



CHWC November 2024 Newsletter

President's Message

Mother Nature keeps challenging us, but the **Ladies of CHWC continue to persevere.**

Despite having the October Luncheon cancelled due to Hurricane Milton, **most of our planned activities will continue.**

Our very popular event, **the Craft & Bake Sale (Marketplace) will be held at the November 13th Luncheon.** You can get a jump on your holiday shopping and baking with our fabulous homemade crafts and treats! If YOU are crafty and/or talented in the kitchen. or know someone who is, **please contact the Marketplace Chairs** Debby Blackie (Crafts) at 219-871-9561 or dmbblackie@yahoo.com or Diane Trowbridge (Bakery) at 703-851-0946 or trobreg@aol.com for more information on how you can donate. We desperately need more donations. **We ran out of goods last year.**

Please bring **cash or checks for your Marketplace purchases.** Credit cards may be used only for **Craft sales of \$35.00 or more.** **All sales benefit our scholarships and local charities.**



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President's Message — continued

Due to the hurricane, the Treasure Island Sand Sculpture event was cancelled by the city. **If you had signed up for this event, your check will be returned to you at the November luncheon.**

The December 5th trip to St. Augustine still available and you may bring a "plus 1". Sign up for this trip at the November luncheon.

The next **CHWC Charity Drive Through will be on Wednesday, Nov. 20th, from 9:00-10:30 am at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 439 E. Norvell Bryant Highway.** This month we will collect non perishable food, unopened dog and cat food, new toys for Christmas, feminine products, diapers, wipes.

Have a peaceful Thanksgiving! See you at the **Nov. 13th Luncheon!**

Diane Trowbridge



Membership Support



During this past month **cards were sent to:**
Diane Trowbridge and Sharon Davis.

Since the October luncheon had to be cancelled, there is no inspirational reading to report on for this month. **Bette June Egan will be back at our November luncheon.**

Please let us know if someone needs a bit of sunshine whether it is a card or a call. Contact Pam Brink at (352) 513-4120 or pambrink49@gmail.com or Marcia Porterfield at (734)223-2026 or porterfield1921@gmail.com.

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



Membership Information



MEMBERSHIP

The membership directory is ready for distribution. Copies will be available at our November luncheon. **As of 10/13/24 we have a total of 357 members.** It was great to see the abundance of new members at our September luncheon. **We look forward to meeting additional new members at the November luncheon meeting.**

We welcome our most recent members.



**Kathleen Quintin
Dorithy Forsyth
Candy Carlyle
Kathy Kirker
Pat Helms
Shirley Trubia**



Membership Co-chairs:

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

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



Scholarship



The Scholarship Committee will be meeting on Friday morning, October 25, and will be discussing various suggestions for minor changes in our applications and set the calendar for the 2024-2025 year. **Nanette Mitchell and Jane Dempsey are scheduled to meet with each of the guidance counselors at the three Citrus County high schools** that we work with during the month of November to advise them of this year's application process. We look forward to another year of outstanding Citrus County students!

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RESILIENCE, RESOLVE, AND HOPE

There is an episode of the TV series *Breaking Bad*, where the two main characters, **Mr. White, the chemistry teacher, and Jesse, his former student, partner and drug addict**, are stranded in the middle of the desert with no working vehicle, no food or water, and no cell service. The only reason they do not die out there is because Mr. White figures out a way to throw together six small pseudo "batteries" made out of sponges, nuts and bolts from the trailer, galvanized metal and coins containing copper. **The power they create starts the battery of the trailer, and they live to see another day.**

It is not always the case in life that an education can literally save one's life, but it is certainly true that an education will enhance and enrich our experiences and offer opportunities that are otherwise unavailable. We all want our children and grandchildren to have what they need in life to be happy and to be independent, contributing citizens of our society. **The work that the Citrus Hills Women's Club does every year to promote educational opportunities for the students of Citrus County is a way for all of us to broaden our goals, to help others not in our immediate families, and to make a difference in the lives of the next generation.** If we stay the course, do everything possible to promote resilience and resolve in our young people, and keep hope alive for a better future, there is every reason to believe that we will succeed.

