

SUNSHINE MONTHLY

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

LAYNE SABERT

I'm very happy to report that Charity League received full funding from Speedway Children's Charities! We have been a grant recipient of SCC for many years, but we never want to take it for granted. Thank you to everyone who stepped up to volunteer at several of their events on behalf of CLC. This is important as our volunteerism for SCC does play a part in the grant determination process. Information on these opportunities is emailed as well as included in our newsletter.

Each time I start writing my monthly letter, I immediately think about how fast time has passed. And here we are, already in the holiday season! Our annual Holiday Luncheon always takes the place of the December general meeting. Great food and fellowship create a fun atmosphere in which to relax during this hectic time of year. Please plan to come if you are able.

I wish everyone a very happy and peaceful holiday season!

Layne

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 5, 10:00 a.m.
Board Meeting
Hyatt Centric SouthPark

December 12, 11:00 a.m.
Holiday Luncheon
Red Rock's Café
4223 Providence Road

CARE AND CONCERN

HELEN HOWARD

Happy Birthday to our December birthday Girls:

- 2 Holly LeTourneau
Shelly Yoder
- 16 Carolyn Pollack
- 17 Gloria Vaughn
- 27 Carla Shober
- 31 Margo Cummings

MEMBERSHIP

ALECIA JOHNSON



Welcome Julie Knafelz! She and her husband Rick moved from Chicago to Charlotte in 2001 with his job at Bank of America. She is a retired Nurse/Counselor. They have two children Sarah (23) and Matthew (20).

SERVICE PROJECTS

ANGELA MARSHALL

Happy Holidays Ladies!

Our service projects team has been hard at work spreading cheer this season! From volunteering at school food banks to organizing warm clothing/coats in each hub, we're definitely making a difference. We've also been busy planning holiday luncheons for staff and preparing a special gift-wrapping project for the teachers at Devonshire Elementary.

We're excited to expand our team and are looking for a few more passionate members to join us! The time commitment is minimal—just about twice a month, with occasional extra help needed for special events or projects.

If you'd like to get involved and help us make a meaningful impact in our schools, reach out to me at 704-907-2140 for more information.

Warm wishes and Holiday Blessings,
Angie Marshall

Albemarle Road Elementary

Team Lead – Lisha Morton

Albemarle Road Elementary continues to be a great partner school. They are diligent about communicating and often apologize if the Hub has become unorganized. Marcy and Lisha have worked the past two mobile food pantries alongside Ally volunteers. It's very gratifying to know so many families had a turkey and ingredients for the sides to go with it as they celebrated Thanksgiving. It's wonderful to see the kids' smiling faces as they come through the car line and say thank you for the food being loaded into their vehicle.

We provided delicious homemade breads, cookies and coffee to the staff of ARES on November 22nd. These amazing treats were baked by new member Tammy Pangle's mother. The staff is always so appreciative when we provide food for them. We are planning a staff event in December and once the details are finalized, it will be added to the Sign-Up Genius below.

Please sign up to help when you can:

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

Julie enjoys Pickleball, cooking and exercising. She has volunteered in our local schools for years and has fostered over 34 sweet pooches from the local SCPA.

A fun fact about Julie is that she played basketball in college and coached her kids' team for years!



It's that time of year again! Our December general meeting will also be our Holiday Luncheon.

Please join us at Red Rocks Cafe on December 12th at 11:00. The price for the Luncheon is \$40, which includes a great buffet, dessert and non-alcoholic beverages. You may use the link below to pay, and note that your donation is for the Holiday Luncheon:

<https://www.charityleagueofcharlotte.org/donate>

OR, if you prefer, you may send a check instead to:

Charity League, Inc
PO Box 471332, Charlotte, NC 28247-1332

We look forward to seeing you there!

FUNDRAISING EVENTS

MARCY MCKENNEY

Even as Christmas fast approaches and we look forward to celebrating with our family and friends, we are beginning to plan for our 42nd Annual CLC Spring Fundraising Luncheon.

Devonshire Elementary

Team Lead – Destiney Johnston

If you'd like to help at Devonshire, please sign up below:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4CA8AE2CABF85-51218912-devonshire>

Hidden Valley

Team Lead – Elizabeth Phillips

Charity League sponsored reading awards at the book fair last month at Hidden Valley. Each teacher nominated students for this honor, and they were able to pick out a book as their reward. So many smiling faces! Media Center Specialist, Liliet Council, brings the fun to learning to read and we are so happy to partner with her to help make this event a success!

We continue to tweak the space for uniforms to optimize the shelves for the highest in-demand sizes. This will make it easier for our social workers and counselors to find needed items. Thank you to Susan Carr for her help shifting everything around. I couldn't have done it without her! And what a special day it was in the Hub, as we helped one sweet little girl, introduced by her teacher as the superstar reader in her class, to find a new coat. She was beaming! We also helped another one that really wanted a pretty backpack and was so pleased that we had a purple one. It's these little things that make spending time volunteering at HVE so special.

Hub workdays are the 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month, and our next teacher appreciation is on Wednesday, February 26.

Please sign up to help as you are available at the following link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4CA8AE2CABF85-50883744-hidden>

We'd love for you to join us at Hidden Valley!

SPEEDWAY CHILDREN'S CHARITIES

CAROLYN BASS

Well, what a year this has been! Charity League has done wonderful things, especially adding two new schools. Thank you for continuing to support SCC with volunteers as well. SCC has been such a wonderful supporter of Charity League since 1990.

Our SCC Board has met and grant decisions have been made. We are looking forward to distributing them on December 3rd, and I am excited to share details of that with everyone later.

Wishing you all the Blessings of Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

SAVE THE DATE

Friday, March 28, 2025

Hyatt Centric SouthPark



This year's theme will be "Giving Hearts Light the Way," and the event program/invitation have been beautifully designed by CLC member, Debbie Cramer. Thank you, Debbie! Electronic invitations will be available in mid-January. We will also print a small number of paper invitations for those who request them.

Kristen Miranda, who graciously served as our Spring Luncheon Mistress of Ceremonies for the past few years, has made a career move from WBTV to Blumenthal Arts as Director of Community Impact and Partnership. But I am pleased to announce that she plans to continue supporting Charity League of Charlotte in her new role and has agreed to serve again as our 2025 Spring Luncheon Mistress of Ceremonies as well.

Please consider becoming part of the 2024 Spring Luncheon Planning Committee.

One of the main responsibilities of this Committee is to procure great items for the silent auction. Our guests love to come and shop prior to the luncheon, with mimosas in hand, while visiting with friends. We try to procure items that will appeal to our audience such as artwork, floral centerpieces, jewelry, home decor items, a variety of food and Easter baskets, and of course, gift cards from both Mooresville area and Charlotte.

Please contact me via email if you are interested at tjmckenney44@gmail.com. Thank you!!

Hidden Valley Book Fair Highlights:



Albemarle Road Food Distribution Highlights:



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