

# President's Message



As I sit down to write my very first President's message to you, I really do not know where to begin. COVID-19 continues to be a huge part of our lives and there is much uncertainty of what the next months will bring. It is with that cloud over our heads, **the leadership team has been working to plan the 2020-2021 Citrus Hills Women's Club year.**

Let me begin by introducing the **new members of the team.** **Mary Stansfield and Sally Smith** are taking on the enormous job as **Co-1<sup>st</sup> Vice Presidents** and have been planning new and exciting fund raisers for these uncertain times. **Former Board members Pam Brink and Marcia Porterfield return to serve as Co-Secretaries.** They have already amazed me with their organizational skills and willingness to take on whatever we need done. **Cheryl Ringel and Linda Curtis assume the Chairmanship of the Membership Committee.** They also took over responsibility for the new Handbook (formerly Directory). Cheryl and Linda, along with input from other Board members, have spent endless hours preparing the handbook and getting it printed in time for our first luncheon. **Myrta Keelan** has taken her talents to a new job, co-chair of the Activities committee. She and **Mary Lou Kosty** have been working to find new and different trip ideas that work in this corona virus era. **Elaine Vermeer** will take over for Myrta as the co-chair of the Hospitality committee, **working with returning co-chair Barbara McBride.**

With the changes in the By-Laws that were approved at our luncheon last March, we have three new Committees – **Community and Charity Outreach, Electronic Media, and Member Support.** **Community and Charity co-chairs Carol Peterman and Judy Stone will serve as intermediaries** with local charities, distributing the various donations coming from our members at our luncheons. They will also manage the process of reviewing and recommending local charities for consideration to receive monetary donations from the Club. **The Electronic Media Committee, chaired by Marta Iler, will oversee our newsletter, web page, and keep our members informed through e-blasts.** Finally, **Member Support co-chaired by Nicki Puccio and Denise Uva,** will coordinate Sunshine, Share the Wealth, and Inspirational Readings. These committees have several members to carry out these tasks but are always looking for help. Please contact any one of our Committee chairs to find out how you can get involved.

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This is the part of my message where I would tell you about the **fun luncheons, exciting trips, and numerous fundraisers that are planned for this year.** Unfortunately, I cannot do that. The Board has prepared for many events, but we just do not know if we will be able to have any of them. As soon as we have confirmation that we can go forward with any of our activities, **the membership will be notified by e-Blast.** So, be on the lookout for updated information.

I look forward to the time when we can all get together in person. **It has been a long, hard time staying isolated to be safe.** Let us all hope that these difficult days pass and we can get back to our "new normal".

**Until then I will keep all of you in my thoughts and prayers.**

*Pat*



# CHWC September 2020 Newsletter

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# September 2020 Luncheon

**Club members** always look forward to September when our luncheon meetings resume and we get busy **raising money for our scholarships and charities**, as well as signing up for a variety of activities. Sadly, this September is different. **All the above must be postponed until such time as it is safe to resume** our normal routines. Rest assured the **CHWC Board of Directors** is working extremely hard to make that happen sooner rather than later. **We will continue to communicate** regarding luncheons and activities and hope to see you soon. Meanwhile, **please continue to protect yourself, your family, and your circle of friends from this awful virus. And let us all stay optimistic that better days are coming soon.**



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## Sunshine Wishes



**Cards were sent to:**

**Judith Cummins (husband passed), Maggie Ferguson (husband passed), Jan Bauer, Barb Shipman, Nannette Mitchell, Barb McBride, Marty Dunn, Brenda Huntsberry and Diane Cachia.**

Contact **Denise Uva** at (973) 896-7180 or [uva.denise@gmail.com](mailto:uva.denise@gmail.com) or **Nicki Puccio** at (352) 270-8797 or [npuccio18@gmail.com](mailto:npuccio18@gmail.com) if you know of someone who needs a bit of sunshine.