Here are some quotes about the value of the work we are doing together that you might enjoy:

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." - Nelson Mandela

"Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today." - Malcolm X



Scholarship — continued



“Education is not preparation for life; education is life itself.” - John Dewey

“Education would be much more effective if its purpose was to ensure that by the time they leave school every boy and girl should know how much they do not know and be imbued with a lifelong desire to know it.” - William Haley

“If you don’t go after what you want, you’ll never have it. If you don’t ask, the answer is always no. If you don’t step forward, you’re always in the same place.” - Nora Roberts

“Children must be taught how to think, not what to think.” - Margaret Mead

“Everyone you will ever meet knows something you don’t.” - Bill Nye

“The learned man knows he is still ignorant.” - Victor Hugo

**“The beautiful thing about learning is that no one can take it away from you.”
- B.B. King**

“Only education is capable of saving our societies from possible collapse, whether violent or gradual.” - Jean Piaget

“When you learn, teach. When you get, give.” - Maya Angelou

Have an enervating fall season and a joyful Thanksgiving holiday.

**Marcia Schenker and
Nanette Mitchell
Co-Chairs, CHWC Scholarship Committee**



CHWC Community and Charity Services Citrus

CHWC Supports Community and Charity in Citrus County

Collections at the November 13 luncheon will include unopened cat and dog food, gifts for Carter Christmas-coloring books, crayons, matchbox cars, play dough, puzzles, books, appropriate games, small stuffed animals

Gifts for Carter School may include:

Coloring books, crayons, match box cars, play dough, puzzles, books, games, card games, flashcards, art supplies.

Drive Through

The next Drive Through is November 20th from 9-10:30 at 439 E. Norvell Bryant Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Collections will include non perishable food, unopened dog and cat food, new toys for Christmas, feminine products, and diapers and wipes.

A special thank you to all members who donate, and who volunteer at the Drive Throughs.

Looking ahead...

At the December luncheon collections will be for non-perishable food for the Resource Center.



CHWC “Keep Citrus Warm” was a Tremendous Success!

On Wednesday October 2, 2024, the CHWC sponsored a Drive Thru Event- “Keep Citrus Warm”. Despite the ongoing clean up and the hardships of our membership and neighbors secondary to Hurricane Helene, **the response of our community was overwhelming.** Your closets must be empty and ready for some new clothing.

On a warm day, well over a truck load of clothing for the cooler weather was **collected at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church on Norvell Bryant Highway in Hernando.** The items have been distributed to **Daystar Life Center of Citrus County and the Family Resource Center** where they will be available for those in need.

Although **led by co-chairs Ileen Zavoda and Claire Lindley**, none of this could be accomplished without the support of many. We would like to **thank AnnMarie Briercheck and Kevin Manker of Daystar for facilitating the large influx of winter items. The Good Shepherd Lutheran Church generously allowed us access to their parking lot. Sheri Tigner, Jenn+**

ette Harper and Mary Stansfield were incredible in expediting the drop off of clothing at the site.

Claire and Ileen

See pictures on pages 4 and 5.





**Chairs of Keep Citrus Warm Clothing Drive:
Claire Lindley and Ileen Zavoda**





Charity Events and News





Sponsor A CHILD FOR CHRISTMAS 2024

Can you guess what time of the year is vastly approaching??? It is Christmas. The Family Resource Center is preparing for the 2024 **“Sponsor a Child Project”**. In 2023, the center in coordination with the schools and agencies in Citrus County was able to provide Christmas gifts for close to 2000 children.

Children are received by age category: 0-5, 6-13, & 14+

How can you help:

- You can take a child and fulfill their needs.
- Women can get together and sponsor a child to help with the costs.
- You can pick a child and donate the money and someone else can shop for that child.
- You can donate money, new clothing or a new toy.

