

North Mecklenburg Woman's Club

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All of this year's new members

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Supper Club, Marge Rode

Departments

This is just a sampling of past projects. We encourage you to think of new ways to contribute to our community each year. On the following pages you will find listings of the organizations the Club has supported over the past years

Arts

- Supports local plays and theaters
- Provides art supplies to Cornelius-Davidson Day Care Center
- Visits and supports local museums
- Supports Lifespan Art Project for challenged adults

Conservation

- Sends *Kind News*, a conservation magazine geared to elementary school children to a local elementary school
- Donates money to the American Forest Organization and to the Nature Museum
- Provides a plant swap
- Sends toys to the animals at the NC Zoo
- Supports the Carolina Raptor Center by providing a scholarship to summer camp
- Plants historical trees in the community
- Provides a scholarship for Davidson Horticultural Symposium

Education

- Helped to establish the first branch library in the county and continues to support the libraries
- Provides scholarships to both North Mecklenburg, Hopewell High School & Mallard Creek High School students
- Provides a scholarship to a woman in the work force who wants to further her education
- Proctors at local schools
- Judges Senior Exit Exam

Community Affairs

- Provides clothes to women for job interviews
- Provides medical supplies to Huntersville Free Clinic
- Provides food to the local food pantry
- Makes bibs for the Oaks Nursing home
- Provides money for clothes closet for children in local Middle and High Schools
- Supports Dove House, a facility for abused children
- Donates material for cancer caps and wheel chair bags
- Supports planning for local animal shelter
- Supports Ada Jenkins Community center

International Affairs

- Donates money for the Heifer Project
- Donates medical supplies and toys to Operation Smile for Doctors and Nurses to volunteer surgery on people overseas
- Donates money for Smile Train, for cleft lip and palate surgeries
- Collect items for Christmas Child shoeboxes
- Donates to the Double Harvest Haitian P

ARTS DEPARTMENT

The Arts Department will strive to provide the membership with outlets for both fine, visual and performing arts. The goal is to encourage the membership's attendance at plays, musical events, and art exhibitions. The Art Department will also seek outlets for the creativity of the membership through local hands-on art and cultural events.

The department provides monetary and physical support (ie: supplies) to local non-profit organizations engaged in furthering artistic endeavors in the community. Committee members provide an art themed basket for annual auction. Department arranges, annually, for a guest speaker during a luncheon.

Supported Non-profit organizations:

Ada Jenkins-Located in Davidson, this center provides after school tutoring, medical and dental services, family crisis support and career preparation. The Woman's Club has supported them financially and through donations of art supplies for their programs. They have provided guest speakers. Ada Jenkins also offers volunteer opportunities.

Lifespan-Located in Charlotte, this center provides education and support for persons with developmental delays and partners with businesses offering employment to their clients. The Art Department has provided art supplies for their programs as well as financial donations. They have provided guest speakers for the Club in the past and have many volunteer opportunities.

Creative Art Exchange-Located in Cornelius, this center will be a new addition and offers affordable classes and workshops, exhibits and lectures. They are in need of scholarships for teens and adults, supplies, and volunteers.

Plays, Tours and Musical events-

Provide information to the membership of upcoming cultural events, purchase blocks of tickets and make necessary arrangements.

Plan walking tours, museum crawls, and art classes as interest dictates.

Community Affairs

Our mission is to be actively involved in a variety of community activities and projects. We also support facilities that are designed to assist people in need. Facilities that include but are not limited to:

Ada Jenkins Center: The Ada Jenkins Center is located in Davidson and serves north Mecklenburg and south Iredell counties with various health, education, and social services in an effort to improve the quality of life for residents in need. Once a year, club members bring in canned and packaged food to help supply their pantry. Additionally, we provide dental bags for the Mobile Dental Clinic.

Barnabas House: The Barnabas House in Cornelius is opening in the Fall of 2007 and will be home to 6 mentally disabled adults and 1 staff member. Committee members donated a gas grill to the home and we will hold a cookout with the residents as soon as they are settled. Additionally, we secured a \$200 gift card from Wal-Mart for the home and we have also committed to doing quarterly birthday parties, which is something that we are excited about.

Barium Springs: Barium Springs Home for Children responds to the needs of children and families by providing residential care, educational services, full-day childcare, clinical services and campus ministry. In 2006 we made 82 blankets for the children that use the day-care facilities. In 2007 we donated a \$100 to be used as they deemed necessary.