# Welcome

## CHWC Membership Committee News

We have Twenty-three new members we want to welcome to our CHWC Family. Please welcome:

Judi Barr, Elizabeth Gannon, Elizabeth Geosits, Lynise Hensel, Marie Klun, Catherine Smith, Mary Grabowski, Jean Lasch, Donna Maurek, Shirley Robinson, Gerri Schewenkler-Pennington, Kathryn Fitzgibbons, Audrey Fletcher, Anne Lundberg, Teri Thomas, Sandra Benner, Virginia Madla, Winnie Robinson, Kate Wickens, Lisa Stone, Mia Vollmer, Helen Nord and Annette Sides-Jones.

These women will appear in our next newsletter with a picture and where they have come from so you will know them at our next face-to-face meeting.

We look forward to seeing everyone at our next gathering!

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### BROOKDALE BINGO

**Carol Haire – 746-0697**

At this time the ladies who play Bingo with the patients at Brookdale are unable to do so due to COVID 19.

### Humanitarians of Citrus County

**Cathy Lieberman – 746-7691**

According to their website the Humanitarians of Citrus County are open. Therefore, they most likely still need dog and cat food and used towels and blankets. These items can be dropped off at their facility which is located at: 1031 N Commerce Terrace, Lecanto, FL 34461. Their phone number is (352) 563-2370.







## CHWC Membership Committee News

The Citrus Hills Women's Club **2020-2021** membership is now at **357**. Of this total, **23 new members** have joined the CHWC family this year – including five members who have joined since our last Newsletter. A huge welcome goes out to:

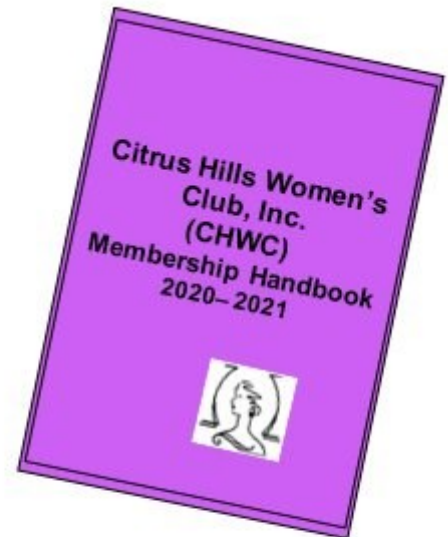
**Helen Nord, Annette Sides-Jones, Lisa Stone,**

**Mia Vollmer and Kate Wickens**

Please extend a warm welcome to our new members at our upcoming luncheons and events.



The new CHWC Membership Handbook goes to print this week. Along with other key club information, the handbook contains a listing of all members who have either joined or renewed for 2020-2021 as of August 11<sup>th</sup>. The handbook will be available in September for pick-up at a pre-determined location and timeframe. **Please watch for an Eblast from Marta for final logistics.** The handbook will also be available at the Membership table once we are able to resume our luncheon programs.



A handbook Addendum will be published after December 1<sup>st</sup> to include members joining or renewing *after* August 11<sup>th</sup>.



# Citrus Hills Women's Club

## FALL MAH JONGG Tournament Thursday, October 29, 2020

Has been cancelled  
Due to COVID 19.



See Everyone at the Thursday,  
March 4, 2021 Tournament!





## CARTER HEAD START SCHOOL

Judy Stone – 734-347-1001

Carter Street School Phone – 352-503-2363

Carter Street School is scheduled to **reopen August 20, 2020** for students. It will house **children ages 1-4 ½**. This is a change from previous years and was necessitated due to the closing of the young children's program in Hernando.

The administrators are still working on the Covid-19 restrictions that need to be put into place. **Children under 5 do not need to wear a mask; for all adults and visitors' masks will be required.**

Since the two schools' inventories were merged, at this time all the **school needs are washable markers, baby wipes and watercolor sets**. The staff at Carter School are hard at work getting the building ready for students and are there **from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm for delivery of the items mentioned**. If you cannot deliver these items directly to them, they can be dropped off at Carol Peterman's home at the address mentioned in the Family Resource Center's needs.

CHWC will be looking ahead at how we can interact with the children and what the Christmas gift program might look like.

