

# SUNSHINE MONTHLY

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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

LAYNE SABERT

Our 41st Annual Spring Fundraiser was a huge success! There is no doubt this event has set the bar high.

This was our third fundraiser at the Hyatt and as usual, they did a wonderful job. I've enjoyed the four events I have attended since becoming a member, but this one I enjoyed the most. The atmosphere was a perfect mix of fun and socializing, combined with generous support of CLC's efforts to remove the obstacles poverty places in the way of education.

Dr. Penn's speech shed light on these obstacles, and how what we do, no matter how small, can trigger a domino effect of relief for our students and their families. It was educational and moving. As I spoke with guests and members, there was a consistent message of praise for our work.

I can't thank everyone involved enough for their efforts and support! Keep an eye on our social media pages for photos.

Hope everyone had a Happy Easter!  
Layne

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 4, 10:00 am  
Board Meeting  
Hyatt Centric SouthPark

April 11, 10:45 am  
General Meeting  
**\*\*South County Regional Library \*\***

**NOTE location change**

April 18, 5:30-8:00 pm  
Open House  
Village Tavern

## CARE AND CONCERN

HELEN HOWARD

### Happy Birthday to our April birthday Girls:

1 Lindsay Collins  
4 Suzanne Sweeney  
28 Alecia Johnson  
22 Destiney Johnston

## MEMBERSHIP

ALECIA JOHNSON

Please join us for our Spring Open House on April 18<sup>th</sup> at Village Tavern from 5:30 to 8:00!

It's a great time to catch up with friends you may not have seen for a while, and an opportunity to bring guests who might be interested in learning more about our organization. Appetizers will be provided.

## SERVICE PROJECTS

ANGIE MARSHALL / LISHA MORTON

### Hidden Valley

The Hidden Valley Hub is stocked with uniforms for the Spring season, with shorts for the boys and a mix of shorts and skirts for the girls. In April, we will look at end of the year uniform needs and restock using the remainder of our budget.

An urgent need for a new washer and dryer came to our attention at Hidden Valley this month. The school has a set that is specifically utilized by the school social worker to help children in need of clean clothes due to lack of access at home, accidents at school, and laundering the sports team's uniforms. Recently, one of the students got sick on another student's uniform. Yuck. And the washer and dryer quit working. We are working on getting a new set delivered to the school, so that staff can manage these situations and students can return to the classroom ready to learn.

Upcoming in May, we will be celebrating our teachers during teacher appreciation week and awarding the Teacher of the Year with a special recognition. Stay tuned for pictures!

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### Albemarle Road Elementary

On March 18th, Lisha Morton, Susan Carr and Julie Golonka celebrated Ms. Selena Delimata, Albemarle Teacher of the Year. Mrs. Delimata also serves as the President of the PTA and has taught in Title I for 28 years. We held a pizza party in her honor and Lisha played a fun game of "Ms. Delimata Trivia," with prizes for the winners. Through the trivia game we found out Ms. Delimata loves peanut butter, so we made a basket with peanut butter treats and gave her a Target gift card. Celebrating these selfless teachers in CMS for the top honor chosen by their peers helps retain the most effective teachers in Title I schools.

There are several opportunities to work in the hub at ARES and Lisha will be adding a couple of Teacher Appreciation events next week. Please check your calendar and sign up for the dates you're available.

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### NOTE:

Any dues payments not yet received are now past due. Please remit as soon as possible. Payments can be made here:

<https://www.charityleagueofcharlotte.org/pay-dues>

Or mail a check payable to Charity League, Inc. at:  
Charity League of Charlotte  
P.O. Box 471332  
Charlotte, NC 28247-1332

## PARLIAMENTARIAN

Stephanie Therrell

I encourage all members to join us at our April 11th general meeting to elect our new board for the 2024-2025 fiscal year. Following is the slate:

President: Layne Sabert

Vice President: Open

Past President/Parliamentarian: Stephanie Therrell

Treasurer: Tammy Pangle

Secretary: Open

Fundraising: Marcy McKenney

Communications: Carolyn Pollack

Membership: Alecia Johnson

Service Projects: Angie Marshall

## FUNDRAISING EVENTS

### MARCY MCKENNEY

We are happy to report that our 41st Annual Spring Fundraiser "Joyful Giving Connects Us" was a huge success in many ways.

