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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



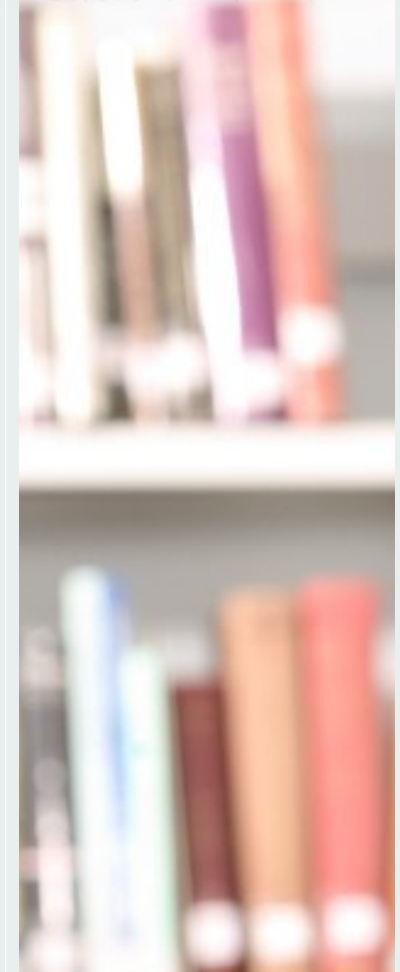
Welcome to summer and the new year for the Citrus Hills Women's Club. I was going to use this opportunity to introduce myself to the membership, but then I realized that a fair number of you already know me. I was President from 2020 to 2022 and more recently 2nd Vice President in charge of planning the menus for our luncheons, taking reservations, and completing the table assignments.

I agreed to take on Co-President this year to assist our newer members in taking on the Club's leadership. I will be working with Diane Trowbridge for 2024-2025 and then stepping away. Diane will stay on as Co-President, mentoring her successor. It is the plan to continue this process of Co-Presidents, one experienced and the other learning the ropes.

So, for those of you who do not know her, let me introduce you to Diane Trowbridge. Diane has been a member of CHWC since 2018 and lives in Terra Vista. She moved here with her husband, David, who has sadly since passed away. She has four adult children who she adopted as babies, and she was a single mother. I told her that I was envious that she has a daughter and grandchildren who live here in Citrus County. (I wish that Marcus and Lillian, my grandchildren lived close by). Some of you know Diane from the Lunch Bunch that she chaired this past year. She also took the reins of the Bake Sale as a part of Marketplace at last November's luncheon. Diane is also very active in her Church, St. Scholastica in Lecanto, where she spends many hours as a volunteer.

Diane tells me she is excited to join the Elected Board and together with our entire Board guide the Club to another successful year. We will be working over the summer planning activities, fund raising events, luncheons, and perhaps a few new surprises. Mark your calendar, our first luncheon is scheduled for Wednesday, September 11th in the Hampton Room. Happy Summer!!

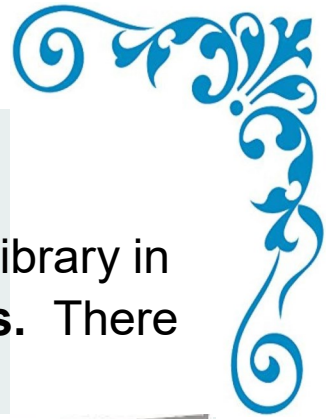
Pat and Diane



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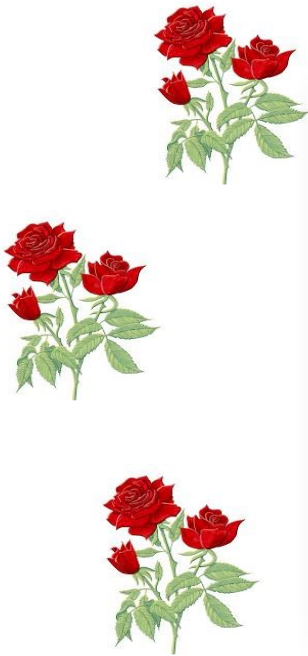


Remembering Margaret Roberts

Our CHWC Book Club made a donation to the public library in memory of our **long time member, Margaret Roberts**. There will be 5 books purchased with a plaque inside the books noting that these books are in her memory.



CHWC ELECTED BOARD FOR 2024 - 2025



Shown above is the 2024—2025 elected CHWC Board. From left to right: Marta Iler, Gail Bockiaro, Debby Blackie, Diane Edwards, Del Gillespie, Pat Crawley, Deborah St. Martin and Barbara Pankosky.

Not pictured: Diane Trowbridge .



JUNE
please be legendary!

HIGHLIGHTS OF OUR MEMBERSHIP

The CHWC would like to thank **Dalia Halpern** for creating and writing “**In the Spotlight**” for 5 years. Dalia’s articles every month presented the membership with women who were new to the CHWC or members who have been with us for 25 plus years. We learned where these women were from, what they did in their **professional lives, their wishes for the future and most noteworthy their fascinating and unique experiences.**

If there is a CHWC member who would like to take over this position, please contact Marta Iler at iler008@aol.com.