If you are interested in adopting a child you can contact **Sheri Tigner at 352-586-2831** or by email actigner@digiaact.com. Children are ready to be adopted now. Sheri will also have kids to adopt at the November luncheon.

If you are interested in helping the Family Resource Center wrap children's gifts, there **will be a sign up sheet at the November luncheon to help wrap**. The dates for wrapping are **Tues., 12/3 from 10-12 and Wed., 12/4 from 1-3**.

So gather your friends and plan a day of shopping or wrapping.



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**.

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



Seniors would rather go hungry themselves than not feed their pet. **We collected a total of 423 pounds in October adding to the total of 759 lbs. CHWC has collected 1182 lbs. for this club year.**



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

Please email pictures of you and your pet to Karen Settle mkmetier1@gmail.com

Activities



Activity Chairpersons

Beth Huntsberry

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Patti Noon

nooner103@yahoo.com

We are looking forward to seeing all of you at our November luncheon.

OUR UPCOMING TRIPS

Sanding Ovations Sand Sculptures ~ It is with sadness that the city of Treasure Island has canceled Sanding Ovations due to the widespread devastation caused by Hurricanes Helene and Milton.

Your checks will be returned at the November luncheon.

St. Augustine "Nights Of Lights" ~ Thursday December 5.

Cost \$65.00

Sunken Gardens Botanical Park ~ March 6. Cost \$45.00

Please see our **flyers** in this newsletter for more information.

Keep in mind **you are only booked on our trips once your payment is received.** You may purchase tickets for all trips at our luncheons. **You may drop your payment off to the Citrus Hills Pro Shop in The CHWC box, please include your name, email address, and phone number.**



Activities



Welcome everyone to another GREAT Year of Activities! Start marking your calendars. Here is a peek at what is in store.

December 5, 2024. St Augustine “Night of Lights”. More than 3 million sparkling lights. We will ride the Old Town Trolley through the city.



March 6, 2025. Sunken Gardens in St. Petersburg. Stroll through the paths with lush gardens with exotic plants from around the world. Explore cascading waters and exotic birds.



Activities

St. Augustine Nights of Lights

Thursday, December 5, 2024

\$65.00 per member will cover the cost of the bus and Old Town Trolley Tour

We will meet in the **parking lot of Walmart Lecanto. 1936 N. Lecanto Hwy.** We will begin boarding the bus at approximately 9:30 am. **Bus departs promptly at 10:00 a.m.**

We leave **St. Augustine at 7:30 pm** and arrive back at Walmart approximately **10:35 pm**

Come see **St. Augustine become a festival of lights**, as it hosts the annual "Nights of Lights". The Annual Nights of Lights is set to brighten up the holidays in the



Ancient City once again! To experience the glow of the season and the more than 3 million sparkling lights adorning every corner of the city, stretching nearly 20 blocks, we will ride on **The Old Town Trolley's Nights Lights Tour!**

Sing along with carolers, **wear your complimentary viewing glasses for an immersive holiday experience.** Enjoy complimentary sugar cookies and warm apple cider at the end of our tour.

SUNKEN GARDENS BOTANICAL PARK

MARCH 6TH, 2025

Sunken Gardens is a sunken botanical paradise amid a bustling city. As St. Petersburg's oldest living museum, this 100-year-old garden is home to some of the oldest tropical plants in the region. Unwind as you stroll through meandering paths, lush with exotic plants from around the world. Explore cascading waterfalls, beautiful demonstration gardens, flamingos and other exotic birds, and more than 50,000 tropical plants and flowers at one of the last remaining Florida roadside attractions.

\$45 per member covers the cost of the bus and admission into the park.

We meet in the parking lot of Walmart in Lecanto. 1936 N Lecanto Hwy.

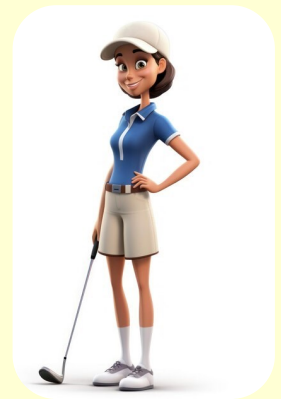
We will begin loading the bus at 9:00 AM. Bus leaves Walmart promptly at 9:30 AM.

