Diane brings to this position a wealth of management experience **from her career as Rehab Director of a hospital.** In retirement, **Diane has been active in her HOA and in her church.** As a member of CHWC, Diane has served on a number of committees but most recently **as the chair of the Bake Sale and the Lunch Bunch.** Diane looks forward to taking on the position of Co-President to support the work CHWC does in the community.



Elizabeth Gannon - Co-1st Vice President

Elizabeth's career in **marketing, sales and communications** has well prepared her for this new position. She is **currently Co-2nd Vice President** and has previously served on the Activities Committee, organized activities, and has been a member of the Fashion Show Committee. As 1st Vice President, Elizabeth is excited to **continue the club's legacy while incorporating new technology and marketing** efforts in order to build enthusiasm and grow membership within the next generation.

2024-2025 Slate of Officers for CHWC (continued)

Debby Blackie - Co-1st Vice President

Debby's business background as a managing director of a team of employees, has resulted in a strong leadership background. **Debby is currently co-chair of the Membership Committee and was co-chair of this year's Fashion Show.** Being on the Spring and Fall Mah Jongg tournament committees, as well as the Bake Sale, has given **Debby a good understanding of the workings of the fundraising committees.**



Diane Edwards – Co-2nd Vice President

You may know Diane as **our current Treasurer** but in addition to having served as Treasurer the last two years, **she has also been 2nd Vice President in the past.** **Diane's previous experience as 2nd Vice President** has prepared her to take **charge of the lunch menus and reservations.** It is a role she has enjoyed in the past. **Diane is currently chairing the Spring Mah Jongg tournament and has previously worked on the golf and dance committees.** She is now the **CHWC liaison to CASA and serves on the**

Community and Charity committee.

Gail Bockiaro – Co-2nd Vice President

Gail is a long-time member of our county and is interested in making our community a better place for all. She has demonstrated her interests in supporting the children of **Citrus County by being on the board of Blessings.** In CHWC, **she is currently a member of the Scholarship Committee** and as well as the **Community and Charities Committee.** She has also served as an officer of her two golf associations. Gail is looking forward to be an active board member and **making a positive difference by being part of the leadership team.**



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Marta Iler - Co-Secretary

Marta has been an **active member of CHWC since joining the club in 2014 and looks forward to serving on the Executive Board.** She has demonstrated her **communication and organizational skills as editor of the Newsletter,** has been Membership Chair, produced the directory for a number of years and developed the Web Site. Marta is currently the chair of the **Electronic Media Group.** Marta has a **strong background in communication, organization and education.** She has been an **Associate Professor for**

22 years and continues to teach Ethics in IT, Computer Technology and Business Law.

Del Gillispie – Co-Secretary

Del is eager to serve as co-secretary, drawing upon her **strong organizational skills and effective communication abilities.** With a **background in the sciences and proficiency in technology,** she brings **valuable assets to the position.** Del is enthusiastic about leveraging her expertise and experiences to enhance **CHWC's initiatives.** Since joining CHWC, **Del has actively participated in fundraising activities.** She recently served as chairperson of the **Fashion Show** and previously served on committees for the **Dinner Dance, Golf Tournament, and Mah Jongg tournament.** Del expresses her commitment to fostering a positive and cohesive culture within the club.



Deborah St. Martin – Co-Treasurer

Before moving here, **Deborah owned her own tax practice and as a result has the experience and expertise that will be invaluable to CHWC.** She is an **Enrolled Agent and retired professional tax consultant and has experience with 501(C)3 organizations.** She has previously served on the boards of a number of **charitable and civic organizations.** Since joining the club, she has served on several fundraising committees and currently is the **Co-Chair of the Hospitality Committee.** Deborah states, **“The mission of the Citrus Hills Women’s Club is consistent with my personal beliefs and goals of giving back to the community in which you live.”**



2024-2025 Slate of Officers for CHWC (continued)

Barbara Pankosky – Co-Treasurer

Barbara brings good people and organizational skills from her **professional experience in contract and data management to the position of Co-Treasurer**. She met Deborah St. Martin on the finance committee of their HOA. **While working together, they quickly learned that they make a good team**. Barbara states, **“I would like to offer my services to the Citrus Hills Women’s Club and hope that by doing so I can help make it stronger and better.”**



CHWC April Luncheon

Thank You for all You do to Support our Community!