Crown Colony Retirement Center: Crown Colony Retirement is home to 60 disadvantaged residents. In November 2007, we will bring club members together to make lap blankets and knit shawls that will be presented to the residents at Christmas. Several of us will bake goodies for them, as well.

Dove House: Dove House Children's Advocacy Center provides a safe, child-friendly facility for the investigation, intervention, and prosecution of sexual assault against children. In the past we donate paper supplies and/or snacks and drinks when needed. The 2007-08 year we will support them by attending their fundraiser.

Gatling Juvenile Detention Center: A facility in Huntersville where juveniles are sent while awaiting a trial. In 2007 we participated in the book club at Gatling that was started by the Council for Children's Rights. Currently, we are trying to learn other ways that we can help in this area.

Hospice & Pallative Care of Lake Norman: A non-profit organization whose mission is to help those at the end of their life. The Fall of 2007 was the first year that we assisted Hospice and we did so by contributing toward airline tickets for a small family that needed to get back home. We will begin to support them by volunteering in various ways at the new hospice house in Huntersville when it opens in Jan. 2008.

Huntersville Oaks: Huntersville Oaks is a long-term health care facility for the elderly that offers rehabilitative and long-term care. Each year members of our group make handmade bibs for the residents

Other Projects:

- Sell Belk Dept. Store Charity Days tickets
- Donate food and toys to the North Mecklenburg Animal Shelter

CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT

Listed below are projects that the Conservation Department has done in the past several years.

KIND NEWS-----This is a nature publication with articles and activities geared toward school-age children. We have bought 2 subscriptions each year, one for Huntersville Elementary and one for Blythe Elementary. Each subscription costs \$25

HISTORICAL TREES—Since 2000 we have purchased an historical tree for North Mecklenburg High School. They now have quite an interesting collection on their school grounds. In 2002 we presented Hopewell High School with its first historical tree. These trees are ordered through www.americanforests.org and have a lifetime replacement. Each tree comes with a certificate that gives the historical significance of the tree. The trees are usually ordered and planted in the fall. We have been framing the certificates and ordering a small engraved marker which is placed at the tree. Depending upon the cost of the particular tree, about \$150 total is usually spent.

CAROLINA RAPTOR CENTER—We have supported the Raptor Center in various ways over the years. Several birds have been adopted for costs ranging from \$35-\$50. We have sponsored a presentation, like the one given at our club meeting, for the Davidson Cornelius Day Center, which at the time cost \$150. We also recently agreed to fund two-day camp scholarships for children interested in learning more about environmental issues. These scholarships are approximately \$200 apiece. And of course we are happy to encourage visits to the Raptor Center. To learn more visit: www.carolinaraptorcenter.org

DAVIDSON HORTICULTURE SYMPOSIUM—This is a workshop held each spring in Davidson, NC. Students pursuing careers in horticulture from all over the state are invited and groups or individuals interested in helping the students by providing a sponsorship are welcomed. We have sponsored 1-2 students for the past several years. The cost is about \$85 per student. The public is also invited to register and attend this symposium. If interested in learning more the website is: www.davidsonsymposium.org

BUTTERFLY PAVILIONS—We were able to purchase 7 butterfly pavilions this spring, one for each of the local elementary schools. Teachers are very excited to be involved in this project where the children are able to view caterpillars evolve into butterflies. The caterpillars are in a large net "pavilion" and all supplies are

provided with the kit. The nets can be used again and more caterpillars can be ordered. The school kits were \$52.99 each. The website for this information is: www.insectlore.com

OTHER PROJECTS

- Participate in NC BIG SWEEP
- Made pine cone bird feeders at Davidson Cornelius Daycare
- Collected seed packets for Huntersville Elementary flower garden
- Collected batteries to take to North Meck Recycle Center
- Collected empty ink cartridges to take to Staples
- Projects continued...
- Plant swap between members
- Built blue bird and bat houses
- Collected Card fronts, originally to be sent to St. Judes Children's Hospital but last year they were overloaded with cards so we gave ours to local elementary schools
- Collected newspapers for local veterinarians
- Taken magazines to Lake Norman Regional and The Oaks
- Encourage members to support: NC Zoo, NC Aquariums, NC Wildlife Federation
- Encourage members to observe Earth Day
- Published conservation tips in monthly newsletter