Blankets will be made for the 2021-22 school year. We are exploring making vinyl cushions "sit upons" for the children to use when outside.







# Walgreen's Photos from CHWC Events

Until further notice, **photos archived on the Walgreen's online photo site** will be accessed only by **Marta Iler**. There was a breach several months ago of some photo sites and only one person can have access right now. This may change in the future.

So, **send your requests to Marta** if you see a photo in your monthly newsletter or a picture posted on the CHWC website that you would like to have emailed to you.

Marta can be reached at 352.513.4208 or [iler008@aol.com](mailto:iler008@aol.com)



## CHWC Board Meeting in June— First of the New 2020—2021 Year





# In the Spotlight

**Name:** Ann Brixey

**Member since:** 2005

**State:** Massachusetts (by way of Wales) **Birth month:** December

**Fun Facts:** I worked as a contractor in the Nuclear Power industry from 1998-2011.

In 1966 I met my husband in our hometown in Wales. My husband's career brought us to Canada and then on to Massachusetts. **We have a wonderful daughter and have loved traveling to Europe as a family.** I took up ballet at age 4 and **taught it for over 30 years.** I was the **Royal Academy of Dancing Administrator for the US and Bahamas.** In childhood I took lessons in violin and piano, but I did not pursue the lessons beyond a point. However, my love of classical music remains. I play golf and years ago played tennis. I love cooking and reading, especially books by Beverly Nichols. I was involved with photography since I was 8 in Junior School. I have taken workshops and several of my photos have been featured in the Instructional Group an online magazine. I founded the Citrus Hills Photography Club.

I am a writer and have published a few pieces of my work in online magazines and in a National Magazine. I am currently working on 3 novels; of which 2 are about complete

**Wish:** to travel to **Africa on a photographic assignment in Kenya** and a photographic safari in Masai Mara.

**Open Secret:** While attending a Rugby Match - Seven A Side in my hometown Newport of County Mon there before me I saw playing the then and always very handsome **Sean Connery.** (for a moment I fancied that if he became injured, I would volunteer medical first aid assistance).

**Name:** Maria Guarente

**Member Since:** 2010

**State:** Brooklyn, New York **Birth month:** July

**Fun Facts:** Born in **Avelino, Italy, near Naples.** Mother was American born but went back to Italy as a small child. After her marriage and having had a large family she and my father eventually returned to America for new beginnings. It **was the story of the immigrant American dream.** We started out in Park Slope in Brooklyn; we were a very big family; half here, half there - worked very hard and brought all our entire family members a little at a time. Eventually bought a house in Berkely Place. I worked as a seamstress in the Garment District of New York. The old fashioned type of atelier style couture with double seams and thick coat linings, worked on bathing suits, coats and dresses. **I married at 18 and had 2 sons. Those two sons had sons.** My husband and I moved to Florida upon retirement. We have been here 26 years and when we moved here it did look quite different from now. I met a lot of nice ladies CHWC and we have our own little spin-off group "The Diva Club" is where we meet for dinner, movies and other fun activities.

**Wish:** That I would have a **granddaughter in my life.** Wish came true - my grandson's baby girl. I had to wait two generations, but I have my sweet **beautiful great grand-daughter Indigo (Indi).** She is a delight and keeps me busy. I love taking care of her.

**Open Secret:** Travelled with husband to Italy every year. We went all over. We loved the August 15th La Festa Assunta, a very big holiday in all of Italy where there are big cookouts, of homemade sauces, peppers, and wine and more. As a child, my father made both red and white dry or semi-dry wine and I actually watched the old fashioned grape stomping method you see in the "I Love Lucy" show.