**Thank you Dalia
for a job well done!**



HIGHLIGHTS OF OUR MEMBERSHIP



By Dalia Halpern

Name: Valerie Hotzfeld **Member Since:** 2023

State: Wisconsin **Birth Month:** October

Facts: I was born and raised in Wisconsin. I graduated from the University of Wisconsin with a **degree in accounting and a minor in computers**. I began working in finance with an insurance agency. A few years into the job in 1989, I figured I could do the same thing and **started my own Insurance agency and Finance company in Forest Park, IL**. I like to think that I was successful in **pioneering women-**

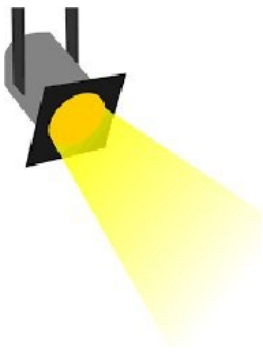
owned businesses in the insurance industry. I sold the business after almost 10 years. I wanted to try something fun and stress-free, so I took on a **job as a stretch limousine driver in Chicago**. This job was anything but dull. I got to meet many VIPs.

After a few years, I decided to go back to corporate America and took a job with Incredible Technologies, a video game manufacturer. My interest in golf started there, **playing Golden Tee Golf. This was a coin-operated video console** where you could experience the game by playing and competing with others from around the world. At one point I was ranked as **one of the top 5 women Golden Tee golfers in the world**. My children loved coming to work on their days off from school because they could play all kinds of video games for free. I also worked for a high-performance sailboat manufacturer. This is where I learned **to sail and ice boat. Ice-boating is sailing on frozen lakes** where you can exceed speeds of 100 mph. When I remarried, I moved to Central Illinois. I tried to find an accounting position with a manufacturing firm. While unsuccessful in my hunt, I kept hearing an ad for a DJ at the local radio station. **I applied and became the morning DJ at WGFA;** (W)orlds (G)reatest (F)arming (A)rea. I could only squeeze about 5 or 6 songs in an hour as I was busy giving out rain gauge reports, soil temperature readings, Farmer's Almanac reports etc.

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HIGHLIGHTS OF OUR MEMBERSHIP



in the spotlight

I met my 2nd husband, Jerry, on the air through ham radio. I was asked to co-host a weekly show called Ham Nation. I also got involved in the public service aspect of ham radio via emergency communications. In 2017 when hurricane Maria struck Puerto Rico, I along with 19 other hams were selected out of hundreds of volunteers to provide emergency communication under the auspices of the Red Cross. **We were on the first plane into Puerto Rico after the hurricane. When we arrived, we were the only island-wide communication on the island.** Our services were in high demand. I was stationed at the emergency operations center in San Juan with all the other disaster agency heads. The other 19 (male) hams were scattered throughout the island at various hospitals still in operation and the dam that was in fear of breaching. They would call me on the **ham radio for evacuations, oxygen tanks, medicine, and other emergency needs.** I would run around and find the agency that could get them what they needed.

A month before hurricane Maria, my son and I traveled to Texas to rescue drowning dogs and cats from the devastating floods from hurricane Harvey. Because of all my public service in the hobby, **I won HAM of the year in 2018.** I was in the company of prior nominees and **award winners like Walter Cronkite, Nobel prize laureates and astronauts.** My call sign is NV9L.

We love Florida and purchased our second home in Presidential Estates, but we're not quite ready for retirement. We still own an 80-acre farm in Illinois that produces corn, soybeans, and alfalfa...and live there during the summer months. When I am here, I play golf, and have many varied interests. **I've taken 2 kitchens and 3 bathrooms to the studs and fully remodeled them. The hardest part of remodeling right now is that my mind still thinks I'm young, but my body keeps telling me otherwise.** I also love to cook and bake. One of my newest passions is art. I enjoy tapping into my creative side, especially after being in insurance and accounting for 40 plus years. **I am pictured with my newest project where I created a piece of art as my sliding door to our bathroom...after installing a header above.**

Open Secret: My first marriage was to a professional guitar player. **He gave me 2 beautiful children.** His band was on Atlantic records and made the billboard charts back in the 80s. They opened for many famous bands and musicians. It was fun touring and hanging out with the likes of **Lynyrd Skynyrd, The Bangles, Peter Frampton, Joan Jett, Cheap Trick,** and so many others.

Wish: Grandchildren....I can't wait to have grandchildren.