TRIPS

- Metrolina Greenhouses
- Charlotte Recycle Center

SPEAKERS

- Master Gardener
- Catawba Lands Conservancy (Land and Water Conservation)
- Rails to Trails Conservancy (converting old rail lines into walking, biking public trails)
- Meck. Co. Parks & Rec. (Protecting & preserving butterfly habitats, developing butterfly gardens—gave handouts on plants that attract hummingbirds and butterflies)
- Voices and Choices Program (industry and conservation working together)
- Brenda Barger (Meck Co. Recycling Program)
- Raptor Center Program

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The Education Committee takes very seriously their responsibilities of Education in our community.

We serve as proctors during exams and as judges for Senior Exit Projects. We provide judges for the Shakespeare Festival recitations at Bradley Middle as well as judges for their Spelling Bee. Many hours have been spent helping shelve books at the opening of the library at Bradley Middle School as well as purchasing dictionaries and reference materials at the opening of other new school libraries.

The Education Committee is primarily responsible for the awarding of six scholarships for graduating seniors at North Mecklenburg, Hopewell and Mallard Creek High Schools at \$1,000.00 each and one \$1,000.00 scholarship for a woman who is working and returning to school.

The scholarships are awarded based on 50% Monetary Need, 20% Academic Achievement, 20% Extra-curricular Achievement in school and Community and 10% Demonstration of good character.

Members of the Committee maintain liaisons with staff at local high schools, sees that the scholarship applications are designed and distributed appropriately, set up interviews with the student applicants and conducts interviews. The Woman's Scholarship recipient is not interviewed directly, but chosen from the submitted applications.

Each year the recipients of the scholarship attend our April meeting and speak on their goals and aspirations. It is very moving to hear their stories and always makes us want to double our fundraising efforts.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

1. Operation Christmas Child

www.samaritanspurse.org

Operation Christmas Child brings joy and hope to needy children around the world through gift-filled shoeboxes and the Good News of God's love. This program provides an opportunity for people of all ages to be involved in a simple, hands-on missions project that focuses on the true meaning of Christmas--Jesus Christ, God's greatest gift.

2. Heifer International

www.heifer.org

Provides farm animals to impoverished families. This provides families with a valuable source of food and income. Each family assisted commits to pass on their gift animal's first female offspring to another family in need, so the whole community benefits.

3. Operation Smile

www.operationsmile.org

Throughout the world, Operation Smile volunteers repair childhood facial deformities while building public and private partnerships that advocate for sustainable healthcare systems for children and families. Together, we create smiles, change lives, and heal humanity

4. Smile Train

www.SmileTrain.org

Unlike many charities that do many different things, The Smile Train is focused on solving a single problem: cleft lip and palate. Clefts are a major problem in developing countries where there are millions of children who are suffering with unrepaired clefts. Most cannot eat or speak properly. Aren't allowed to attend school or hold a job. And face very difficult lives filled with shame and isolation, pain and heartache.

The good news is every single child with a cleft can be helped with surgery that costs as little as \$250 and takes as little as 45 minutes.

This is our mission:

- To provide free cleft surgery for millions of poor children in developing countries.

- To provide free cleft-related training for doctors and medical

professionals.

5. Double Harvest-Haiti School and Hospital

www.doubleharvest.org

Haiti, being the poorest country in the western hemisphere, was chosen to help the people learn to help themselves.

Double Harvest has a two hundred acre farm, a clinic and a vocational training school beginning with kindergarten.

Double Harvest is involved in church planting using nationally trained missionary pastors. Six days a week the Word of God is presented to the farm workers in a scheduled evangelistic-devotional time.

In the two acres of greenhouses, as many as two million tree seedlings are annually processed for reforestation programs.

COMMITTEES

Fundraising

Decide on fund raising projects & submit for Board approval
Create committee for each project
RAISE MONEY!!!!

Hospitality

Should there be a need for planning an event for the club or a member needs help as a result of a death in the family or illness, help is there from this committee

Membership

Greet members & visitors at club meetings
Provide information to prospective members
Provide handbook/information to all members
Introduce new members/visitors
Collect lunch money
Plan socials, new member social

New Member Project

All new members are encouraged to work together on a project of their choice. This enables them to meet in a smaller group to work together and get to know each other better.