# In the Spotlight

**Name:** Brenda Huntsberry

**Member Since:** 2003

**State:** Georgia

**Birth Month:** August

**Fun Facts:** I was an Army brat in Atlanta, Georgia. I have fond memories of being a Campfire Girl and my daddy overseeing our camping trips and helping us with our fundraising. Graduated from Lahore High School in Fairbanks, Alaska. However, while attending Avondale High School I was in the school ski team, cheerleading, tried out for majorette, and was a bench guard for our basketball team. As a young lady I much enjoyed roller skating, with my friend Ken. My father was a Combat Engineer and was sent to Fort Bragg to train Special Forces Units for Viet Nam. **There at Fort Bragg I met my soul mate and the love of my life, my beloved husband Henry.** We have been **married for 56 years** and we have one son Henry Scott and 5 lovely grandchildren.

Shortly after our wedding Henry was deployed to Viet Nam. We spent 38 months in **Bangkok, Thailand.** While living abroad I wrote and published articles for a Foreign Correspondence Club known as Jet Set Travel. I was working on an article on points of interest in Ven Ching in 1980. The article was published but I had to leave hurriedly as Ven Ching was falling. Once back in the states Henry was assigned 3 tours of duty at the Pentagon. Now in retirement I **love cooking, entertaining, playing Mah Jongg, Golf, reading fiction and historical dramas and play Hand & Foot and Goren Bridge.**

**Wish:** That everyone stays safe and healthy during these trying times.

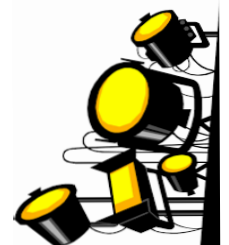
**Open Secret:** During Ronald Reagan's Inauguration, Henry was a Protocol Officer and was asked to be the escort for **Dean Martin.** A string of actors was at the rehearsal. There among them was Frank Sinatra. While sitting in the audience, Jimmy Stewart asked if a seat next to me was taken. At the sight of **Jimmy Stewart** I practically lost my voice but managed a "no." Along came Frank and assuming I was Jimmy's friend and declared "privilege to meet you" at which Jimmy chimed-in and said, "This is my friend Brenda Huntsberry." I was just bedazzled ... **Now, if you want the Charlton Heston story, you must come ask me.**

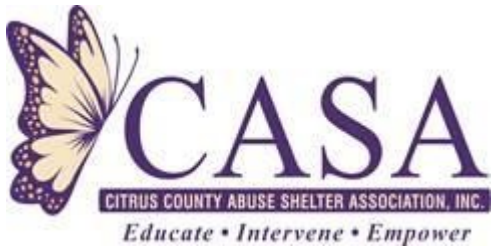


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## Immediate Needs (they are out or extremely low right now)

- Hair Straighteners
- Baking Cooking Spices (such as garlic powder & onion powder)
- Juices for Kids
- Sliced & Shredded cheese
- Ethnic Hair Care Products (such as Cantu, Shea Moisture, etc.)
- Alfredo Sauce
- Contractor Bags
- 13 Gallon Kitchen Bags

## Ongoing Supply Needs (they always need)

- Toilet Paper
- Large bottles of shampoo, conditioner, body wash and lotion
- Toothpaste and toothbrushes
- Feminine Products (pads and tampons)
- Foil
- Dish Soap
- Saran wrap
- Ziploc Bags-gallon and sandwich size
- Baby Wipes
- Diapers-all sizes and Pull-ups
- Diaper Rash Cream
- Bleach
- 13-gallon white garbage bags
- Heavy duty Contractor bags
- HE Laundry Detergent

Contact people for CHWC are **Brenda Huntsberry (352-527-6463)**  
and **Cindy Mendenhall (765-993-1669)**







# ACTIVITIES

The Activity Committee is busy planning for this coming **Spring 2021** Activities with the hope that the Corona Virus will be under control.

We feel it is very important for our members be safe while traveling in a group. Thank you for your patience.

*Myrta and Mary Lou*

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## **Bake & Craft Sale Information**

Hello to all returning and new members. I hope we will be able to host the **Bake and Craft Sale at our November meeting**. This event is always so looked forward to each year with all our luscious homemade goodies and the delightful crafts that you girls contribute to make our day a success and to enhance our donations to the **Community and Scholarship funds**.