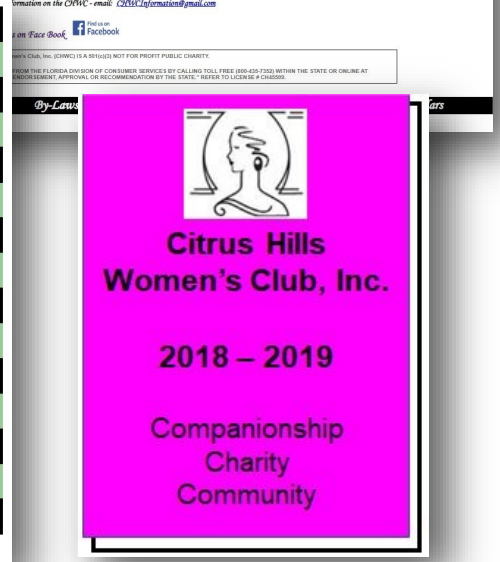
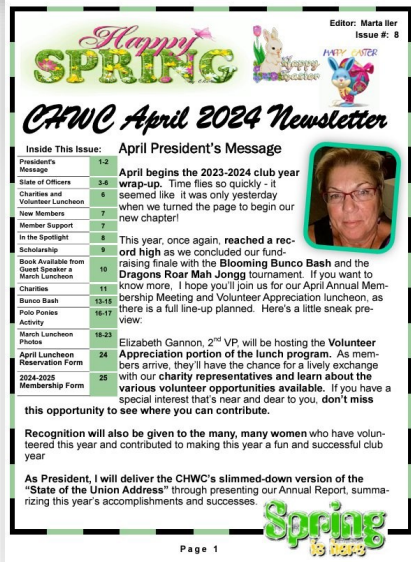
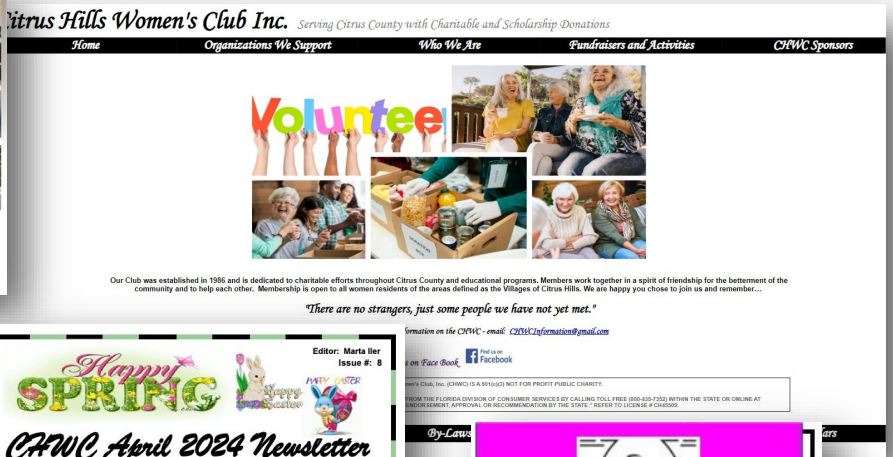


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VEHICLES FOR COMMUNICATIONS TO THE CHWC

The CHWC has 5 channels to pass information to our members:

- ◆ Face Book **Currently down.**
- ◆ CHWC Web Site <https://www.citrushillswomensclub.org/>
- ◆ CHWC Monthly Newsletters https://www.citrushillswomensclub.org/citrus_hills_women_newsletters-2023-2024-DESKTOP-J6OJ8NS.htm
- ◆ CHWC eBlasts — emailed directly to each member
- ◆ CHWC Membership Directory



Contact any Board member if you are not getting information about your club's activities, fundraisers, current luncheon forms and membership form or email concerns to:

CHWCInformation@gmail.com

Member Support News

In recent weeks cards have been sent to Debby Blackie, Bill Haas (Annie), Marcia and Stan Schenker, Bob Stone (Judy) and Sue So on the passing of her son. At the May luncheon, **Bette June Egan shared “A Mother’s Love” by Helen Steiner from The Poems and Prayers of Helen Steiner Rice.**

A big Thank You to Bette June Egan for the inspirational and uplifting reading she has done at all of our luncheons. Also, a big Thank You is given to **Alene Bosquet and Judi Snyder** for chairing the Share the Wealth committee this year. Thanks to all the members who helped with Share the Wealth ticket sales at the luncheons.

Over the summer if you know of someone who is ill, hospitalized or maybe just needs a little cheer please contact **Pam Brink at (352) 513-4120** or pambrink49@gmail.com or **Marcia Porterfield at (734) 223-2026** or porterfield1921@gmail.com. We appreciate **all communications** that help us support our members.



CHWC Distributes Bombas Socks

Nearly 5000 pairs of Bombas socks have been distributed to charities in Citrus County. **Thank you to Lynda Gentz for overseeing this very worthwhile project.**

The following organizations have received the socks:

- Carter School 189 pairs
- CASA 550 pairs
- Spencer’s Closet 125 pairs
- Daystar 700 pairs
- Voices for Children 1000 pairs
- Blessings 250 pairs
- Family Resource Center 750 pairs
- Community Food Bank 500 pairs



CHWC Welcomes New Members

Our 2023-2024 membership year is coming to an end. We have 374 members this year which includes 57 new members for the 2023-2024 year. Our most current new members for the coming year are:

Becky Thurn, Susan Hessemer and Enid Pierson.



Membership renewals for 2024-2025 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.

Your new Membership Co-Chairs for the 2024-2025 year are Clare Fennesy and Dee Chaffier.

Debby Blackie and Dawn Holley

Membership Co Chairs for 2023—2024

“Tell me and I forget, teach me and I may remember, involve me and I learn.”— Benjamin Franklin

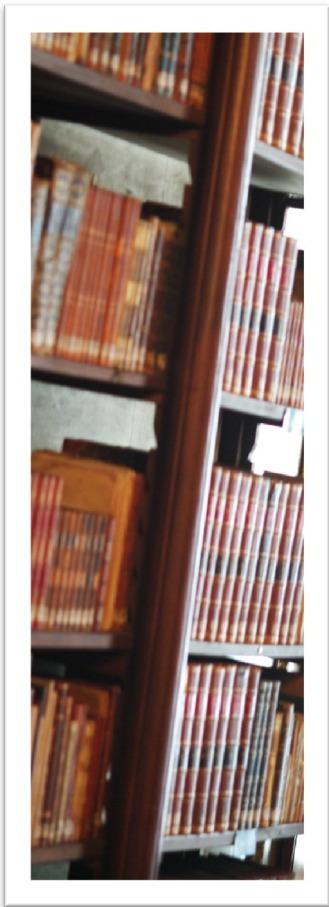
Scholarship Committee News

The members of the **Scholarship Committee** are pleased to share with you the names of the **2024 local high school scholarship winners** and a little information about who they are and their plans for next year. We were so happy to introduce these young scholars to the membership at our May 8th Luncheon, and also to include, **for the first time, award winners from Crystal River High School.**