We leave the park at 4:00 PM and arrive back at Walmart at approximately 6:00 PM.

Comfortable, closed-toed shoes are recommended due to the historic and sometimes uneven walkways at the Sunken Gardens.

Lunch is on your own. There are several restaurants within walking distance of the park. You could also bring a picnic lunch to enjoy in the park.

For more information about the park, visit their website at <https://sunkengardens.org/>



Baseline Golf Course

Enjoy the areas best maintained golf course. At Baseline Golf Course, you'll enjoy pristine golfing conditions on a beautifully landscaped course. No tee time is necessary—just walk in.

Tuesday November 12, 2024

Tee time 11:00 am

Meet at Baseline Golf Course 10:30 am

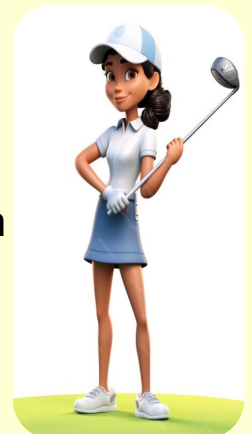
Cost: \$26.00

9 holes with cart

Pay at Baseline, Great Shopping

9000 SE 58th Ave, Ocala, FL 34480, USA

(352) 245-4414



It's the Great Pumpkin Patch Mah Jongg Tournament

Although the morning air on October 16th was a crisp 63 degrees, the **Citrus Hills Women's Club, Inc. (CHWC)** members were out and ready to play in the “It's the Great Pumpkin Patch” Mah Jongg Tournament. Despite the previous stressful week of anticipating Hurricane Milton, CHWC members were of a positive mindset and grateful for our good fortune. **Compared to many Floridians, our area was spared from the worst possible outcomes.** One positive note is the cooler, less humid weather we are experiencing. **Seems like the beginning of “Floridian” Fall.**



On this bright sunny day, **132 women** made their way to the colorfully decorated **Hamp-ton Room at Citrus Hills Golf and Country Club**. Colors of orange, red and gold greeted the women. An artfully decorated table of many-colored pumpkins waited for players to drop the winning ticket into the cup. Adding to the excitement, **each “pumpkin” contained an unknown amount of “cash”**. In addition to the Pumpkin Patch, there were **11 Upscale Raffle items**, Share the Wealth and Door Prizes to be enjoyed by the group.



At 9:30am sharp, play began. No longer were the women exchanging pleasantries as full concentration was given to the game at hand. A roll of the dice determined which **woman was deemed “East” and quickly the Charleston began, and play started.** Now only the clicking of the tiles could be heard and the occasional shout of “**Mah Jongg**”. The morning play was interrupted for lunch. **Sticking to the Fall theme, squash soup was on the menu as a starter.**

Afternoon play continued and **games ended at 3:00pm**. Score sheets were gathered and tallied. Winners were announced: **1st Place Sue Fendehiem, 2nd Place Shelly Leibowitz and tied for 3rd Place Beryl Di Battista and Ginny Hollis.**

Diane Edwards chaired this fun event and wanted to give many thanks to her hardworking committee. This event raised **\$4,026.97** which will go towards CHWC funds to **support local charities and scholarships.**

As the ladies collected their belongings, talk already began regarding the Spring “**Let the Shenanigans Begin**” Mah Jongg Tournament to be held on **March 19, 2025.** Mark your calendars and be prepared for a new twist.

