

# SUNSHINE MONTHLY

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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

STEPHANIE THERRELL

Whew, I can't believe it's been a year! I'm so thankful that we are turning the corner with COVID. Now that vaccines are readily available, we can start planning for in-person meetings and events.

I will follow up with St. Gabriel's to see when they will allow groups to meet in the church. We have a back-up plan for our September meeting space, should St. Gabriel's have limitations. We will continue to mask when we meet as a group indoors, and continually assess the COVID numbers to determine when we are ready to ease masks indoors. It's important for all members to feel comfortable meeting, and we do not want to put any of our members at risk.

I am excited to announce that face masks with our CLC logo will be available for purchase soon. The cost should be under \$10 each, and it's a great way to show our support of CLC and our community. Who would have ever thought we would be coordinating face masks?!?

I'm thankful for each one of you, and your continued support and volunteer time over the past year. So many of you have continued to volunteer with our schools, and it shows that we have a strong commitment to CLC's mission.

Warmly,  
Stephanie

## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

CARLA SHOBER

Please join us for our Spring Open House on Tuesday, May 11th from 5pm to 8:30pm at the Village Tavern patio. Bring a friend! This will be a great chance to visit with your CLC sisters and share our mission with potential new members. It has been too long since we all spent time together (in person), and it will be wonderful to catch up with each other on a beautiful Spring evening!!

We will gather on the beautiful terrace at the Village Tavern, 4201 Congress Street and heavy appetizers will be served.

Please RSVP using the link below:

[members@charityleagueofcharlotte.org](mailto:members@charityleagueofcharlotte.org)



## SERVICE PROJECTS

CAROLINE HORNE

Students are back to in person learning! The Service Projects Committee has been busy, working to fulfill student needs as things return more to “normal”. It is great to see the children back with their peers, smiling and engaged!

At **Hidden Valley** we have most recently purchased items for the music department such as bells, piano keyboards and equipment to enhance the digital music experience. Seeds were also bought for each child in the school as Hidden Valley is implementing a garden, teaching students about the plant cycle, healthy foods and composting. We are also able to provide a coffee bar for teachers for an end of the year staff appreciation event (and at **Devonshire**).

**Sterling Elementary** has inventoried our Hub and we have helped to restock basic necessities such as underwear and shoes for specific students who are in need.

Don't forget the food pantry at **Devonshire** on May 25.

We still have volunteer opportunities at **Hidden Valley** to proctor and you should have received an email from Lisha Morton. I am also copying it below:

*Good morning, Hidden Valley needs proctors for EOG's (End of Grade testing). They need A LOT of volunteers so feel free to share with friends or neighbors who might want to help. I wanted to provide a little more info about the schedule, proctoring & the required training. The link to sign up is below:*

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a084aa4a92daafe3-eogtesting>

*1. Proctoring requires you to be there promptly at 7:45 am and available until 3pm. Testing begins at 8am. There will be breaks during this time. It is recommended that you bring snacks, lunch and water to last you during this time. It's also helpful to have a jacket or sweater to make sure you're comfortable. Your interaction with the students will be minimal. Your only responsibility is to confirm the test is administered correctly - this will be fully explained in the Virtual Proctor Training.*

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*The teacher will be in the room except for delivering the finished testing materials to administrators.*

*2. Asst. Principal, Mr. Mohammed will provide Virtual Proctor Training on May 5th at 4pm. The training will only take 30 minutes. Mr. Muhammad will give you instructions for proctoring and any specifics you will need. If you're not available on that date, please email Erika Velez at [erika1.perez@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:erika1.perez@cms.k12.nc.us) to set up another time for training.*

*3. You must be registered as a CMS Volunteer to proctor. Registration expires every school year and all volunteers must register every year for clearance. With a NC license, clearance is usually given within 24 hours. If it's an out of state license, it usually takes 48 hours.*

*CMS Volunteer Registration Login*

<https://www.cmsvolunteers.com/>

*If you have any other questions, feel free to reach out to Lisha Morton at (704)281-0609.*

## CENTENNIAL RESEARCH COMMITTEE

ELIZABETH PHILLIPS

Thank you to all of our members who submitted surveys to the Centennial Research Committee! We received surveys from members who joined in every decade from the 1970s to the 2020s! The responses were very insightful, funny, and heartwarming. What is clear through the years is the dedication of our membership to our mission of helping children and the enduring friendships created along the way.

## FOUR SEASONS

MARILYN FARGO

We remember our late member Elaine Crusan through the traditions of the Bazaar and the Showcase of Artisans. These traditions have been a part of Charity League since 1956. Elaine's mother-in-law, Louise Crusan, was part of the original Charity League Workshop group named Four Seasons. Elaine continued the workshop tradition on a weekly basis, from June to October, for 38 years. Workshop supplied handmade items to the annual Christmas Bazaar, then continued with the Showcase of Artisans in recent years until 2018.

Workshop also created the chance for a close-knit group of women to share stories and personal interests while working on creative projects. It was a great opportunity to make new friends and truly get to know each other.

As we mourn the loss of Elaine, I would like to thank the many hard working, dedicated women who were part of the Workshop Team that created items for the annual Showcase of Artisans. I also want to thank everyone who supported us through the years. It was a unique experience that many of our members will remember.

Looking ahead, we will be offering creative workshops to our members to carry on Elaine and Louise Crusan's legacy.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### BOARD MEETING

Thursday, May 6, 10 a.m.  
Meeting by conference call

### SPRING OPEN HOUSE

Tuesday, May 11, 5 pm to 8:30 pm  
The Village Tavern Terrace  
4201 Congress St., Charlotte, NC

### ANNUAL MEETING

Thursday, May 13, 11 a.m.  
Meeting by Zoom invitation

## CARE & CONCERN

HELEN HOWARD

It is with great sadness that I share with you the deaths of **Elaine Crusan** and **Judy Crowther** in April just days apart.

**Elaine** joined the Charity League in 1983. She was sponsored by her mother-in-law **Louise Crusan**. She made beautiful floral arrangements for every occasion and to fundraise. She worked behind the scenes and didn't want to take credit for her accomplishments. **Judy** joined Charity League in 1976. She held many offices from Nametags to President. Both ladies were talented and La Rose Grant award recipients. You could always count on them to support the Charity League. Blessings and prayers to their families as they mourn their loss.

Judy's service will take place on June 5th at Sardis Presbyterian Church at 11:00 am.

Happy Birthday to our May members!

## MAY BIRTHDAYS

10 Dianne Roth  
22 Ashley Hewitt  
24 Melvina Lee  
27 Pat Higgins

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