This year's outstanding winners were **chosen on the basis of their exceptional academic achievement, leadership, and community service.** Each of these students is extraordinary in his/her own individual way, finished high school at the top of their senior class, and is most worthy of our support. **Many had a unique personal story to tell.** A large percentage of these young people are AP Scholars, IB Diploma recipients, and have already earned an impressive number of college credits at the College of Central Florida. They have been on the move and working hard! **We are proud to award these 20 students a scholarship of \$1500 each to help them begin their formal college careers.**

This would not be possible without the hard work of our President, Cheryl Ringel, our Board of Directors, and of course the numerous members who worked hard to both organize and participate in the many fundraising events that took place this year. **It was a banner year, and it was you, our membership, who made it happen. Thanks to all!**

We wish all of the young people the best of luck as they begin their journeys into adulthood and feel confident that each one of this accomplished group will make us proud as they pursue their goals to become productive and contributing members of society.



Charmaine, Marcia and Nanette are pictured above

Congratulations to Charmaine Jagodinsky, our \$100 Scholarship Raffle Winner for the month of May! And to all of you who supported us, remember, next year, you too can be a winner!

HIGHLIGHTS OF OUR MEMBERSHIP

Crystal River High School *Scholarship Graduates*



Savannah Lewis



Having already earned 39 credits in the Dual Enrollment program, Savannah plans to complete her associate degree at the **College of Central Florida** before transferring to the **University of Florida in Gainesville** as a **Political Science** major. She is presently serving as an Intern at the **Citrus County Chamber of Commerce**, getting real life experience in event planning and public relations work. **Savannah has been involved in the world of dance for the past 14 years**, and is now not only an accomplished competitive performer, but has also **contributed her skills as a choreographer to the CRHS theater program**. Savannah has participated in Student Government and is on the Executive Board as the Historian. **She is in the National Honor Society and on the Academic Team and works on the technology team in the theater department.** As a junior, she was chosen to represent CRHS at Girls' State and spoke in front of more than 300 people to present a bill on child support rights. Additionally, Savannah has worked part-time for the past 3 years. Her theater director told us this about this multi-talented student: ***"I am fortunate to have had Savannah as a member of my Thespian Troupe and as Co-Choreographer. She is a servant leader. She not only delegates but is also down in the trenches ensuring that everything gets done. She is an excellent leader and has a personality that helps others feel comfortable and trust her."***

Michael is a well-known face around CRHS, **serving as President of his class as well as President of the CCSB Superintendent's Council.** Michael's counselor told us this about him: ***"He is focused, goal-oriented and strives for excellence in his academic pursuits. He has demonstrated exceptional leadership skills, is well-liked and respected by both the faculty and his peers. His teachers characterize him as possessing excellent academic motivation, self-discipline, responsibility, personal initiative, and growth potential."*** In addition to holding 2 part-time jobs since 2022, Michael **ranks in the top 6% of his class, has been in Honors and Advanced Placement classes, and has also earned 21 college credits in the Dual Enrollment Program.** He serves on the Florida High School Athletic Association Student-Athlete Advisory, one of only 16 student athletes in the state of Florida chosen to be on this committee. He is also on the School Advisory Enhancement Council, LINK Crew, played basketball for two years, and **was the 2023 team captain of the CRHS Varsity Baseball team.** Michael is a prime example of an accomplished scholar-athlete whose leadership skills will surely take him far!



Michael Miller

HIGHLIGHTS OF OUR MEMBERSHIP

Crystal River High School Scholarship Graduates



Aida Canetti



Aida has been a whirlwind of activity during her high school years, strongly motivated to achieve her goals, now and in the future. She has worked 3 jobs while attending school, **achieved the ranking of #4 in her high school class, and is enrolled in the College of Central Florida's EMT program.** Last year Aida was chosen as one of the American Legion's representatives to Girls State, a testament to her exemplary character and academic aptitude, for, as one of her teachers told us, **"...only young women with outstanding qualities of leadership, character, scholarship and service to their schools are chosen."** She has also earned 280 hours of community service hours, is **President of the Key Club, and is an AP Scholar with Distinction, in addition to being named a Horatio Alger State Scholar.** Aida is the **Soccer Team Captain, Captain of the Cross-Country team, and Captain of the Academic Team as well.** Although Aida's accomplishments could fill pages, the words of one of the high school Coordinators brought her to life for our committee: **"Miss Canetti is a shining example of students that have overcome obstacles in their own lives beyond their control – truly having to deal with things no young person should have to endure, but you would truly never know it. Miss Canetti not only has a positive attitude; she is often also the first one to jump in and help when anyone needs it. Her strong character and kind heart is beyond measure."** Aida will be attending the University of Florida in Gainesville in the Bio-Medical Engineering program.