Newsletter

Layout, print club newsletter
Provide articles, filler etc. for member newsletter
Label, stamp and mail newsletter
E-mail newsletter & updates

Publicity

Work with departments and committees to advertise upcoming events
Work with Fundraising to advertise upcoming events
Provide signs, flyers, etc for events
Submit club info to area newspapers

Special Interest

Plan lunch spots for Lunch Bunch
Work with members of Book Club
Arrange Supper Club
Schedule Bridge Club
Reserve t-times for Golf

Schedule Movie-Tuesdays
Plan special day-trips for members

FUNDRAISING

The club sponsors four major fundraisers each year. They are Fashion Show, Red White and Green Auction, Bridge Benefit and Plant Sale. Money raised through these projects is used for our Scholarship Fund to help Hopewell and North Mecklenburg High School students and to give scholarships to women who are in need and attending college to further their career or to start a new one. We also donate money throughout the year to many worthy organizations throughout the community such as: Ada Jenkins, Lake Norman Free Clinic, Barium Spring Children's Home, Gaitlin Juvenile Detention Center Guys Read Program, Life Span, Huntersville Free Dental Clinic, Solomon House, Hope House and Dove House.

Fashion Show

- Held each fall - money is raised through ticket sales, Silent Auction themed baskets, Live Auction items and Raffle items. A salad buffet along with the Fashion Show provides a wonderful fun filled evening to raise money for our Scholarship Fund.

Red White and Green Auction

- Held during Decembers general meeting, each member brings a holiday gift bag with a "surprise gift" inside. Denise Carter is our "fearless auctioneer" and she auctions each bag off to raise money for needy families in the area helped through the Ada Jenkins Center.

Bridge Benefit

- A wonderful day of Bridge complimented by a Continental Breakfast and lunch catered by the North Mecklenburg High School Culinary Department is looked forward to each February. Members enjoy hosting this event and helping throughout the day.

Plant Sale

- With the generous help of Metrolina Greenhouses each April we have a Plant Sale to raise money for the many community causes that we help support throughout the year.

Cookbook

- We created a wonderful cookbook several years ago and we still have copies. This is an ongoing project to sell - sell - sell these cookbooks. All members

are encouraged to take at least five cookbooks to sell, as well as participate in cookbook sales during the year.

Butterbraids

- This mouthwatering pastry comes in a variety of flavors – apple, cherry, cheesecake, etc. and is purchased frozen. The club keeps 40% of the selling price

Charity Days-Belks and Macy's

- These stores sponsor Charity Days at their stores about once a year. Club members work at the desk at the stores for a few hours during the event selling special discount tickets. We then share all proceeds with these sales with other Charity groups.

NEW MEMBERS PROJECT

As new members come into the club each year, they work together on a special project. This enables new members to get to know each other on a smaller scale, and to jump head first into a worthwhile project. In 2006 the Lake Norman Clinic began their plans to move into their own offices. We were instrumental in helping them with decorating, painting and their open house. This year I'm sure this group will be finding more ways that they want to help this very worthwhile organization.

Lake Norman Free Clinic

Background:

Dr David Cook began seeing 4-5 patients in the back of a Mexican grocery store in 1998 once a week after work. Within a year, 20-30 patients would wait hours to see him at the store. Several local churches found out what he was doing and offered to help. April Cook organized the efforts of the four churches and a free clinic was opened in 2001 in the basement of the First Baptist Church, Huntersville. Meadowlake Presbyterian, St. Mark Catholic, Davidson United Methodist and First Baptist Huntersville would take a Wednesday evening out of the month and would host the clinic in the basement of the Baptist Church by supplying volunteers. The first night the clinic was open, over 100 patients lined up to see a physician.

The clinic quickly outgrew the space that was provided by the church. In 2003, volunteers began a capital campaign and raised enough money to purchase a building the summer of 2006. Many local businesses, contractors and church members donated their time, money and supplies to renovate the building into a medical clinic. Lake Norman Free Clinic opened their doors to patients in the new facility on April 4, 2007.

They are proud to be a non-profit medical clinic and are run solely by volunteers.

Mission:

Our mission is to provide free healthcare for uninsured and underinsured residents in the Lake Norman area, thereby helping to create hope for a healthier, happier life.

