



New Member Interest Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

Zip code: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone: _____ cell _____ land line

Background: anything you would like us to know (i.e. areas of expertise, previous service work, leadership experience, family):

New members are asked to join either the Service, Fundraising or Social committee. Which would you join and why?

How do you see yourself, due to any particular skills or experiences, helping Women in Service achieve our mission?

Chapin Women in Service is an IRS recognized charity devoted to improving our local community. Socialization and friendship is an important part of our organization, but as a charity, our mission is service.

As a service organization, it is important that the goals of new members align with that of our stated mission, so before you decide to join us, please read a brief description about our organization.

Founded in 2020, we are an IRS and state recognized 501(c)3 charity, focused specifically on our Greater Chapin Community. We strive to serve with kindness and compassion, not only by giving of our time, but raising money for projects - important now and to the next generation of citizens.

Every club member is expected to help with our "signature" Tour of Homes fundraiser and another chosen large fundraiser each year. Other, smaller fundraisers may be proposed by the club, but participation is voluntary.

Our 2020 Holiday Tour of Homes, raised over \$5,000 for our Chapin beautification fund. Our second major fundraiser held May 5th, raised over \$72,000 for the Chapin American Legion building fund, to construct a permanent home on Amicks Ferry. This is a much needed and deserved facility that will benefit the entire Chapin community. 100% of every dollar donated during this fundraiser was given directly to the American Legion, with expenses funded by the founders of our club.

In addition to helping with our fundraisers, every member of our charity is asked to join one of three committees, and at some point, serve in a leadership capacity if possible. Each of our committees, Fundraising, Service and Social, has a chair or co-chairs. Our officers consist of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Our goal is to make leadership roles as easy as possible so that every member can take their turn in one of these capacities. We understand that participation is "life dependent" and that at any given point in time, members are able to give more or less of their time. There is no demand, nor any tracking of participation. We simply ask that you do participate to the extent you are able.

Our Fundraising Committee is responsible for help community members reach their fundraising goals. These can change from year to year, depending on needs. Anything to bring our community together and enrich the lives of our citizens. This is our largest committee.

Service Committee is "hands on" volunteering with a particular emphasis on older adults, family, veterans and First Responders. This is our second largest committee.

Social Committee arranges our Fun Friday events and Member Socials. Fun Fridays are held every month (not specifically on Friday) and offer members an opportunity for new experiences. This year for example, we visited a winery, had a bow making session and toured Hampton Preston Gardens. Member socials are designed to bring our entire group together, and this year included a fish fry, Christmas party and end of year celebration.

Business meetings are held September through May. Meetings are at 11am the first Tuesday of the month, at the old fire station in Chapin (on Old Lexington).

Because our group is so new, much of our process and organization is still being defined. If you choose to join us, we ask for patience as we refine and solidify our process.

If your goals align with ours and you would like to join our group, we ask that you complete the attached "Interest Information Form", attend one business meeting and one social event. After that, to become a member, you would pay \$50 and indicate which committee(s) you would like to join.

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Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions you may have.

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