Paige is an accomplished scholar-athlete, serving as **Captain of the Varsity Soccer, Golf and Flag Football teams.** She was also a member of the **Cross-country team, the National Honor Society, Phi Theta Kappa, Interact Club, Link Crew, and the Crystal River High Health Occupations Students of America.** Paige participated in several Science and Engineering Fairs, receiving a 1st place award in both Environmental Science and Animal Sciences. **Having already earned 30 college credits through the Dual Enrollment program, Paige plans to attend Santa Fe College in Gainesville next year to complete her associate degree, and then transfer to the University of Florida for a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration.** One of her teachers described Paige to us, saying, **"As a person, Paige is the kindest and most sincere human being I have ever had the pleasure of knowing. Her hard work, determination and focus are equally amazing. She is talented, caring, intuitive, dedicated to her pursuits. She has an exceptional work ethic, always going the extra mile. She is truly a standout individual..."**



Paige Woodhouse

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Crystal River High School *Scholarship Graduates*



Rylee Elwell



One of the coaches at Crystal River High School wrote this about Rylee:” ***she is quite possibly the most intelligent, reliable, honest, and genuine person I have ever had the privilege of teaching and coaching.***” Rylee is a four-sport athlete who holds a **4.79 weighted average**. She was **Captain of the Girls Tennis team senior year, having played Varsity Tennis all 4 years, in addition to playing soccer, golf, and running Cross-Country.** Rylee was chosen as a **Girls State representative, with the position of Director of Public Works as well as state representative.** She is **Vice-President of the National Honor Society and the Character committee Chair,** as well as being a member of Youth Leadership Citrus, Key Club and Teen Town Hall. Rylee also has found time to hold down a part-time job since 2021. Her manager at work told us: **“Rylee has a great attitude that positively boosts everyone’s mood around her every single shift. She truly makes the long days go faster. I can always count on her to complete difficult or tiring tasks with a smile and to lend a hand before we even realize we need it. She is reliable, puts in 110% effort into every single task. I could not be prouder of all she has accomplished here at work and at school.”** Rylee will be attending the University of Florida at Gainesville as a Biology major, hoping to become either a **secondary school teacher or a companion animal veterinarian.**

“Education is the ability to listen to almost anything without losing your temper or your self-confidence.”— Robert Frost



Citrus High School

Scholarship Graduates



La'Nya Solomon



The wonderful and unique voice you heard **sing the national anthem at our May luncheon** belonged to La'Nya. She will be **attending Valdosta State University in Valdosta, Georgia this fall**, and plans to major in psychology. Her Choral Director wrote to us: ***“La'Nya will be leaving a huge hole to fill in our program when she graduates this year. I only hope there will be someone as dedicated, hard-working, and kind as she is to take her place.”*** Her teachers told us about her strong work ethic and her time-management skills, allowing her to do **well with both her academic and extra-curricular commitments**. La'Nya has been an active member of the theater and choral programs at CHS, has served as Company Manager, performed in many plays, was chosen **Best Actress in a Musical**, **attended the week-long Thespian State Festival in Tampa**, and received numerous other accolades for her performances, both vocal and theatrical. She served as the Tech master in the Vocal/Ensemble program and received an Outstanding Leadership Award. **La'Nya earned Superior awards in ensemble performances with solo pieces** as well as ensembles. One of her teachers wrote: ***“Her musical and theater skills have claimed for her a place among the elite in our school's history.”***

“Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever.”
Mahatma Gandhi

Lara and her twin sister, Sharon, will be the **first generation in their family to attend college**, and she told us that she credits her family and her culture with giving her the necessary motivation and influencing her to be a high achiever. Speaking of her parents, she says: ***“They both worked incredibly hard so that I could have opportunities to be successful and their perseverance and determination inspires me to work hard as well. The example my parents have set made me a person who is willing to accomplish goals even in the face of trying obstacles.”*** Lara has completed extensive AP course work and is a **candidate for the coveted AP Capstone Diploma**. She has earned 305 community service hours, working extensively at the Lakes Region Library in Inverness, as well as **being President of Helping Hands, Vice-President of the Interact Club, Treasurer of the Key Club, a Youth Leader in the YMCA Youth Leadership Club, and a member of the Varsity Cheerleading squad**, to name only a few of her leadership activities. Lara will be attending Florida State University in the fall, majoring in Biology, with plans to work in the medical field.



Lara Esteche



Citrus High School Scholarship Graduates



Sharon Esteche

One of Sharon’s AP teachers wrote the following impressive thoughts about her: **“Nelson Mandela once quipped that “...as we let our light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same.” If that is the case, Sharon Esteche may well need to pass out sunglasses to our community. Her tireless citizenship and high personal standards serve as a powerful illustration that our future is in great hands. Her devotion to service, leadership contributions and dogged determination place her in a unique and prestigious echelon.”** Sharon is graduating in the top 10% of her class and is working on successful completion of her AP Research to earn her AP Capstone diploma before beginning her college studies in **Chemistry at Florida State University.** She has been a whirlwind of activity, serving as senior class representative to the Citrus Literacy Leadership, senior class representative to the **Code of Conduct committee**, a 3-year member of the Cheerleading squad and alternate Captain, member of the Varsity Tennis team, President of CHS Interact Club, Senior class Vice-President, Helping Hands

“I am still learning.”—Michelangelo

In the fall, Cortlyn will be studying **medical sonography** at the College of Central Florida, building on the 15 credits she has earned there while in high school. She then plans to transfer to Florida Atlantic University for a **degree in Health Sciences.** She is graduating in the **top 10% of her class, summa cum laude,** and has earned over 140 hours of community service. Cortlyn has served as **President of the Key Club for the past two years and as President of the Superintendent’s Advisory Council.** Additionally, she participated in the Interact Club, the Student Code of Conduct Committee, and she was a founding member of the Hope Ambassadors Club. In addition to Girls Weightlifting, Cortlyn is a competitive volleyball player, having played since she was 10 years old. She was team Captain, and among many other awards, Cortlyn was named a **Scholar Athlete and Offensive Player of the Year.** One of her Honors teachers told us about Cortlyn: **“Aside from her academic achievements, Cortlyn is a person of high moral character. She exhibits remarkable integrity, empathy, and a strong sense of responsibility. I have witnessed her acting as a positive role model and offering support to her peers when needed. She is an active listener and an effective communicator, which has been instrumental in fostering positive relationships with both teachers and fellow students.”**