Goals:

- Operate a daytime chronic care clinic 2 days per week
- Operate an urgent care one night per week

- Operate a pharmacy one day per week for prescription refills
- Offer educational classes on diabetes and nutrition

Present Services;

Onsite lab and pharmacy, once a month Women's Clinic, once a month Podiatry Clinic, once a month Orthopedic Clinic, specialist referrals and Spanish translators.

Contact Information:

Lake Norman Free Clinic

14230 Hunters Road

Huntersville, NC 28078

Phone: 704-947-6858

Fax: 704-947-6859

Website: www.LKNfreeclinic.org

Email: clinic@lakenorman.com

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

We currently have six Special Interest Groups and we are always ready to add more if there is a desire.

Lunch Bunch

Betty Bradley

This group meets the 2nd Wednesday at 12:30 at different restaurants in the area. Just let SI chair know you want to join us so we have plenty of room at the table. This is an easy way to try a new restaurant and get to know the other ladies.

Bridge Group

Marge Rode

Bridge meets the 3rd Wednesday at 1:00 at the homes of different members. Just refer to our calendar that is given out at each meeting or to the newsletter to know where this month's group will be.

There is a group for beginners and one for more advanced players.

If you are just learning and would like to join, please come on down. If you are more experienced and would like a little practice and camaraderie, join us

Book Club

Marilyn Stott

Book Club meets the 4th Wednesday at different homes. We read a variety of books from biography, history, novels and smut – whatever sounds interesting. We also love to give a list of the things we are reading and exchange books. Even if you haven't read the book, please come join us. And usually after the meeting we indulge in one of our favorite pastimes – going out to lunch. Again, just another way to meet people.

Supper Club

Marge Rode

Supper group was just started in the fall of 2005 and we have had great fun. We meet every other month beginning in September for a themed dinner with spouses and friends. The hostess and her helper select the theme and prepare the entrée, while the others bring the sides, appetizers, desserts and their beer or wine. We have had great evenings together just to get to know each other.

Movie Group

Debra Xedus

Movie Tuesdays are usually the Tuesday following our club meeting – or whenever we find a good movie. We try for matinees – they're cheaper – and if you get your Regal card at Movies at Birkdale, your popcorn is free. Please join us.

Golf Group

Pauline Pyburn

Golf Group meets every Thursday, usually at Birkdale Golf Club.

Do you like to play golf – are you really good?

If you're really good you might not want to join this group – we just love to have fun and get to know each other – and there is always lunch at the 19th hole.

Day Trips

Sandie Gambill

Most fun of all are they day trips me take. Each month there is something different. We have been to Biltmore at Christmas, Blowing Rock for shopping and Old Salem to just name a few. We always have a great time, so please join us.

HISTORY OF NORTH MECKLENBURG WOMEN'S CLUB

The North Mecklenburg Woman's Club was organized in 1914 under the name of Huntersville Woman's Club with an average membership of about thirty in the early years. Members worked on lawn beautification, flowers, gardens, handicrafts, recipes, music and art appreciation, and for civic improvement. In the early twenties, Boy and Girl Scout Troops were sponsored.

There was close partnership with the local schools. Teachers were welcomed with a picnic or reception, shrubbery was planted, school-ground walks were paved, clothes closets were established, books were donated for the school library, and help was given with fund raising.

During the war years, volunteers sold war bonds, helped on Red Cross work, furnished supplies for cancer patients, and assisted in Polio, Heart, and other health drives. Members studied Red Cross First Aid Courses and did volunteer work in those areas.

The Club was instrumental in establishing the first branch library in the county. A small brick building was furnished with shelves, draperies, necessary tables and chairs. Books (from the Charlotte Public Library) had to be rebound and catalogued and local workers staffed the library. Later, a five-room house was made available for several years.

In 1953, the North Mecklenburg Woman's Club was federated under the name of Huntersville Woman's Club with the General Federation of Women's Clubs. There were 44 members, two of who had been members of the original 1914 group. Four departments were set up: American Home Education, Fine Arts, and International Relations. There was much renewed interest in Club work on all levels. Results were "Clean up, Fix up, Paint up" drives, planting of trees and shrubs, garden tours, handicraft interest, visual arts, music, book reviews, health programs, fashion shows, bazaars, bake sales, antique displays, and Christmas Home Decoration contests.