Please join us at the **April 10 luncheon** to celebrate all of our members who generously give their time, energy, and monetary funding to the **charities we support and scholarships we give to deserving students**.

You make a difference in the lives of so many people in Citrus County, whom you have never met. Nearly **35 percent of our members serve in a volunteer capacity in one way or another!**

To learn more about the charities we support, please be sure to stop by the **“Spring into Action” Volunteer Expo** and play the CHWC **“Expo Bingo”** at the April Luncheon. **Each charity will have a representative and a CHWC liaison available to speak with you directly**. You can ask questions about the ways in which they give to the community and inquire about direct volunteer opportunities.

When you visit all expo booths and **complete the Expo Bingo Card**, you will be entered into a random prize drawing.

CHWC Welcomes New Members

Memberships for the 2024-2025 year have started on March 1, 2024. The new application is included in this newsletter and will be available at each luncheon.

We have **10 women that have recently joined** our club.

**Linda Hahn, Debra Sousa, Ruth Paul,
Joanne Gutekunst, Dennie Zuentd, Rhonda Temple Evans,
Patti Davidson, Pat Potter, Sallie Bongaardt and Sandy Sabock.**

When you see them at an event or luncheon, please make them feel welcome.

**Dawn Holley and Debby Blackie
Membership Co-Chairs**



Member Support News

At the March luncheon, **Bette June Egan** shared “**The Power of our Prayer**” written by Patience Allison Hartbauer from **A Beacon of Hope**. Once again, her selection provided an uplifting and inspiring message to all those in attendance.

During the past month, 5 cards were sent to club members or to a member of their family. **Sue Ackerman, Mickey Johnston, Kay McAdam and Robert Peacock, husband of Judy Peacock, were card recipients. Our sympathy was sent to the family of longtime club member Margaret Roberts upon her passing and a memorial donation was made in her name to the Citrus Hills Women’s Club scholarship fund.**

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.**

Each month at the luncheon, **there is also a clipboard where members can write down the name of someone who needs a card.** The member support team needs everyone’s help to alert us to members we want to reach out to and support, **especially if they are going through a difficult or challenging time.**

HIGHLIGHTS OF OUR MEMBERSHIP



Name: Teresa Girimont **Member Since:** 2022

State: Michigan **Birth Month:** October

Facts: I was born in Michigan and moved to Florida 30 years ago. I lived in Clearwater and then moved to Sarasota for a job relocation. After moving back to Michigan for a few years, I came back to Florida and now live in Lecanto.



My career was primarily in sales. In Michigan, I **sold cars and worked as a Fleet and Lease Manager**. When I moved to Florida, I obtained both a mortgage broker and real estate salesperson license. Ultimately, I **opened a mortgage business in Sarasota and had working relationships with investor groups to whom I sold multiple properties to**.

My daughter lived in Florida and her children were born in Florida, however, **we both returned to Michigan in 2010 to care for my elderly parents** who subsequently passed away three years later. I returned to Florida, but my daughter and grandchildren chose to live in Michigan. I have always loved Citrus County, so I purchased a home here and hope that one day they will return to Florida too.

In my leisure time, I **enjoy the Tiki Bar, the gym and attend many aerobics and Zumba classes**. I have friends that I visit in Clearwater, Tampa and St. Petersburg. I have traveled to Jamaica, Cancun and also visited many beautiful areas in Canada and the United States.

I am **new to the CHWC and am hoping to become involved** in the functions and events.

Open Secret: Years ago, when I was quite young and impressionable, I worked at a high-end club. There before me was **Joe Cocker with a woman in each arm walking towards me. He looked at me and asked if I cared to join them?** Passed on the offer. I will never forget this!

Wish: With my love and fascination of the universe, **my wish would be to be a passenger on a spaceship and explore space** or even land on a planet.

Scholarship Committee News

The **Scholarship Committee** has been hard at work during the month of March, our busiest month of the year. This year we **accepted scholarship applications from all three high schools in Citrus County for the first time in the Club's history, and we were once again overjoyed to read about so many intelligent, hard-working, and accomplished young people who are planning on continuing their education at a college or university.**

So many of the applicants have **excelled academically, on the athletic fields, and in leadership roles in their respective schools and communities.** The majority are dedicated to community service and making a difference right here in Citrus County.