Cortlyn McClain

Lecanto High School

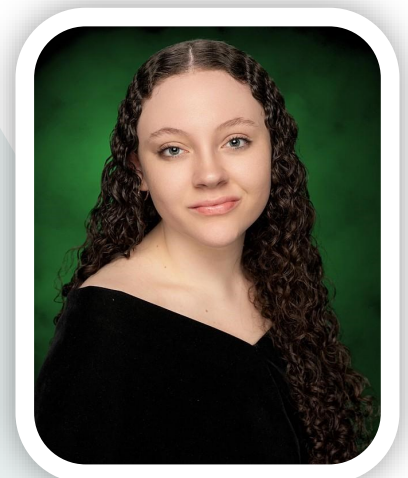


Gabrielle Sanchez

Gabrielle's goal for her future is to attend the University of Central Florida in the fall, major in **Kinesiology and become a chiropractor**. She is graduating with honors from LHS and has also been a **full time Dual Enrollment student at the College of Central Florida**, earning 54 college credits to date! Heavily involved in extra-curricular activities while maintaining her strenuous academic load, **Gabrielle served as Senior Class President, student representative to the School Advisory council, and member of numerous service clubs as well as National Honor Society. She has played competitive soccer for ten years**, and was named Rookie of the Year, District Champion and received All State recognition. She is known to be a terrific team player in all areas of her life. One of her teachers told us ***"Gabrielle is articulate, intelligent, driven and dependable, well-respected by teachers, peers and teammates alike...a young lady of integrity and intellectual curiosity."***



Sasha is headed to the **University of Florida in Gainesville this fall, and plans on majoring in Business Management and Administration**. As an IB Diploma candidate, she is graduating with the highest honors. One of her teachers described her as possessing ***"a never say never attitude."*** He added, ***"Her ability to always remain positive, her dedication, diligence and integrity will be great assets for her in the future."*** Sasha has participated in a rigorous community service outreach program, having served as **Lieutenant Governor for Division 8 (11 area high schools) for Key Club International**. She is also Vice-President of Med-share, was a volunteer at Citrus Springs Memorial and was **Manager of the Lecanto football team** for two years, putting in over 200 hours of service. **Her community service hours totaled 384!**



Sasha Drawdy

Lecanto High School



Jacob Siegendorf

In the fall, Jacob will be attending the University of Central Florida and majoring in Biology. He has begun developing his skills in this academic area already, as a **Research Assistant at the College of Central Florida**, where he has organized data within Citrus County for the Biodiversity Project. He also received a 2nd place prize for Molecular biology/ Biochemistry at the Regional Science Fair and is a member of **both the National Science Honor Society and the National Science Honors Society Association**. Jacob was also a top 5 player on the LHS Golf Team, a member of Model UN, Link Crew, and Student Government. One of Jacob's IB teachers told us this about him: ***“Jacob’s influence as a silent leader and his positive impact on those around him will make him an invaluable asset to any college community. His observant nature, maturity, and willingness to gather information before acting highlight his thoughtful approach to problem-solving and decision-making.”***



Sho will be attending the University of **Central Florida as an aeronautical engineering student**. He is graduating with an IB Diploma, and as well as being an honor student, he is an **athlete who served as Captain of the Varsity Cross Country team and the Track and Field team**. Sho has served as **President of the civic and Debate Club and Secretary of the Culture Club, as well as participating in Youth in Government and the Model UN**. He is also a published photographer for the College of Central Florida and has made time to be a chemistry tutor to help friends when needed. One of Sho's teachers told us, ***“He is always actively seeking ways to be a leader and advocating for positive change in his community. He is a huge part of the community here at our high school, and throughout the county. He will be greatly missed when he graduates.”***



Sho DeGroot

Lecanto High School



Joshua Ambrose

When describing Josh to us, one of his teachers wrote, ***“Josh stands out among his peers as an individual who is finding balance while intentionally pursuing his passion.”*** She added, ***“He approaches all activities with good humor, a positive outlook and focused energy.”*** One of Josh’s main passions is **swimming**, and among numerous honors, he was named **2023 Gulf Coast 8 Swimmer of the Year**, was a **three-time Citrus County Chronicle Swimmer of the year nominee** and holds numerous records as a **4-year varsity athlete**. He was **Captain of the swim team** for the past two years, participated in the Model UN, and was **President of the Student Leadership Board-FCA**. Josh is an honor student, an AP Scholar with Distinction, and as a student at the University of Central Florida next fall, he will be **majoring in Mechanical Engineering**.

