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CHWC February 2024 Newsletter

Our President's Message

The new year is in full swing with lots of fun coming your way. As we celebrate ole' man Winter, **January 27**th **kicks off CHWC's winter dance fundraiser** – "**Dancing Through The Decades**" – chaired by Jan Rudin and Elizabeth D'Andrea. So, dig out your favorite outfit, put on your dancing shoes, and join the

fun twisting the night away. Don't miss the opportunity to bid in

the auction for some exciting and unique "experiences" we

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March will wrap up this year's final fundraising events with our Spring "Blooming Bunco Bash" (chaired by Sharon Davis and Mary Lou Kosty) and our ever popular Mah Jongg Tournament -"Dragons Roar", chaired by Diane Edwards. Volunteers are needed and welcomed – be a part of making a difference!

























Jan Rudin and Elizabeth D'Andrea have worked hard to bring in these fundraisers which are of paramount importance toward fulfilling our mission. Additionally, **Mary Stansfield** has planned and organized many wonderful small fun group activities.

January 24th marks the *last planned Bus Trip* to Brownwood for "Wining, Dining and Shopping." A few of the many "<u>Let's Try It Out</u>" activities coming up include a series of workshops on preparing for life's major events, VIP Polo Experience, Black Diamond Golf Scramble and much, much more.

Lastly, I want to say a few words **about the future of the club**. This year's Nominating Committee has a tremendous task to fulfill. They are in the process of identifying and assembling a Slate of Officers to fill the upcoming Officer vacancies of **President**, **1**st **Vice President**, **2nd Vice President**, **Treasurer**, **and Secretary**. Members are encouraged to self-nominate; please give this serious thought and contact Marcia Porterfield (committee chair) if you are interested. The **2024-2025 Slate of Officers will be presented at our March luncheon to the membership for consideration**. Once again, I encourage <u>YOU</u> to step forward into a leadership position and commit to making a difference! **The new CHWC year is like a blank book**, and we all hold the pen in our hands to write the next chapter. I look forward to seeing your name in the next chapter!



All my best Cheryl



Time to Elect Your Club's Leadership Team

The following positions are available and we encourage interested members to self-nominate by **contacting Marcia Porterfield** at **porter-field1921@gmail.com**.

- President (also available as a co-position)
- First Vice President (also available as a co-position)
- Second Vice President (also available as a co-position)
- Secretary (also available as a co-position)
- Treasurer (also available as a co-position)

The **slate of officer candidates** will be announced in March and nominations will also be taken from the floor at the March Luncheon.

Elections will be held at the **April Luncheon and** our new Executive Board will be **installed at the May Luncheon**.



GET CONNECTED

A message from Steve Howard, Citrus County BOCC Executive Director

"It was a pleasure speaking with you at the CHWC January Luncheon. I look forward to visiting with you in the future to provide additional updates about Citrus County's planning, growth, and overall strategic plan." Steve Howard



Mr. Howard encourages CHWC members to sign up to receive the latest updates and information from your Citrus County Board of County Commissions (BOCC). **If you would like to receive e-communications** from the BOCC, please forward your name and email address to Elizabeth Gannon **elgannon1350@gmail.com**.



CHWC Membership Committee News

Our membership year closed on December 31st and we have 372 members. We are delighted to have 57 new members that have joined our club over the past year.

Please welcome our newest members:

Kathy Brennan and Diane Boulware

Memberships for the 2024-2025 year will start on March 1, 2024. The new application will be in the March newsletter and at the March luncheon.

Thank you for being a member of the CHWC and we look forward to seeing you at the many events that are being held during the rest of the 2023-2024 year.

Dawn Holley and Debby Blackie Membership Co-Chairs



March Citrus Hills Women's Club Luncheon Speaker



Michelle Weidenbenner Chief Hope Builder Author, Speaker, Unhackable Coach and Podcaster

The Citrus Hills Women' Club is pleased to announce its **March luncheon speaker**. Our very own **Michelle Weidenbenner**, a Citrus Hills Women's Club member and resident of Bellamy Ridge, Terra Vista, will light a little fire under us with her talk, "Five Things Every Woman Should Embrace Before She Dies."