I would like to thank each one of you for all that you **contribute to make our club so successful**. We are looking forward and planning a great year. This event is one of many that we hold every year. If you have any **questions or want to sign up for the baked items and crafts**, just give me a call. Here is my information for contact questions and to a good year.

Contact the following women with questions:

**Baked Items**—Peggy Bock at 352.637.5770 or [pegomyheart816@gmail.com](mailto:pegomyheart816@gmail.com)

**Craft Items**— Jan Bauer Co-chairman 352-249-7543. Cell: 305-495-3469  
[janetebauer@gmail.com](mailto:janetebauer@gmail.com)

and

Andrea Strogney Co-chairman 352-344-3391. Cell 352-422-3764  
[alstrogney67@aol.com](mailto:alstrogney67@aol.com)



## From the Scholarship Committee

A young woman who had been my student many years ago, had received a scholarship from a committee that I chaired, and went on to have a successful career in medicine, recently told me, **“Every way I contribute to this world can be traced back to people like you and others who supported me when I needed it most.”**

The work that our organization accomplished last year, which allowed us to contribute substantively to the education of several deserving young people in our community, was especially appreciated in this difficult time of our country’s history. The gift of education is a most powerful gift, and is not quickly forgotten, as the quote above reminds us. We are happy to report that we have received several thank you notes from the students who were recipients of our scholarships in the spring of 2020. We were delighted to hear from each and every student. Below are representative excerpts from a few of the notes we received:

**From Marcella Almgren LHS:** “I want to thank all who were involved in the selection and organization of this scholarship! I’m very grateful to this organization for believing in me and helping me in the next step of my life— college! It is awesome to know that there are wonderful individuals and organizations in our community who want to help others who need it.”

**From Haven McClure CHS:** “Thank you to you and the rest of the Citrus Hills Women's Club. I am extremely grateful for your generosity and your investment in my future. I have been accepted to Florida State University and I plan to double major in Political Science and Philosophy to follow my passion for law and government. I hope to become a medical malpractice attorney and help people that have fallen victim to large pharmaceutical companies. I will provide assistance pro bono to those that cannot afford an attorney and will always be willing to help people in need. I promise to continue to work hard and strive to make my supporters proud.”

**From Lauren Walker CHS:** “I am beyond grateful for the honor of receiving your scholarship. This money without a doubt will benefit my continued education at the University of Central Florida.

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**From Lauren Walker CHS** (continued): "I have chosen to study Ecology Conservation Biology and hope to use this degree to do research on how we as humans effect the environment around us. I will begin my education this summer when unfortunately, classes will probably be online due to Covid-19. However, I am excited to begin my college experience no matter the circumstance. Once again thank you to everyone for your support of my academic endeavor.

**From Brendan Baumer CHS:** "Wow! Thank you so much! I truly appreciate this generous scholarship and promise to put it to good use. Your scholarship will allow me to pursue my lifelong goal of becoming a mechanical engineer, minimizing the burden of student loans. I'm so grateful for your support and recognition."

**From Dalena Nguyen LHS:** "I am so honored to receive this scholarship! Thank you so much for all you do!"

**From Sophia Macaisa CHS:** "Thank you so much for awarding me with this scholarship! I am honored to be one of the recipients of this award. Thanks to your donation, I am one step closer to being able to support myself financially to attend Florida Gulf Coast University in Fort Myers, Florida. When I attend this school in the fall, I am going to be a part of the D1 Women's Swim and Dive team. Receiving the Citrus Hills Women's Scholarship has lightened my financial burden which allows me to focus more on the most important aspect of school, learning."

Once again, to all of you who helped with scholarship efforts for the graduating class of 2020, thank you! If you have any original ideas for fundraising during these trying times, please let us know. Be safe!

