

# SUNSHINE MONTHLY

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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

LAYNE SABERT

Somehow it is almost Spring again, which means preparations for our Annual Spring Fundraiser are in high gear. Thanks to our wonderful partnership with Hyatt Centric, we've had the privilege of hosting this event there for the past several years.

Each year, they collaborate with us to create a stylish yet meaningful experience that plays a crucial role in achieving our fundraising goals. Don't wait—purchase your ticket today!

Spring also brings our much-anticipated Spring Open House. This casual and welcoming evening is the perfect opportunity for members to introduce potential new members to Charity League. Join us for a night of socializing, connection, and learning more about the impact we make together. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at both events!

Sincerely,  
Layne

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 6, 10:00 am  
Board Meeting  
Hyatt Centric SouthPark

March 13, 10:45 am  
General Meeting  
SouthPark Regional Library

March 28, 11:00 am  
Spring Fundraiser  
Hyatt Centric SouthPark

April 22, 5 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.  
CLC Open House  
CharBar7 - 4130 Carmel Road

## CARE AND CONCERN

HELEN HOWARD

Happy Birthday to our March birthday Girls:

10 Megan Marshall  
14 Ann Ruff

## MEMBERSHIP

ALECIA JOHNSON

Please note that a NEW interactive Membership Application is now available on our website for anyone interested in joining. They no longer need to download a document to complete manually and mail back to us. And we have already received two applications through this process!

## SERVICE PROJECTS

### ANGIE MARSHALL

Just a reminder that we are still looking for members eager to get more involved!

You can help whenever, and how often, as it works for you. Our goal is to get everyone engaged in our mission, however it best fits your schedule

Ways to Get Involved:

- Volunteer at one of our school hubs
- Participate in special events and/or projects
- Donate treats, gift cards, or specific items as needed
- Bake goodies, as these are always a hit!

I will continue to share opportunities to participate, and I truly appreciate those who have already reached out. Your support makes a difference!

### Albemarle Road Elementary

Team Lead – Lisha Morton

Julie Knafelz and I provided food for the Breakfast Bunch - a group of high-achieving, multi-language learners who have been tutored from the beginning of the year. Hopefully they will score high enough on testing to remove ARES from the low performing list.

These bright, smiley children came in along with several parents, and the test was explained carefully, to ensure that each child has the support needed to do their very best. It was interesting to learn how non-English speaking children not only take an EOG test, but also have to be tested on speaking and understanding the English language.

Once the program was over, the leftover food and drinks were moved to the teacher's lounge for an unexpected snack for staff too!

As I move into the Team Lead role at Hidden Valley Elementary, I will work with Holly LeTourneau to become the Team Lead at Albemarle Road Elementary. New spring uniforms are on the way, so the Hub will soon be cleared of winter uniforms and replaced with shorts, skirts and short sleeve shirts.

Please sign up to help whenever you can at the link below:

[Albemarle Road Volunteering](#)

## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT:



We are SO proud of our member Lisha Morton's great work with Charity League, as well as on her own!

Through our ongoing partnership at Hidden Valley Elementary School, she became aware of their critical need to establish a PTA to engage the families and raise funds for student resources. So, she researched requirements and partnered with some others in the community to make that happen.

She and two other CLC members, Ellen Underwood and Stephanie Spencer, have agreed to serve on the PTA as well, to get the organization off to a good start.

Thank you, ladies for your kind hearts and dedication to the school!!

## FUNDRAISING EVENTS

### MARCY MCKENNEY



**THE CHARITY LEAGUE OF CHARLOTTE**

*Please join us for the*  
**42nd Annual Spring Fundraiser Luncheon**

Friday, March 28, 2025  
Hyatt Centric, SouthPark

11 a.m. Arrivals/Silent Auction  
12 noon Luncheon and Program

Please RSVP by March 17

Spring is just around the corner and so is our 42nd Annual Fundraising Luncheon!

This event is our biggest fundraiser of the year and, as always, we rely on the support of you, your family, and friends to make it a financial success.

All proceeds go directly to supplying our partner schools with critical care items for the students. Therefore, it is our hope that ALL members will donate, even if you are unable to attend the event.

**Devonshire**

Team Leads – Destiney Johnston & Angie Marshall

Please sign up to help whenever you can at the link below:

[Devonshire Volunteering](#)

**Hidden Valley**

Team Lead – Elizabeth Phillips

We showed the teachers and staff at HVE our appreciation with a delicious lunch in February. Thanks to Susan Carr and Ellen Underwood for helping to set up and serve!

Please sign up to help whenever you can at the link below:

[Hidden Valley Volunteering](#)

## DONOR RELATIONS & COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

**LISHA MORTON**

Our partnership with Ally has morphed into a great revenue stream. We originally expected income of \$1,500 with Ally Volunteer Days and we are now over \$10,000!

On March 18th, Ally employees will help us at JW Grier to transition their Hub from Winter to Spring. The same Ally department helped set up this Hub originally, and we're thrilled to have their assistance as we put out the new spring uniform items for students.

On March 14th, another group of Ally employees will help us at Devonshire to assemble Teacher Resource Notebooks for K - 2nd grade. This is a project that was received by Devonshire over a year ago and has not been used because teachers and administration haven't had time to assemble the notebooks.

Please note that ALL members are welcome to help on these Ally volunteer days – just reach out to either Lisha Morton or Marcy McKenney to volunteer.

We really need everyone to be involved in some way to reach our goal of \$25,000!

**Purchase Tickets here:** [CLC Spring Luncheon 2025](#)

**Make a Personal Donation here:** [CLC Donations](#)

(Just add "Spring Fundraiser" to the notes)

Guest Speaker:

We are happy to announce that Lisa Cline, our very own CLC member since 2021, will be our primary guest speaker. Lisa is a retired educator and understands the importance of an equitable, quality education. She also currently serves on the CMS School Board.

Important Notes:

- Guest check-in will be in main lobby of Hyatt Centric
- Parking details will be sent out closer to the date
- Checks and credit cards will be accepted for silent auction payments
- If you prefer to pay for tickets or make a donation via check, you can mail it to:

Marcy McKenney  
10833 Round Rock Road  
Charlotte, NC 28277

- Please email me with any dietary restrictions ahead of time at [tjmckenney44@gmail.com](mailto:tjmckenney44@gmail.com)

Silent Auction Items donated by CLC Members:

- Alecia Johnson - 2 bed/1 bath cottage in Oriental, NC
- Alecia Johnson - MZ Wallace handbag
- Tammy Pangle - Baskets of home-baked goods
- Tammy Pangle - SCOUT bag filled with essential oils
- Angie Marshall – hand-made Pottery
- Patsy Drummond – Adorable Easter baskets

Other exciting Silent Auction items:

- Chetola Resort - two-night stay and dinner for two
  - Malak Jewelers - gold earrings with amethyst stone
  - Perry's jewelers - \$500 gift card
  - Lauren Reddick - Artwork
  - Blackhawk Hardware - LG 65-inch TV
  - Palestra Boutique Spa - 75-minute facial
  - Kendra Scott - Assorted Jewelry
  - Gift cards to restaurants in Charlotte, Davidson and Mooresville
  - Gift cards to retail and entertainment
- .....and MUCH more!!

Thank you ALL for your continued support!

### Albemarle Road Breakfast Bunch Event



### Hidden Valley Teacher Appreciation Lunch



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