The **Committee met twice in March** to discuss each application thoroughly, and we are excited to **present our recommendations to the Finance Advisory Committee on April 3rd.** After that, the Finance Advisory Committee will make its recommendations to the Board, and **we will proudly introduce our winners to you on May 8th at the May Scholarship Luncheon.** This is a very special luncheon, and we encourage you to attend. **It will be a most heartwarming experience to meet this group of young people** who have already accomplished so much, and who all have hopes and aspirations that we, the Citrus Hills Women's Club, through our hard work, are able to help them achieve.

The **Scholarship Raffle has raised \$2,270.00** so far this year, collecting \$330 in donations at the March Luncheon. We once again thank you for your generous contributions.

The winner of the \$100 raffle drawing at the March Luncheon was Jane Dempsey. CONGRATULATIONS, JANE!



Committee at work (from left: Marcia Schenker, Janice Clark (standing) Jane Dempsey, Gail Bockiaro, Nanette Mitchell (standing) and Sybil Letzing. (Not pictured: Henny Feldberg on the phone!).



Pictured above are; Marcia Schenker, Jane Dempsey and Nanette Mitchell

Leave a Letter, Change a Life

We are most grateful to **Michelle Weindenbenner**, our March luncheon guest speaker. Michelle has graciously made available *Leave a Letter, Change a Life* to CHWC members who attended the March Luncheon and enjoyed her motivational presentation. If you would like to receive a PDF of this book, please reach out to [Elizabeth Lynch Gannon](mailto:elgannon1350@gmail.com) or elgannon1350@gmail.com



Community and Charity Support Citrus County

CHWC will be supporting the following Citrus County charities: **Blessings, CASA, Carter St. School, Family Resource Center, Voices for Children, Jessies Place, Senior Pet Meals, and Community Food Bank.** The eight charities will be recognized at the **April 10th** luncheon and receive their checks.

Thank you to the generosity of the members of CHWC for donating to the many club fundraisers. **Members' contributions are helping to feed, clothe, support, and raise up the low income and less fortunate** in the Citrus County community.

At the **April 10th "Spring into Action"** luncheon members will have an opportunity to meet each of the charities and learn more about how they impact Citrus County. **Stop by the Windsor Room to visit each charities' table and display.**

Bombas Socks

The **5000 pairs of socks have arrived.** Lynda Gentz is overseeing the distribution. **Socks will be given to Citrus County charities.**

Sit Upons

Candy Agnew, Mary Stansfield and Judy Stone "laced" up vinyl sit upons for the Children at Carter St. School.

Drive-Through

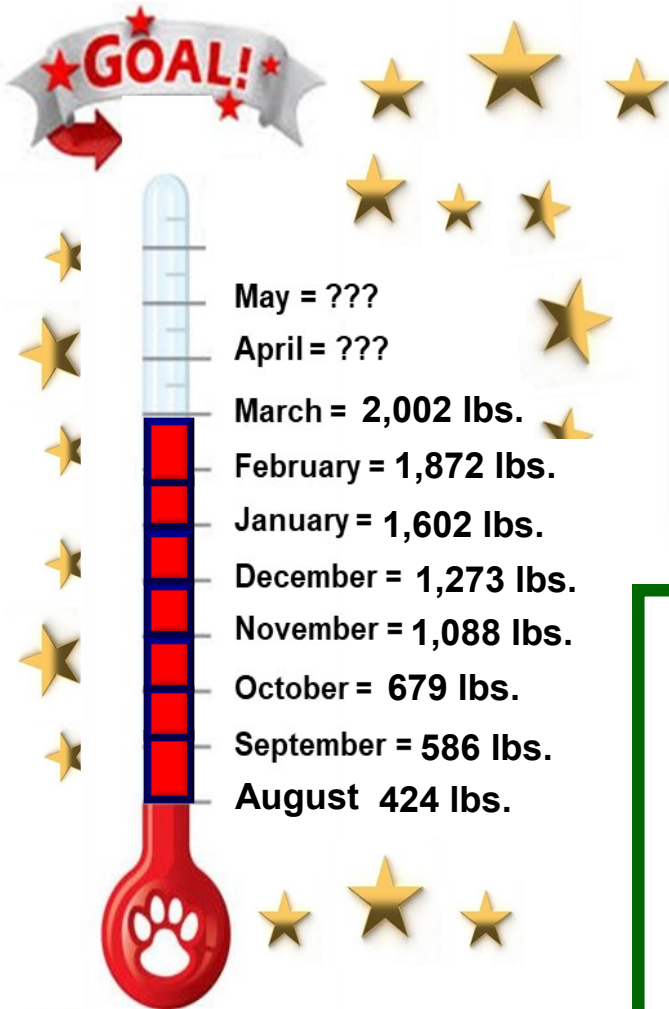
The next drive-through for collecting items for charities will be **May 27 from 9:00-10:30 a.m. at the Good Shepherd Church 439 E. Norvell Bryant Hwy.** Collections will be for non-