Michelle is a TEDx speaker, coach, and award-winning author of several best-selling books.

HIGHLIGHTS OF OUR MEMBERSHIP

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Name: Linda Gasko Member Since: 2021 State: New Jersey Birth Month: August

Facts: Linda was born in Atlantic City, NJ. She met her husband John in High School; she was a cheerleader, and he was a varsity football player. The HS Sweethearts married and raised two children, John and Jennifer. Linda was active in the PTA and President of Holy Spirit High School's Girls Crew Club.



Linda coached her daughters 5-8th **grade softball team** for 4 years earning 3 championships. She donated the trophies to the team sponsor, Dairy Queen, who gave the team ice cream after every win!

Linda held offices in the Ladies Auxiliary from Secretary to President. The Auxiliary raised substantial sums of money to **purchase firefighting equipment**, including new Fire engines and EMS Vehicles.

Linda worked at Atlantic Electric, a public utility covering the southern third of NJ. She retired as Manager of Real Estate and Right of Way responsible for all utility infrastructure, real property asset management, legal filings to the NJ Board of Public Utilities and securing right-of way easements.

Linda became a Licensed Real Estate Agent. She was one of a few women in South Jersey practicing Commercial, Industrial, Land Development and Residential Real Estate. Linda attended Cape Atlantic Community College earning an Associate in Applied Science, Business Management. After five years of study and experience, Linda earned her SR/WA designation (College Certifications in Real Estate Law, Engineering, Appraisal and Negotiations) with the International Right of Way Assn of North America. Linda couldn't stay retired and worked part time for several Fortune 500 companies: Tyco Int'l, Spherion and Cisco Systems.

Linda took a position with Johnson Controls Inc. and retired as US Manager of Field Licensing Compliance for three JCI companies. While at JCI, she earned her Six Sigma Green Belt, CI (Continuous Improvement) Practitioner Certification.

In 2021, Linda and her husband moved to Citrus Hills. **Linda joined CHWC in 2021-22** to meet new people and contribute to charitable causes. **Linda served one year as 2nd VP** and is looking forward to fund raising and group events with the Club.

Open Secret: Linda had three long careers in corporate management, Atlantic Electric, Cisco Systems and JCI. **Through organizational management and cost analysis she saved the companies hundreds of thousands of dollars.** Her proficiency as an efficiency expert was key to being hired full time and upper management success in three careers.

Wish: That my loved ones, family and friends, are healthy and prosperous. My gratitude to Jesus Christ for all that he has given me.

Scholarship Committee News

I was most fortunate to be able to **spend the holidays with my children and grandchildren**. We laughed a lot and had some pretty interesting and meaningful conversations in the pool and after dinner, **sipping Shirley temples and strawberry margaritas**. It was very special to spend quality time with them.

Living here in Citrus Hills, we do not have the opportunity to see children often, except if you go to Publix in the afternoon, or perhaps to get ice cream on the weekend. But there are many children living here in our county. Some of them are doing fine. Many of them are not. Because we don't see them often in our neighborhoods, we can forget about them.

Life is definitely different for the children of 2024 than it was when my children were growing up. It's different for those who are doing well and those who struggle. There are new stresses for both parents and their offspring. A significant number of families in our county are living in poverty and/or in abusive homes. Family life has changed for many, work has changed, and social media has virtually transformed the conversation between a child and his family and a child and his friends. If indeed there is any conversation!

Most of the changes for teenagers are not new. They are still physical, cognitive, and social. It is the environment we are living in, however, that has changed. Our children are living in a fast-paced, perpetually plugged in world, and this sets the tone for everything they experience. What do we want from them and how can we help them?

We want our children to **grow up to have meaningful, satisfying lives**, to have a strong work ethic and to leave our country better than they found it. We want them



Pictured: Nanette Mitchell, Claire Lindley and Marcia Schenker

to be honest, kind, empathetic, and have a sense of responsibility. And we would like them to be generous with time and possessions, and have patience, humility, and self-esteem. That is a lot! What can we do to support them?

We can support the idea that every child deserves a strong education that will prepare him or her to participate meaningfully in our society, whether it be in the trades or the professions, whether it be in supporting roles or leading roles. Even though we don't always see the children, they need us. We need to do what we can to motivate them to become productive members of our society.