Zipporah will attend the **University of Florida in Gainesville** and **major in Civil engineering** after graduating with the prestigious IB Diploma. She was **President of Odyssey of the Mind** in 11th grade, **Co-President of the Spanish Club**, **Boys’ Soccer Team manager** and a **varsity runner on the Cross-Country team**. She has earned the Principal’s Award for academics each year in high school. One of her teachers wrote this to us: ***“She is a young woman who shows herself, through words and actions, to be a humble, caring, cooperative, hardworking, dedicated, organized, respectful and intelligent young woman. There is no doubt that, upon completion of her education, Zipporah will serve as a positive force in both her family and the community.”***



Zipporah McNeill



Lecanto High School



Kamden Aungst

One of Kamden's coaches told us: "**Kamden has been the ideal player and teammate to coach. For him to achieve his current GPA of 4.672, play baseball and football, get his pilot's license, and have a part-time job shows great responsibility, self-discipline, and willingness to learn new things.**" He has earned **223 community service hours** and has demonstrated that he is willing to put others first and not think only about himself." All of this on top of **earning highest honors at LHS and his associate degree** with the College of Central Florida as a Dual Enrollment student. Kamden will transfer to **Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University** in the fall, plans on completing his bachelor's degree in three years or less and **becoming a pilot for one of the major airlines.** He told us: "**I have worked extremely hard to get to this point now and I strive to work even harder in the future.**"

"The most useful piece of learning for the uses of life is to unlearn what is untrue."— Antisthenes



An IB Diploma student graduating with top honors, Diya is heading to the University of Florida at Gainesville with **plans to major in Computer Engineering.** She has accumulated an impressive **400 hours of community service**, working for such organizations as the **Dementia Awareness Club (Vice-President), the Health Occupations Students of America, Medshare, Ugandan Pearls** and more. She has won numerous prestigious awards, such as AP Scholar with Distinction, 1st place in the Science Fair Regionals, Odyssey of the Mind 1st and 2nd place medals for Regionals and 3rd place winner in the state Odyssey competition. One of the teachers at LHS wrote this about Diya, "**I consider her one of the top students I have had the pleasure of teaching. It has been a privilege to have been her teacher and to see her become such an accomplished scholar and scientist.**"



Diya Patel

HIGHLIGHTS OF OUR MEMBERSHIP



Lecanto High School



Lorelei has an extraordinary academic record, **having received high scores on 12 AP exams and graduating with an IB diploma.** She will be attending the **University of Pennsylvania** in the fall, pursuing a major in history. She has been a member of **Youth in Government for 3 years**, serving as the Suncoast chapter president for the past two years, during which she doubled the membership. She is also **President of Student Council and a varsity letter athlete in swimming and softball.** Lorelei has also been a scientific diver for Scuba-nauts International for two years, conducting scientific research in the Florida Keys and on the island of Roatan in Honduras. One of her teachers told us, ***“She is one of the most dynamic and capable students I have ever worked with, and her potential is truly unlimited.”***

Lorelei Mohammadbhoy

“It's what you learn after you know it all that counts.”— Harry S Truman

An **AP Scholar with Distinction and IB Diploma** candidate, Natalia will be attending the University of Florida in Gainesville and plans on **majoring in Environmental Engineering.** She is a **varsity swimmer, President of the Superintendent’s Council, Vice President of the Student Government and President and founding member of the Science National Honor Society.** A Coordinator at Lecanto HS wrote to us, saying, ***“Natalia’s proactive leadership has been instrumental in orchestrating engaging events, organizing impactful outreach programs and inspiring peers to actively participate in scientific exploration and community engagement.”*** Natalia has also earned over 400 community service hours, many as a volunteer at the Floral City Library, where she was recognized as Volunteer of the Month.



Natalia Hollohan



**Class of
2024**



Lecanto High School



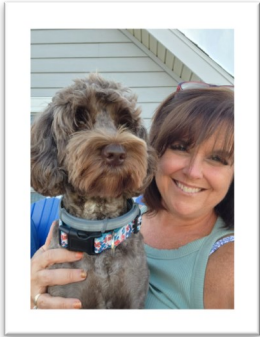
Randi Bartram

On her way to the University of South Florida in St. Petersburg, Randi will major in Environmental Science and Policy. An AP Scholar with Distinction/Honors during her sophomore and junior years of high school, Randi has earned an amazing 67 college credits at the College of Central Florida's Dual Enrollment Program, thus earning her associate degree as well as her LHS diploma. What an achievement! She is an athlete who played volleyball, ran track, and served as Captain of the Soccer team during the 23-24 season. Randi also found time to be a co-founder and President of the Environmental Club, to earn 170 community service hours, and to hold down a part-time job. One of her teachers described Randi to us: *"She has an intellectually vibrant mind that is evident in her ability to grasp complex concepts across various academic disciplines. Her aspiration to pursue studies in environmental science is a testament to her deep-rooted passion for addressing pressing environmental issues and her commitment to making a positive impact on the world."*



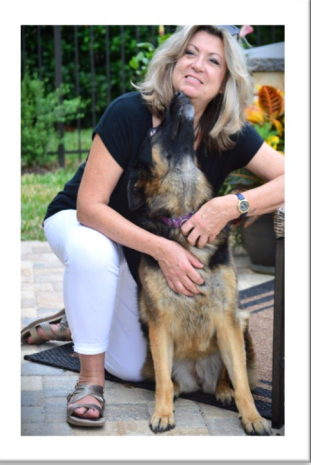
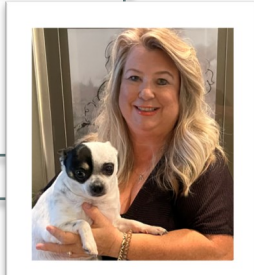
Education is the ability to listen to almost anything without losing your temper or your self-confidence."— Robert Frost

Pets Need Our Help



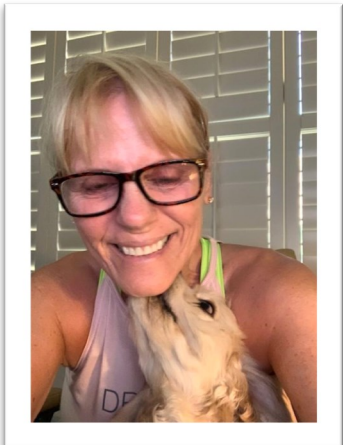
By donating to the CHWC Paw Pantry program, we can make a difference in the lives of over 100 homebound seniors' with pets.