perishable food, unopened cat and dog food, feminine products, diapers, wipes, pots, pans, dishes, bedding, towels, and clothing.

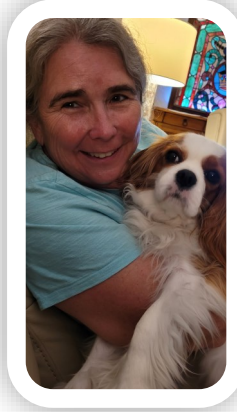
CHWC participated in the Citrus County Baby Shower held April 2, 2024.



Pets Need Our Help



Seniors would rather go hungry themselves than not feed their pet. We collected a total of 2,008 pounds of dog and cat food in 2022—2023. 130 lbs. was collected in March 2024.

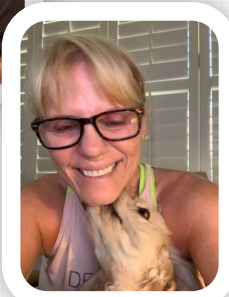


CHWC Paw Pantry Needs:

- 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

BLOOMING BUNCO BASH: A FUNDRAISING BLAST

Eighty-eight players joined the Citrus Hills Women's Club, Inc. (CHWC) at their Blooming Bunco Bash fundraiser held at the Lions Club in Beverly Hills on March 1, 2024. A total of ten lucky winners took home cash prizes for their play. Sue McAvoy led the winners with most buncos, followed by Pat Turner, (2nd) Nancy Campo, (3rd) and Susan Burns (4th). The prizes for most wins went to Chris Harvey (1st), Denise Uva (2nd) and Starr Cook (3rd). Dawn Holley scored the most buncos with Marcia Schunemann and Alice Arena following at 2nd and 3rd, respectively.

But even if the dice rolls ran cold, there were additional ways to avoid going home empty handed. Some women held winning raffle tickets for cleverly decorated cash prizes ranging from "pizza dough", money trees, a rake for "raking in the cash" as well as fine wine trios. The most popular item was a salad bowl with utensils filled with "mixed greens"! **Twenty-five fortunate ladies each won a door prize of bejeweled bee earrings crafted by the organizing committee to celebrate the springtime theme.** And, the ever popular **Share the Wealth** raffle made 6 lucky ladies very happy.

This year's annual bunco event **introduced a fun Wine Pull.** For a small donation, participants pulled a flower-topped wine cork from a small garden. The number on the bottom of the cork was matched to a gift bag so that everyone was a winner. **The committee wishes to thank the Wine Shop and Wine Bar in Crystal River for their generous support of the Wine Pull.**

From the laughter and shouts of Bunco to the smiling faces leaving the building, this years **BLOOMING BUNCO BASH** was a BLAST. Led by Sharon Davis and Mary Lou Kosty, along with the Volunteer Committee, **the 2024 Blooming' Bunco Bash, raised over \$3,000** to support the CHWC's scholarship fund and family oriented charities in Citrus County.