Being an active and contributing member of the CHWC's scholarship efforts is one way to make a difference. We are proud to announce that we

raised \$460 in scholarship donations at the January luncheon, bringing our total donations for the club year thus far to \$1,640. We thank you for your generosity and ask that you continue to support our efforts at the upcoming fundraisers and events. Our \$100 Scholarship Raffle winner in January was Claire Lindley. Congratulations, Claire!

Marcia Schenker and Nanette Mitchell CHWC Scholarship Committee Co-Chairs

Member Support Committee News

In the past month the Committee sent cards to Annie Haas, Mary Stansfield, Jean Petruska, and Del Gillespie's husband Charley. A sympathy card was also sent to Lorraine Snyder in memory of her husband Jerry. A memorial donation was made in his name to the American Kidney Fund.

If you know of someone who needs a bit of sunshine whether it is a card or a call, please 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 a clipboard where members can write down the name of someone who needs a card or call. That is another way you can let the member support team know that someone needs a bit of sunshine.

At the January luncheon **Bette June Egan shared "The Prayer of Peace"** written by Helen Steiner Rice from <u>The Poems and Prayers of Helen Steiner Rice.</u> Thank you Bette June for sharing these words of inspiration with us. They are much appreciated.



Community and Charity Supports Citrus County

Drive Through

Wednesday January 24th Drive Through at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church on Norvell Bryant. CHWC is collecting non-perishable food, unopened cat and dog food, clothing,

household goods, personal items for women and children. Items will be distributed to the Family Resource Center, Pet Meals (supplement to Meals on Wheels) for Seniors and CASA (abuse shelter).



Wanted

Coordinator for the reading program at Carter Street School.

1-2 hours per month, book selection, reading ability, organize readers, and enjoy the little ones! Contact Judy Stone if interested at: 734-347-1001 or





Pets Need Your Help



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

May = ???April = ??? March = ??? February = ??? January = 1,602 lbs.December = 1,273 lbs. November = 1,088 lbs. October = 679 lbs. September = 586 lbs. August = 424 lbs.

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



Pets are often the only consistent companion many seniors have and are often considered part of the family. Seniors would rather go hungry themselves than not feed their pet. Pet Meals is supplemental to Meals on Wheels. Pet food is not guaranteed, and seniors rely on the generosity of the community.

By donating monthly to the CHWC Paw Pantry program, we can make a difference in the lives of over 125 seniors with pets. We collected a total of 2,008 pounds of dog and cat food in 2022—2023. 329 lbs. was collected in January 2024.



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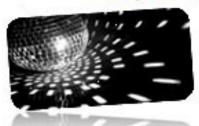


CHWC Winter Dinner Dance



Saturday, January 27, 2024

Hampton Room at Citrus Hills Golf & Country Club



\$65.00 per person 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm Music by DJTECHNIQ



Buffet Menu

Bourbon Salmon, Thinly Sliced Prime Rib, Chicken Piccata, Bowl of Garden Salad, Fresh Fruit Bowl, Au Gratin Potatoes, Rice Pilaf, Glazed Baby Carrots, Rolls, Carrot Cake, Coffee & Tea

Reserve as an individual, couple or a complete table for 8. More than 8 can be accommodated by request. Please be sure to have all names, phone #, check #, date and email on the Registration Form below. If you want to sit with a specific couple or individual, please sign up on the same form. There are two ways to register: Place your form with your check (no cash) made payable to CHWC(Dinner Dance in Memolline) in the CHWC Drop Box at the Citrus Hills Pro Shop, or mail to Diane Edwards, 4195 N. Monadnock Rd. Hernando, FL 34442. Limited Seating — Reserve your table E ARLY:

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MORE 2023-2024 CHWC FUNDRAISERS

Feb 14, 2024 Luncheon



Mark your calendars for the most anticipated luncheon of the year - the CHWC Fashion Show, "Stepping into Fashion"! This will be an exciting afternoon of style, elegance, and camaraderie as we showcase Wisteria's stunning new spring fashion line-up. Prepare to be inspired as our very own talented Citrus Hills Women's Club members take center stage as models. This will be a delightful display of fashion trends that will leave you eager to revamp your wardrobe. Chairs: Del Gillispie 219-730-0871, Debby Blackie 219-871-9561 & Myrta Keelan 231-499-5616. Want to attend? This is a member's only luncheon – be sure to sign-up for the February Luncheon.