**Marcia Schenker  
Claire Lindley  
Scholarship Committee Co-Chairs**





# CITRUS COUNTY FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

Carol Peterman – 352-860-2818

Center – 352-344-1001

## Needs:

Canned Meat & Tuna	Mac and Cheese,
Spaghetti and Sauce or any type Pasta	Peanut Butter
Canned fruits and vegetables	Cereal
Toilet Paper and Paper towels	Soups

**August is always a difficult month for Citrus County non-for profits including CCFRC.** Our food supply dwindles and we are in need of food to stock our shelves. If you have food items that you can donate and do not wish to enter the building due to COVID 19, **just simply call 344-1001 when you arrive at the center** and someone will come out to your car and carry them in for you. We are only open from **9:30 am to 2:30 pm at this time.** The center will still be located at its current location **through August 29<sup>th</sup>.** You also can bring food items to my home at 4212 N. Monadnock Road, Hernando (Fairview Estates) and I will take them to the center for you. At present, monetary donations can be sent to **Citrus County Family Resource Center, 2435 N. Florida Avenue, Hernando, FL 34442**

After many months of waiting we finally will be moving into the new location. Our plan at this point is for the **center to be closed from August 29, 2020 through September 7, 2020 to complete the move to 3660 N Carl G Rose Hwy., Hernando, FL.** The new location is one mile north on Highway 200 on the left side of the road after the 200/41 split in Hernando. It is right next door to the A-Mini Storage facility. **We will open at the new location on September 8, 2020.**

**We want to thank the members of the Citrus Hills Women's Club for all your monthly food donations as well as the monetary backing you have provided to us throughout the years. Your donations help us to be able to serve those in need in our community.**







# CITRUS HILLS WOMEN'S CLUB 2020 - 2021 MEMBERSHIP FORM

**Annual membership dues are \$25**

If you require the Newsletter be mailed to you, there is an additional fee of \$35. \* This fee must be included in your membership payment.

Please place your check (payable to CHWC) and the form in an envelope marked "MEMBERSHIP" in either:

1. The CHWC Box located in the Citrus Hills Pro Shop OR
2. Mail to: Cheryl Ringel, CHWC Membership, 1382 N. Whisperwood Dr., Hernando, FL 34442

New Member (N) or previous Member Renewal (R)? \_\_\_\_\_

Check# or Cash: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Paid: \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail me my Newsletter \_\_\_\_\_ \*(Enclose a check for \$60.00)

## Handbook Information (Please PRINT legibly)

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ SPOUSE: \_\_\_\_\_

LANDLINE: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ CELL PHONE: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

STREET: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

### COMMITTEE VOLUNTEER INTEREST

#### STANDING COMMITTEES

- Activities \_\_\_\_\_
- Community and Charity Outreach \_\_\_\_\_
- Electronic Media \_\_\_\_\_
- Hospitality \_\_\_\_\_
- Membership \_\_\_\_\_
- Member Support \_\_\_\_\_
- Public Relations \_\_\_\_\_
- Scholarship \_\_\_\_\_

#### FUNDRAISING

- Bake & Craft Sale \_\_\_\_\_
- Bunco \_\_\_\_\_
- Dinner Dance \_\_\_\_\_
- Fashion Show \_\_\_\_\_
- Golf Scrambles \_\_\_\_\_
- Mah Jong Tournament \_\_\_\_\_
- Military Card Party \_\_\_\_\_

#### COMMUNITY/OTHER

- Book Club \_\_\_\_\_
- Brookdale Bingo \_\_\_\_\_
- Carter School Outreach \_\_\_\_\_
- Community/Volunteer \_\_\_\_\_
- Beginning Mah Jongg \_\_\_\_\_
- Intermediate Mah Jongg \_\_\_\_\_
- Lunch Bunch \_\_\_\_\_

### LEADERSHIP/EXECUTIVE BOARD POSITION - MAY BE CO-OFFICER

See CHWC Handbook for Job Descriptions

- President \_\_\_\_\_
- Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_
- First Vice President \_\_\_\_\_
- Secretary \_\_\_\_\_
- Second Vice President \_\_\_\_\_
- Committee/Event Chair \_\_\_\_\_

CHWC IS A Charitable Volunteer Organization focused on Friends, Fun and Community.  
 Your Time and Talent are much appreciated. Membership eligibility is defined in the BY-LAWS.  
 Contact the Membership Committee if you have questions.



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