See pages 19—24 for pictures from the tournament



Fundraisers and News



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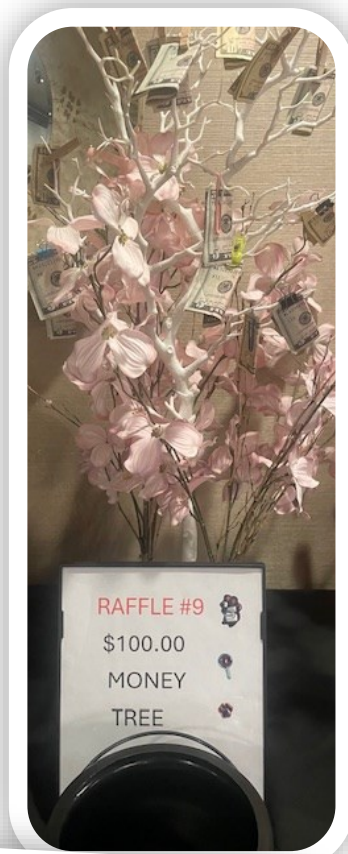
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CHWC MARKETPLACE BAKE AND CRAFT SALE

Wednesday, November 13th

Chairs: Debby Blackie dmbblackie@yahoo.com
& Diane Trowbridge tro-



BUNCO TOURNAMENT

Friday, January 31st, 2025

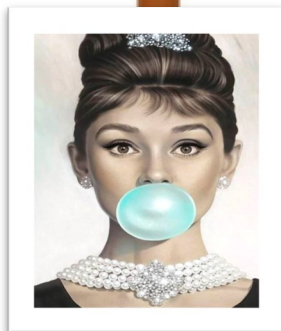
Chair: Mary Stansfield
mstansfield60@gmail.com



Casino Night

Saturday, February 8th, 2025

Chairs: Debby Blackie & Dennie Zuendt
219-871-9561 or 524dennie@gmail.com



Fashion Show—Life is a Party—Dress for It!

Wednesday, March 12th, 2025

Chairs: Carol Peterman, Diane Edwards, Jackie Huband,
Karen Settle

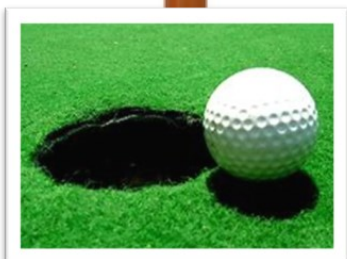
Carol's contact info: 352-860-2818



Spring Mah Jongg Tournament

Wednesday March 19, 2025

Chair: Diane Edwards Memere195777@gmail.com



Spring Golf Tournament

Friday, April 4th, 2025, 352-527-1574

Chairs: Claire Lindley & Gail Bockiaro
cblindley@gmail.com or gbockiar@tampabay.rr.com

Fundraisers



Looking for Bakers and “Friends” of Bakers and Looking for Crafters and “Friends” of Crafters

The **2024 Marketplace Craft & Bake Sale** will be at the November 13th Luncheon. We need YOUR DONATIONS!

- **Homemade Crafts** (jewelry, Needlework, decorative and holiday items, toys, etc.)
- **Freshly Baked Treats including Breads, Cakes and Pies, Cookies, Brownies, Cupcakes, Candy, Pastries.**

If you baked in prior years, **please bake again and double your recipes!** We ran out of baked goods to sell last year.

To donate CRAFTS, contact **Debby Blackie (219-871-9561 or dmbacie@yahoo.com)**

To donate BAKED GOODS, contact Diane Trowbridge (703-851-0946 or trobrg@aol.com)

And everyone else, bring your cash or checks to purchase these great gifts. Credit cards may be used ONLY for Crafts exceeding \$35.00



NEW THIS YEAR: OUR PET TABLE

With homemade dog and cat treats, new pet toys & pet-related CRAFTS! Everyone knows someone who LOVES their pet and would adore a fresh treat or gift!



100% of sales goes towards scholarships and charities.