Mar 1, 2024

Celebrate the return of Spring to Citrus at the Blooming Bunco Bash. Bunco is easy to learn, and players (first timers, newbies, and lovers of the game) will toss the dice at the Beverly Hills Lions Club. Registration is open to public. Ticket sales open at the January luncheon. Mail checks made out to "CHWC" and contact info to 1989 N Rose Hue Path, Hernando, Fl. 34442. Registration is confirmed upon receipt of check. Chairs: Mary Lou Kosty 978-590-3630 & Sharon Davis 408-390-9527.

March 22, 2024





Plan to compete in the CHWC Dragons Roar Spring Mah Jongg Tournament; come get in the experience of the 2024 Year of the Dragon. This is always a fun event in the Citrus Hills Country Club Hampton and Windsor Room. Prizes, auctions, and a surprise await the adventurous Mah Jongg Player! The committee is forming NOW – please contact the Committee Chair Diane Edwards 860-424-2330. We look forward to working and playing together and Watch Out – those dragons will be in the room!

CANCELLED

April 12, 2024

CHWC Spring Golf Tournament.

















Special Invitation from the Fashion Show

Chair & Co-Chairs

Prepare yourselves for the **most anticipated Fashion Show of the year!** This promises to be a fresh, new, epic, and out-of-the-box experience. Don't miss the highlight of the event, "Take me Back in Time," where we'll rewind the clock with fashions from 2015 to the present. Revamp your Valentine's Day plans now and secure your spot for the February luncheon by **dressing in pink or red attire – all attendees are encouraged to wear our themed colors**.

The theme for 2024 is "Stepping into Fashion," showcasing several of our club's talented models presenting Wisteria's Spring clothing fashions. The event kicks off at 10 a.m., featuring Runway Raffle Sales, Silent Auction Sales, Door Prizes, Designer Money Trees, and Centerpiece Sales, ensuring there's something for everyone. Please bring your cash, credit cards, and checkbooks to actively participate in this fundraiser.

We eagerly anticipate your presence on Wednesday, February 14, 2024. Doors open at 10 a.m. The business meeting will begin 15 minutes early, starting at 11:15 a.m.

Looking forward to a stylish and memorable event!

Warm regards,

Del Gillispie Chair, Citrus Hills Women's Club Fashion Show 2024 and Co-chairs: Myrta Keelan and Debby Blackie





Annual Fashion Show February 14, 2024 Luncheon Stepping into Fashion!



PHOTO OPS

GIFT BASKETS

RAFFLES

VALENTINE CARDS



TABLE CENTER
PIECES

LOTTO TREES

DOOR PRIZES

Our members will stroll down the runway in fabulous out fits
and accessories from:



Chair. Del Gillispie 219-730-0871 Debby Blackje 219-871-9561 Myrta Keelan 231-499-5616

And their creative committee are delighted to host this luncheon of the year!

Attendees are asked to wear red or pink!

Members Only Luncheon and Fashion Show

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Welcome Springtime back to Citrus County!!!!

Citrus Hills Women's Club (CHWC), Inc. "BLOOMING BUNCO BASH" TOURNAMENT FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 2024



Join us in a FUNdraiser hosted by the CHWC

Profits from this fundraiser benefit our scholarship fund and our designated local charities.

Bring your friends and plan to have fun, laugh and maybe ... win some prizes !!!

Beverly Hills Lions Club 72 Civic Circle Beverly Hills

1:00 PM - 4:30 PM doors open at 12:30 PM suggested donation: \$25 per person

Cash prizes, raffle items, Share the Wealth

Register at the CHWC monthly luncheons.