Together we raised \$24,800!! Approximately \$15,200 of that came from personal and community partner donations, \$7,250 from silent auction proceeds and the remaining \$2,350 from net ticket proceeds.

Kristen Miranda of WBTV served as Mistress of Ceremonies and did an outstanding job keeping us entertained throughout the event. She also posted a complimentary recap on Facebook AND gave us a big Charlotte "shout out" on her March 25th morning show!

## Sterling Elementary

Charity League recently ordered leggings, shorts and socks totaling a little over \$1000 for Sterling Elementary. They are looking forward to some teacher treats in May.

## Devonshire Elementary

We are currently stocking the Hub for spring.

Congratulations Ms. Smallwood, who has been awarded Teacher of the Year at Devonshire! We will celebrate her dedication and passion for education during the week of teacher appreciation.

Beginners' Day for Kindergarten Students will be held on April 18th. If you're interested in lending a helping hand, please reach out. Your support is greatly appreciated, and it is so much fun to see all the little ones on their big day!

As Teacher Appreciation Week approaches, we're gearing up to honor and celebrate our amazing staff. Stay tuned for more details on how you can participate in making this extra special.

Lastly, we're actively seeking two additional volunteers to join our team at Devonshire. If you're passionate about supporting our school community and can commit to volunteering once a month, we'd love to have you on board.

Please contact Angie at 704-907-2140 to learn more about how you can get involved.

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## SPEEDWAY CHILDREN'S CHARITIES

Carolyn Bass

First, I want to say what a wonderful Spring Fundraiser Charity League had on March 22nd. Our speaker was delightful and gave a great presentation on what Charity League is all about. If you were not there, you really missed a great event.

We are excited about the 42nd Annual SCC Gala coming up on Wednesday, 5/22. It is lining up to be a wonderful event. This year's Honoree will be Kevin Harvick, with his vast contributions to the motor sports community and local kids in need.

There are several other events coming up as well for which we need volunteers. Please sign up at one of the links below, and be sure to say that you are representing Charity League.

Dr. Cotrane Penn, Executive Director of Student Wellness & Academic Support for CMS, served as our guest speaker. She delivered a very heartfelt story regarding homeless students and explained the importance of partners like The Charity League of Charlotte, with their impactful rippling effect on children, their families, and the school community.

And we have SO many people to thank, as follows:

- The Spring Fundraising Planning Committee, who helped to brainstorm ideas, solicit silent auction items, assist with set-up the day before, and work in various capacities during the event.
- Debbie Cramer, CLC member, who used her graphic arts talent to create our lovely invitation and event program, saving us money, which in the past, we have paid to an outside professional.
- Alecia Johnson, CLC Board Member, who created and donated the 11 beautiful spring floral centerpieces which made our event even more special.
- CLC Members who personally donated items for the silent auction:
  - Patsy Drummond -- five of the cutest Easter baskets in Charlotte
  - Carolyn Stroud & Alecia Johnson -- their beautiful vacation properties
  - Jeannette Renfrow -- hand painted artwork "Cabin in the Woods"
- Lisha Morton, CLC Board Member, who eloquently shared why she finds such joy in giving her time and talents to support Charity League's mission.
- Cynthia Kratt and Gloria Vaughan, CLC members, were single-handedly responsible for filling 40% of the seats at the event. Way to go, ladies!!
- CLC members who attended and brought family and friends.
- CLC members who were unable to join us but made generous donations.

**NHRA Four-Wide Nationals:**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4BA5A82DA13-47974162-nhra#/>

**NASCAR All-Star Race Weekend at North Wilkesboro:**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4BA5A82DA13-47973247-north#/>

**NASCAR Coke 600 Race Weekend:**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4BA5A82DA13-47887231-coke>

If you have friends or family that would like to help, they are welcome too. you do not have to be a member of CLC. They really do look at who from the community supports them through volunteering.

Hope everyone had a happy Easter!  
May God continue to bless you all.

- Our community partners: Speedway Children’s Charities, Coca-Cola Consolidated, Universal Yarn, The Therrell Company, Inc., Carotek, Inc. and The Goddard School.

Charity League is blessed with many talented, kind-hearted, and generous members, and YOUR continued financial support is what allows us to improve the lives of students and families within Charlotte-Mecklenburg Title I schools.

Next Major Event:  
CLC Fall FUNdraiser  
Monday, October 21, 2024

Please save the date!

## FUNDRAISING LUNCHEON HIGHLIGHTS





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