The Club instigated the forming of the Huntersville Community Council, which sponsors a summer recreation program. Through the American Field Service Exchange Student Program, the Club assisted North Mecklenburg High School in securing their first foreign student in 1956.

The Club acted as hostess when the new public library was completed in January 1956. Books were moved by local townspeople. Awards were received for Community achievement and Dedicated Service. In 1957, the Club was awarded a silver tray for the Oscar Merritt World Peace Award.

Many winners have come from this Club in art, sewing, and crafts on District and State levels. In 1978, one member was a National winner in "Sewing for the Handicapped". The Club won the Community Improvement Program Award in 1973 for support of the North Mecklenburg Medical Development Association to which there was a \$1,000 donation. Toward tennis courts in Huntersville, \$1,000 was given, and \$500 was donated for fountains in Holbrook Park.

Support has been given to North Mecklenburg activities, Boys' and Girls' Homes, Huntersville Hospital Operation "Home-bound" through CPCC, and Western Carolina Center.

Other projects include Beautification of a school in Peru, CARE, Crime Prevention, Great Books, and RIF Programs. In 1980, presentation of the bus, "Funshine Express" was made to the Huntersville Hospital. This was a community-wide project. In 1980-82, for the

restoration of the Hugh Torrance House and Store, \$4,700 was given. Through combined efforts, Girls' Haven pool and gym were made available for community use in 1981-82, making more than \$2,200 for the Home. In 1981, the Club sponsored the chartering of a new sister club, the North Mecklenburg Junior Woman's Club.

In 1982, a Fit-Trail was given at \$1,000 boost. The Club supported the Long Creek Citizen's Committee in their victorious fight against the Reames Road Landfill.

Education has been a main concern through the years. In 1983 the Club sponsored its first \$1,000 scholarship for a student at North Mecklenburg High School. In 2000, the Club sponsored its first scholarship for a woman wanting to return to school to further her career. Currently, the Club sponsors five scholarships. Hopewell High School receives two \$1,000 and North Mecklenburg High School receives two \$1,000 scholarships for their students. The scholarship for a woman is currently at \$500.00.

Club president, Louise Seay, formed the Brookwood Woman's Club in 1996. This club was the first club within a club for the General Federation of Women's Club. The Club paid their dues to belong to GFWC-NC and provided the meetings and guest speakers. There were 19 charter members. Although this club stands separate from the North Mecklenburg Woman's Club now, it is an active club.

The Lake Norman Junioresettes is a subdivision of the women's club. These are teenage girls from the ages 13-19 who work in the community through projects like the women's club. The North Mecklenburg Woman's Club became their sponsoring club in 1997 and has enjoyed a very rewarding relationship since then.

The Huntersville Woman's Club made numerous changes in 2004. The membership voted to change the name to North Mecklenburg Woman's Club. Many club members were from surrounding towns and it was the clubs desire to make all members and prospective members feel welcomed and part of the club. The North Mecklenburg Woman's Club also voted to withdraw its membership from the General Federation of Women's Clubs. This left the club to be in independent club to work on projects that they felt would help their community most. Also, in 2004, Denise Carter, founder and advisor of the Lake Norman Junioresettes for 14 years retired from that position; therefore leaving the girls as an independent club to function on their own.

Women of all ages are encouraged to join the North Mecklenburg Woman's Club in their endeavors to provide a quality of life for all those that wish to make their community an active part of their life.

North Mecklenburg Woman's Club Past Presidents

1945-46	Mrs. Fred Hastings
1950-51	Mrs. F. B. Cudd
1951-53	Mrs. Ernest Page
1953-55	Mrs. Truman Youngblood
1955-57	Mrs. Clyde Walters
1957-58	Mrs. Merle Randle
1958-59	Mrs. Thomas R. Alexander
1959-60	Mrs. Walter A. Henderson
1960-61	Mrs. Harry L. Kerr
1961-62	Mrs. Amos Newsome
1962-63	Mrs. Harry L. Kerr
1963-65	Mrs. J. Frank Blythe
1965-66	Mrs. E. Forest Culp
1966-67	Mrs. R. E. Huey
1967-69	Mrs. David Maxwell
1969-71	Mrs. Robert McAuley
1971-72	Mrs. Charles Blythe
1972-73	Mrs. E. Lewis, Jr.
1973-75	Mrs. R. B. Conley
1975-77	Mrs. Hillis L. Seay
1977-79	Mrs. R. J. Ashmore
1979-81	Mrs. Thomas L. Ward
1981-83	Mrs. William D. Adair
1983-85	Mrs. Glenn Sparks
1985-86	Mrs. Stanley Cropley
1986-88	Mrs. Hillis L. Seay
1988-90	Mrs. Morris Henderson
1990-91	Mrs. Robert Youngblood
1991-93	Mrs. Johnnie Shoemaker
1993-94	Mrs. William Plyler
1994-96	Mrs. Hillis L. Seay
1997-98	Mrs. Denise Carter
1999	Mrs. Myra Phillips
1999-01	Mrs. Dawn Bradford
2001	Mrs. Camille Gibson
2002	Mrs. Denise Carter