*Walk in registration welcome at the door pending seat availability

Questions or need more information? Mary Lou Kosty 978-590-3630 Sharon Davis 408-390-9527





Dragons Roar Mah Jongg Tournament

Cash Prizes for Top Winners

Friday, March 22

9:30am - 3:30pm

Hampton Room, Citrus Hills Golf & Country Club

Deadline for registration is March 10, 2024

Sign in is 8:30-9:15. Play begins at 9:30 SHARP
Purchase your tickets for the gift raffle and Share the
Wealth raffle. Silent Auctions will also be available.

Please complete the form below. There are three ways to register: Place the form with your check (NO CASH) made payable to CHWC in the CHWC Drop Box at the Citrus Hills Pro Shop, bring it to the CHWC luncheon, or mail it to:

Diane Edwards 4195 N. Monadnock Hernando, FL 34442.

Cost \$35 per player which includes lunch of tomato bisque soup, croissant with ½ chicken salad and ½ egg salad and cookies. Coffee, tea and iced tea served with lunch and during play. A cash wine bar will be open 11:30 AM – 2:00 PM.

If you or someone at your table has special dietary needs, please contact Chair Diane Edwards 860-424-2330.

All skill levels are welcome – beginners, intermediate and advanced. Invite your neighbors and friends to join us for this wonderful and fun event. Sign up as a team of four or we can make a team for you. Please include an email for ONE designated person to receive any additional information if needed.

Enclose all checks with ONE registration form per team/individual.

Players Name	Phone #	Check #	Date	Can You Bring a Card Table? (yes or no)
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Designated E-mail Address				
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ESTATE PLANNING 101 FOR WOMEN

A lot can hang in the balance when life hits you with the unexpected and you're feeling overwhelmed.



How prepared are you?

Presenting......

PLANNING AHEAD

- CHWC is sponsoring interactive ESTATE
PLANNING workshops to help you
understand and gather the information
you'll need to understand critical legal
and financial questions and decisions you
may have to make.

Financial Aspects of Estate Planning Monday February 5 2:00-4:00 pm	*Jim McLaughlin SVP Investments—Raymond James
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Legal Aspects of Estate Planning	*John Clardy III, Esq.
Monday February 19 10:00—11:30 am	Board Certified Elder Law Attorney

Disclaimer: These workshops will not be selling any products or services.

Register at the luncheon or drop your registration at the Pro Shop. Questions? – Contact Mary Stansfield – mstansfield60@gmail.com or 478-696-3186.

Name:	Email:	Mobile:
If you have a question for	the workshop leader, please include it	with your registration:



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BLACK DIAMOND FUN GOLF SCRAMBLE



Play the Quarry Holes

- Monday, March 18
- Tee Off 9:30
- 9 Holes including 5 quarry holes
- Fun scramble (only keep score if you want to)

\$97.00 pp

REGISTRATION OPENS @ DECEMBER LUNCHEON

Includes greens fee, cart, and lunch **Special prize drawings**

To register: To register, complete the form below and submit with your check. If you are signing up with additional players, all their information and checks must be received at registration. No spots will be held pending payment. You may register as a foursome, a twosome, or an individual.

Checks should be made out to CHWC. You may place your form and check in an envelope labeled CHWC-Black Diamond (NO CASH) in the CHWC box at the Citrus Hills Pro Shop. Registrations left in the CHWC box will not be opened until after the December luncheon.

Questions? - Contact Mickey Johnston 352-270-3618 or mickbob111@aol.com

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Handicaps are not required as the scramble will not be scored.





























































Citrus Hills Women's Club Luncheon

February 14, 2024 - Citrus Hills Golf & Country Club, Hampton Room Doors Open 10:00 am / Meeting and Luncheon begins 11:15 am Annual Fashion Show "Stepping into Fashion"

RESERVATION DEADLINE: Noon, Monday, February 5, 2024

Luncheon Cost: \$35.00 Members only event. 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? Call Pat @ 484-919-1499)
- Please indicate group or individual table seating requests, and special needs requests* on form.
- Reminder 2/14 is Ash Wednesday for those who observe, there are 2 non-meat options.

Menu Options:

Tossed salad with Ranch and Italian Dressings, green beans almondine, and Wild Rice blend served with hot entrees.

- A. Sliced London Broil with mushroom sauce.
- B. Bourbon Salmon
- 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. Chocolate Overload Cake or E. Fruit Cup

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