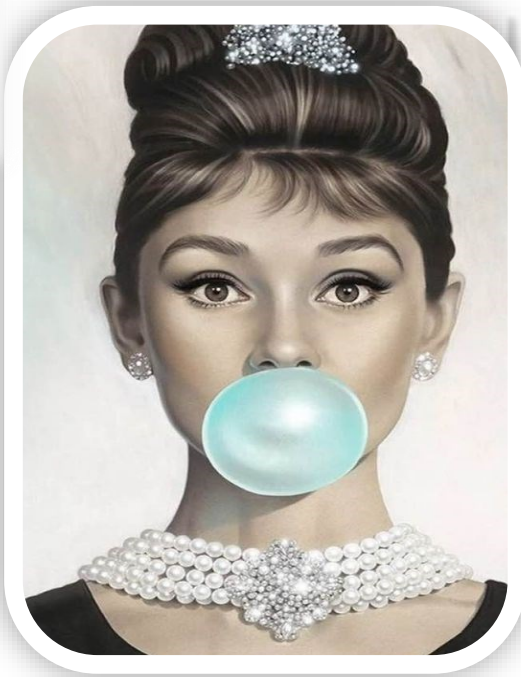
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Black & Red Casino Night



Our 1st Annual Casino Night is scheduled for Saturday, February 8th, 2025, from 6:00 p.m. to 10 p.m. **at Citrus Hills Golf and Country Club.** Tickets will go on sale (member plus one) beginning December 1st – December 11th. Contact Deborah St. Martin at 951-567-3052 or taxlady518@gmail.com. Tickets will also be sold at the December luncheon on the 11th. Cost is \$75.00 per person. **For this event we will be opening ticket sales to the public beginning December 12th so purchase your tickets early for this event. You don't want to miss out. It will be a fun filled evening.**





*"Life is a
Party.
Dress
For It!"*

March 12, 2025 Fashion Show

*Win Gift Cards totaling \$400.00
from these local restaurants:*

\$100.00 - Vintage on 5th, Crystal River

\$100.00 - Cajun Jimmy's Seafood Seller, Crystal River

\$100.00 - Bayside Kraft Kitchen, Crystal River

\$100.00 - Oscar Penn's, Inverness

Tickets will be sold at all CHWC
luncheons through March 12, 2025
or can be purchased from:

Carol Peterman 352-860-2818
Karen Settle 708-205-7037
Jackie Huband 352-249-6794
Diane Edwards 860-424-2330

**Tickets: 1 for \$5.00
5 for \$10.00
Cash Only**

Ticket will be drawn at the March 12,
2025 CHWC Fashion Show. You do
not need to be present to win.
Winner will be notified by phone or
email. Available to members,
friends and neighbors.

Profits support CHWC designated local charities and scholarship funds for local students.



CHWC LUNCHEON
DECEMBER 11, 2024, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Hampton Room – Doors Open at 10:30 a.m. -
CITRUS HIGH SCHOOL CHORAL GROUP

Reservation deadline is **TUESDAY NOVEMBER 28TH @ 5:00 PM !!!!** Please make checks payable to CHWC – mail to Diane Edwards 4195 N. Monadnock Rd Hernando, FL 34442 or place your reservation with a check in the CHWC box at the CHG&CC Pro Shop. No refunds after the deadline. A reservation is definite after your check has been received.

IF you wish to have special seating based on mobility, hearing, eyesight or other limitations, please note on the registration form and we will do our best to have your requirements met.

ATTENTION: Prices may change each month depending on the menu items.

MENU CHOICES:

A. KAHLUA PORK – POTATOES AU GRATIN, CHEF’S BLEND VEGETABLES, TOSSED SALAD, WARM ROLLS
MEMBER PRICE \$24.00 / GUEST \$27.00

B. BOURBON SALMON- POTATOES AU GRATIN, CHEF’S BLEND VEGETABLES, TOSSED SALAD, WARM ROLLS
MEMBER PRICE \$24.00 / GUEST \$27.00

C. CHWC SALAD/ VEGETARIANS- Mixed greens, capers, cheddar cheese, tomato, broccoli, black olives, red onion, cucumber, egg and avocado with tomato bisque soup. **MEMBER PRICE \$22.00 /GUEST \$25.00**

Dessert Choices: D. CARROT CAKE

E. Fruit Cup with strawberries and blueberries etc.

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

This reservation was sent by: _____

Phone Number _____ Amount Enclosed: _____



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©(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 34441-1494

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