

SUNSHINE MONTHLY

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Happy St. Patrick's Day!

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

LAYNE SABERT

Spring is a few weeks away and it is a very busy time for CLC. Our Spring Fundraiser is almost here, we will be presenting the 2024-2025 board slate this month and the annual dues statement has already been sent.

My first year as President has kept me busy but I was finally able to get back into the schools to work in the Hubs. As we reorganized the Hub at Devonshire, a second grader came in to get a new backpack, as hers had torn. She quietly looked through them and chose a purple one.

Happy with our progress in the Hub, we headed to the office to sign out. There we saw the student leaving the office with a staff member. We smiled and commented on how nice the backpack looked. We noticed there was also a police officer exiting with them and felt pangs of concern and sadness for what situation would require the police to be with the little girl. A hard reminder of how these students' lives differ so greatly from our own. And a reminder of how important our partnerships with the schools are.

Thanks to everyone working on the Spring Fundraiser, which is key to maintaining our partnerships. I look forward to another great event and hope to see everyone there!

Sincerely,
Layne

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 7, 10:00 am
Board Meeting
Hyatt Centric SouthPark

March 14, 10:45 am
General Meeting
SouthPark Regional Library

Friday, March 22, 2024
CLC Spring Fundraiser Luncheon
Hyatt Centric SouthPark

CARE AND CONCERN

HELEN HOWARD

Velma Wall passed away on February 18, 2024. She would have been 100 in August. Below is a picture of her and her daughter, Bonnie Greenberg, from the Charity Luncheon last year!



SERVICE PROJECTS

ANGIE MARSHALL

Hello March!

1. School Uniform Orders:

We are currently in the process of ordering uniforms for the spring season.

2. Teacher Appreciation Events:

Our school teams are busy organizing special events to show our gratitude to the dedicated teachers who make a difference in the lives of our students every day. Stay tuned for ways you can contribute time, resources, goodies and more.

3. Volunteer Opportunities:

We will be seeking volunteers for spring book fairs and EOG proctoring. Your support in these areas is always much appreciated.

4. Open Invitation to volunteer in one or more of our schools:

One of my goals in the coming months is to personally invite members to visit our schools and see firsthand the impact of our service project teams. It's truly fulfilling and inspiring to witness how we positively touch the lives of so many students and staff. Keep an eye out for upcoming details and invitations to visit the different schools.

5. MOST IMPORTANTLY we need more members to join the Service Projects Team:

If you're passionate about making a difference and want to be part of our service projects team, we welcome your involvement!

Albemarle Road Elementary

1. HUB work

Susan, Layne and Lisha had a very productive day in the Albemarle Hub on February 20th. Spring items were ordered and delivered prior to their visit and now the hub is fully stocked for warm weather.

3. Teacher Recognition

Lisha is planning a Pizza Party for Ms. Delimata, who is the ARES Teacher of the Year. It will be on March 18th and has been added to the ARES Hub Sign Up Genius.

3. Book Fair

The ARES Spring Book Fair Sign Up Genius (attached below) was sent out and THANK YOU to everyone who has signed up already. There are still many openings for anyone else who wants to help!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4CA8AE2CABF85-48117315-albemarle>

BEST WISHES TO OUR MARCH BIRTHDAY GIRLS:

10 Megan Marshall

14 Ann Ruff

MEMBERSHIP

ALECIA JOHNSON

Please don't forget to submit your annual dues **no later than March 31**

Payments can be made directly on the website, OR by check payable to Charity League, Inc, and mailed to the following address:

Charity League of Charlotte

P.O. Box 471332

Charlotte, NC 28247

The spring Open House/Social will be on April 18th at 5:30. Stay tuned for details and location.

But please save the date – and invite friends who may be interested in learning more about CLC!

FUNDRAISING EVENTS

MARCY MCKENNEY



In a couple of short weeks, we will be hosting our 41st Spring Fundraiser at Hyatt Centric SouthPark.

We need the support of you, your family, and friends to make this event a financial success!