Approved September 5, 2007

ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of this organization is the North Mecklenburg Woman's Club.

ARTICLE II – OBJECT

The club is organized to bring women together to promote and support social, educational, and civic progress in the community.

ARTICLE III – DUES

Annual membership dues are \$35.00. The fiscal year begins June 1 and ends May 31. Dues should be paid no later than September.

ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP

Any woman resident of the community who is interested in the objectives of this club is a candidate for membership.

ARTICLE V – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee facilitates the activities of the club. It consists of the Board of Directors, Department and Committee Chairmen, and other presidential appointees as may be needed.

SECTION I – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors authorizes payment of bills. The Board of Directors fills vacancies of officers of the Board of Directors and vacancies in other offices not otherwise provided for according to these bylaws. The Board of Directors reports actions and recommendations to the general membership at the monthly general membership meetings. The Board of Directors consists of the following officers elected by the general membership or appointed by the President.

President. The President presides at all meetings of the Executive Committee and the general membership. She appoints Department and Committee Chairmen as well as Chaplain and Parliamentarian. She presents a condensed written report of the work of the club for the year at the annual meeting of the general membership.

First Vice President. The First Vice President is responsible for membership. Duties include recruiting members, introducing visitors, and following up with phone calls to prospective members. She will prepare nametags for general meetings and provide nametags for guest and visitors. Names of new members and visitors will be sent to the Newsletter Chairman. She will notify the New Member Chairman of new members. In the absence of the President, she shall perform all duties of President. In case of a vacancy in the office of President, she will serve as President until the next annual meeting of the general membership when a new President will be elected.

Second Vice President. The Second Vice President is responsible for fundraising. She presents ideas for fundraising projects to the Executive Committee for their approval. The idea is then taken to the general membership for a vote and carried through if it is accepted. In the absence of the President and First Vice President, she performs duties of those officers. In case of a vacancy in those offices, she serves in those offices until the next annual meeting of the general membership when those new officers will be elected.

Recording Secretary. The Recording Secretary records the proceedings of all general membership and Board of Directors meetings. She has custody of club records and documents. These records and documents are open to inspection by any member of the club at any time in the presence of the Recording Secretary. She keeps a roster of all club members.

Corresponding Secretary. The Corresponding Secretary assists in all club correspondence. She performs other duties assigned to her by the President or other members of the Board of Directors.

Treasurer. The Treasurer receives all funds of the club and conduct financial transactions in such banks as directed by the Board of Directors. She collects all dues, keeps an accurate account of all disbursements and receipts, and pays all bills at the direction of the Board of Directors. She gives a verbal report of the financial status of the club at the monthly Board of Directors meetings and general membership meetings. She furnishes written financial reports, monthly and annually, to the Recording Secretary.

Chaplain. The President appoints a Chaplain to give devotions, thought for the day, or brief reading at the Board and General meetings.

Parliamentarian. The President appoints a Parliamentarian who is familiar with Roberts Rules of Order. She must attend Board and General meetings.

SECTION II – DEPARTMENTS

Departments are: Arts, Community Affairs, Conservation, Education, and International Affairs

The Chairman of each Department is appointed by the President and announced at the May general membership meeting. All Department Chairmen are members of the Board of Directors. Club members are strongly encouraged to sign up to work on at least one Department at this meeting.

The Arts Chairman is responsible for gathering information in the community for projects, calling a meeting of her Department members, and presenting the information to her members before the first September meeting. Together they will discuss projects, budget, a basket to donate to the Fashion Show Committee, and getting a guest speaker and the table centerpieces for the month they are responsible for the General Membership meeting.