HAPPY EASTER



BLOOMING BUNCO BASH: A FUNDRAISING BLAST

PHOTOS—continued



*Happy
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BLOOMING BUNCO BASH: A FUNDRAISING BLAST
PHOTOS—continued



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CHWC Visits the Polo Ponies

The Citrus Hills Women's Club, along with friends, enjoyed tailgating, learning the rules of Polo, and watching the Ocala Polo Club horses and riders play at the Florida Horse Park on March 3 and 10.

Whether it was stomping divots at halftime or cheering for a favorite team, the CHWC groups enjoyed a catered lunch while watching four chucker's of polo. A representative from the Ocala Polo Club joined the groups prior to the start of play to explain scoring, officiating, and care for the horses and riders.

On both Sundays, the Florida sun was in full display along with colorful and creative clothing worn by both the ladies and gentleman of CHWC.



HAPPY EASTER



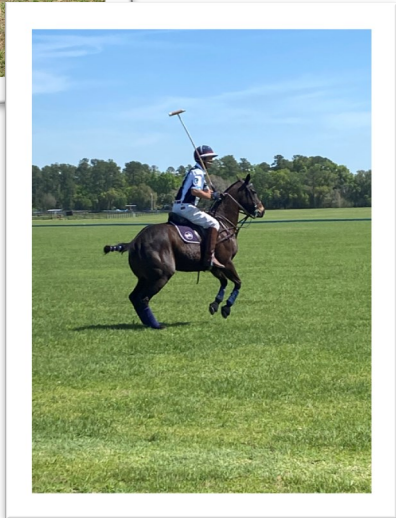
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CHWC Visits the Polo Ponies -continued-



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CHWC March Luncheon Photos



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Citrus Hills Women's Club Luncheon

April 10, 2024 - Citrus Hills Golf & Country Club, Hampton Room

Doors Open 10:30 am / Meeting and Luncheon begins 11:30 am

**Program: CHWC Volunteer Recognition Luncheon and the Awarding of Checks
to our Supported Charities**

RESERVATION DEADLINE: Noon, Monday, April 1, 2024

Luncheon Cost: \$23.00 Members, \$25.00 Guests. Includes a menu option with rolls, coffee or tea and a dessert option. Gratuity is included.

Please note the following:

- 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 - Pat Crawley, 956 W Skyview Landings Dr., Hernando, FL 34442 (Questions? Text Pat @ 484-919-1499. I will be away March 17-25, but I will be checking my texts.)
- Please indicate group or individual table seating requests, and special needs requests* on form.

Menu Options:

- A. Sausage and peppers in marinara sauce, oven roasted potatoes and vegetable of the day. Served with side salad with Ranch and Italian dressings.
- B. Duo Salad, one scoop chicken salad and one scoop tuna salad served on a bed of lettuce with tomato, cucumber, black olives, hardboiled egg and sliced onions.
- C. CHWC Salad with Tomato Bisque Soup. Salad includes mixed greens with capers, cheddar cheese, tomato, broccoli, black olives, red onion, cucumber, egg, and avocado.

Dessert Options: D. Cheesecake with strawberry glaze or E. Fruit Cup

	M or G	Name	Menu Choice	Dessert Choice	Check #	New Member? Y/N
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Form Completed By: _____ **Phone:** _____ **Amount Enclosed: \$** _____

* Luncheon attendees who require special needs seating, please note your request below. If you have special dietary needs, you **MUST** inform Pat before the deadline. No changes can be made after that date. *We look forward to seeing you!*

2024-2025 CITRUS HILLS WOMEN'S CLUB, INC. MEMBERSHIP FORM
Annual Membership Dues: \$30

Membership in the CHWC is open to women that reside within the current 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, 2024 – December 31, 2024.**

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

DIRECTORY INFORMATION (Please PRINT legibly)*

ONLY INCLUDE INFORMATION THAT CAN BE SHARED WITH MEMBERS THROUGH EMAIL OF DIRECTORY

NAME: _____ SPOUSE: _____

STREET: _____ CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

LANDLINE: _____ CELL PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

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

Would you be interested in CHAIRING a committee? Yes _____ No _____

Would you be interested in serving on a committee? Yes _____ No _____

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

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

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) nonprofit public charity.

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: CHWC, PO Box 1494, Hernando, FL 34442

For questions regarding membership, please send an email to CHWCinformation@gmail.com