Devonshire Elementary

As we reflect on the past month, it's been relatively quiet at Devonshire, but exciting opportunities are on the horizon.

****1. Partner School Book Drive****

Our partner school, Rea Farms, is currently hosting a book drive to enrich their media center, with a focus on Bilingual English/Spanish literature. Additionally, they are applying for a book donation through Promising Pages. If you have any gently used bilingual books to donate, or would like to contribute to this initiative, please consider reaching out to Rea Farms.

****2. Teacher and Staff Appreciation****

We are gearing up to show our gratitude to the incredible teachers and staff members at Devonshire. Stay tuned for details on how you can participate and contribute to making this memorable for our dedicated educators.

****3. Join Our Team****

We are seeking four enthusiastic individuals to join a dynamic team dedicated to supporting various areas and needs within the school. Whether it's assisting with uniforms, coordinating the book fair, organizing celebrations, or addressing staff needs, your involvement is invaluable. Much of this work can be done remotely if you're unable to make it to the school.

Thank you for your support and dedication to our service projects. Together, we are making a meaningful difference in the lives of our students, teachers and staff.

If you're interested in lending a hand, please reach out to me at **704-907-2140** for more information and details on how you can contribute. Looking forward to Spring!

You may also use these links to volunteer at an individual school:

Albemarle Road:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4CA8AE2CABF85-44530845-albemarle>

Devonshire:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4CA8AE2CABF85-44514690-devonshire>

Hidden Valley:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4CA8AE2CABF85-44565812-hidden>

As you know, all proceeds will go directly towards stocking our partner school HUBS with critical care items for their students.

Tickets are \$75 and can be purchased at this link:

CLC Luncheon 2024

What can you expect at the event?

- Mistress of Ceremonies – Kristen Miranda
- Guest Speaker - Dr. Cotrane Penn, CMS Executive Director of Student Wellness & Academic Support
- Robust silent auction
- Delicious lunch
- One Complimentary mimosa (11-12 noon)

Silent auction items donated by CLC members:

- Carolyn Stroud - 3 bedroom/2 bath condo on Pawley's Island (three-night stay)
- Alecia Johnson - 2 bedroom/1 bath cottage in Oriental, NC (three-night stay)
- Jeannette Renfrow - original artwork
- Tammy Pangle - Baskets of baked goods lovingly made by her mother
- Patsy Drummond – Themed Easter baskets

General silent auction items being offered:

- The Dog Knowledge two-week basic obedience training
- \$500 Perry's gift card
- Artwork by Lauren Reddick
- Couples massage and dinner for two at Chetola Resort, Blowing Rock
- One night's stay at Hyatt Centric SouthPark
- Palestra Boutique Spa (complimentary facial)
- Gift cards to restaurants in Charlotte, Davidson and Mooresville
- Gift cards to various retail and entertainment venues
-and many more

Can't attend but want to donate?

Just click on the link above and then click the "Donate" button at the top of the page.

SPEEDWAY CHILDREN’S CHARITIES

Carolyn Bass

Things are underway for the May Gala coming up on Wednesday, May 22nd. You will be seeing more about the event in the next month or so.

Grant Requests are coming in from all the area charities, so it’s going to be a busy summer for the board members.

I will have updates for events coming up that Charity League members might volunteer for soon.

If you have any questions, please reach out to me.

Want to send a check instead of paying online?

Make check payable to Charity League, Inc. and send it to the following address:

Marcy McKenney
10833 Round Rock Road,
Charlotte, NC 28277

Credit cards and checks will be accepted for payment of silent auction items.

Please advise me of any dietary restrictions in advance.

Thank you for your continued support!

CLC MEMBERS IN ACTION



Carolyn Stroud and Elizabeth Phillips – Hidden Valley HUB



Teacher Appreciation Event HVE



Susan Carr, Lisha Morton, Layne Sabert – Albemarle Road



Ellen Underwood, Destiney Johnston, Eileen Phillips

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