Pet Meals is a **100 percent donation-based** and volunteer driven program. Food is not guaranteed and **relies on the generosity of the community.**



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

Seniors would rather go hungry themselves than not feed their pet. **CHWC received 349 lbs. at the May drive-thru. We collected a total of 2,812 pounds of dog and cat food in 2023—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

Please email pictures of you and your pets to either Karen Settle mkmetier1@gmail.com or Marta Iler iler008@aol.com.

Community and Charity Supports Citrus County

Drive Through July 24th 9-10:30 am

Clean out and donate. On July 24th CHWC will host a Drive Through at Good Shepherd Church 439 E. Norvell Bryant. Collections include non-perishable food, clothing, unopened cat and dog food, feminine products for women, diapers, wipe, household items, dishes, pots and pans, towels, bedding, camping supplies and featuring new toys for children for the Resource Center's Adopt a Child at Christmas.



New toys, games, books, balls, priced \$20 or less may be donated at the Drive-Through or sent directly to the Resource Center through Amazon. Address: Citrus County Family Resource Center, 3660 Carl Rose Hwy., Hernando, FL 34442.

The **May 22 Drive Through** was a big success with over 40 cars dropping off items and 4 SUV's filled to the brim.



May Blessings Donations

Over **196 pounds of food** was donated to Blessings at the May luncheon. Blessings feeds children; reducing weekend hunger. Hats off to the wonderful contributions from CHWC members.

Looking ahead...

In October gently used warm clothing will be collected in the biennial "Keep Citrus Warm" drive. Jackets, sweaters, hats, gloves, scarves, flannel shirts, pants, are needed.

Thank You to all the CHWC members who so generously have donated items throughout the year in support of Citrus County charities.



Save the Dates for CHWC Fundraisers



October 16th, 2024 - The Great Pumpkin Patch Fall Mah Jongg



November 1st, 2024 Fall Golf Tournament



February 8th, 2025 - Winter Event



March 27th, 2025 Spring Mah Jongg



Please email
CHWCInformation@gmail.com
for additional information if you are
interested in attending any of
these fundraisers.

FUNDRAISERS AND NEWS



THE GREAT PUMPKIN PATCH MAH JONGG TOURNAMENT

CASH PRIZES FOR TOP WINNERS!!!!
 WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2024
 9:30AM-3:30PM

HAMPTON ROOM, CITRUS HILLS COUNTRY CLUB
DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION OCTOBER 1, 2024

SIGN IN IS 8:30-9:15. PLAY BEGINS 9:30 SHARP.

PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS FOR SHARE THE WEALTH & SEVERAL EXCITING RAFFLES INCLUDING OUR PUMPKIN RAFFLE TO WIN CASH.

Please complete the form below. Place your form with checks made payable to CHWC into the drop box @ Citrus Hills Pro Shop, bring to luncheon or mail to Diane Edwards 4195 N. Monadnock Rd Hernando, FL 34442. Must be received before the deadline date above.

Cost **\$38 per player** – which includes **lunch of squash soup, chicken salad wraps and cookies**. Coffee, tea and iced tea served all day. A cash wine bar will be open 11:30-2:00pm. **If anyone in your group has special needs, please contact Diane Edwards 860-424-2330.** Any special menu request **MUST** be made before the deadline date.

All skill levels are welcome-beginners, intermediate and advanced. **Invite your neighbors and friends to join us for this fun event.** Sign up 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 #	EMAIL ADDRESS	CARD TABLE YES OR NO
1.				
2.				
3.				
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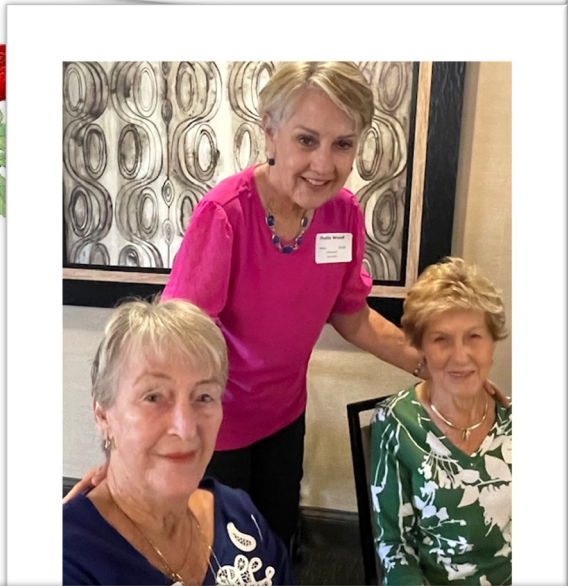
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2024-2025 CITRUS HILLS WOMEN'S CLUB, INC. MEMBERSHIP FORM
Annual Membership Dues: \$30

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