The Community Affairs Chairman is responsible for gathering information in the community for projects, calling a meeting of her Department members, and presenting the information to her members before the first September meeting. Together they will discuss projects, budget, a basket to donate to the Fashion Show Committee, and getting a guest speaker and the table centerpieces for the month they are responsible for the General Membership meeting.

The Conservation Chairman is responsible for gathering information in the community for projects, calling a meeting of her Department members, and presenting the information to her members before the first September meeting. Together they will discuss projects, budget, a basket to donate to the Fashion Show Committee, and getting a guest speaker and the table centerpieces for the month they are responsible for the General Membership meeting.

The Education Chairman is responsible for gathering information in the community for projects, calling a meeting of her Department members, and presenting the information to her members before the first September meeting. Together they will discuss projects, budget, a basket to donate to the Fashion Show Committee, and getting a guest speaker and the table centerpieces for the month they are responsible for the General Membership meeting. The high school and woman's scholarship is the largest project; dates, publicity, and money must be planned out.

The International Affairs Chairman is responsible for gathering information in the community for projects, calling a meeting of her Department members, and presenting the information to her members before the first September meeting. Together they will discuss projects, budget, a basket to donate to the Fashion Show Committee, and getting a guest speaker and the table centerpieces for the month they are responsible for the General Membership meeting.

SECTION III – COMMITTEES

Committees are: Hospitality, New Members, Newsletter, Publicity, and Special Interest.

The Chairman of each Committee is appointed by the President and announced at the May general membership meeting. All Committee Chairmen are members of the Board of Directors. Club members are strongly encouraged to sign up to work on at least one Committee at this meeting.

The Hospitality Chairman and her committee are responsible for greeting visitors at the general meetings and helping them with a nametag, agenda, and place to sit. The chairman is to make sure that there is a member at each table who can answer questions of visitors. When needed, she is to organize meals for sick members or when a family member of a member passes away. She notifies the Treasurer of memorials to be sent when needed.

New Member Chairman will greet new members and call a meeting in October to have everyone meet each other. New members are considered “new” when they have joined after the New Members Social. At the October meeting, they will discuss a community project that they would like to work on together to get to know one another. In the winter, the New Members will hold a social for all members and their spouses or guest.

Newsletter Chairman is responsible for gathering all articles from the Board of Directors and membership and placing them in a newsletter format to be e-mailed to all members and visitors by the middle of the month. For members that do not have e-mail, the newsletter must be printed out and mailed. Stay in close contact with Membership for updates.

Publicity Chairman will promote the club by advertising events of the club through local newspapers. She will coordinate with the chairman of a particular event and put together flyers, articles, etc.

Special Interest Chairman will appoint Chairmen of the Sub-Committees: Book Club, Bridge, Golf, Lunch Bunch, Movies, Tours, Supper Club, and other interest that club members have. The chairman will gather dates, location, and times of these events and give to the chairman of the calendar for each month.

ARTICLE VII – ELECTIONS

SECTION I – At the February general membership meeting, a nominating committee of three club members will be elected by the membership at-large. This committee will present a slate of officers to be elected to the Board of Directors at the April meeting. The Board of Directors will be installed at the May meeting.

SECTION II - All officers shall serve for a term of one year. They may be eligible for re-election to the same office.

ARTICLE VI – MEETINGS

SECTION I - General membership meetings are held from September to May, inclusive, at such time and place as may be agreed upon.

SECTION II – At the May general membership meeting the Board of Directors write a report of their year’s activities and projects and present two hard copies of these reports to the Recording Secretary. Retiring Board of Directors turn their work over to their successors at this meeting.

SECTION III - Special meetings may be called by the President at the request of three members or at the discretion of the President.

SECTION IV - Notice of any special meeting will be given to club members at least two days before any such meeting stating the time, place and purpose of the meeting.

ARTICLE VIII – QUORUM

SECTION I – A quorum of the Board of Directors is 10 members.

SECTION II – A quorum of the general membership is two-thirds of members present.

ARTICLE IX – PARLIMENTARY LAW

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert’s Rule of Order shall govern the organization in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these Bylaws.

ARTICLE X – AMENDMENTS

These bylaws may be amended at any general membership meeting by a two-thirds vote of members present. The Board of Directors must submit any proposed amendment to the club membership, in writing, prior to the membership meeting at which the amendment is to be voted upon.