

### GRAND HAVEN WOMAN'S CLUB

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### **APRIL 2024 Newsletter**

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#### 1st Vice President

Awilda Hamilton

For our April meeting, we return to highlighting another organization we support and how it benefits from our contributions to render invaluable services to the Flagler area community. The **Flagler Humane Society** (FHS) was founded in 1980 and our speaker, Amy Carotenuto became its director in 1992. Flagler Humane Society opened one of the first pet friendly disaster shelters in the United States back in the 1998 wildfires. Since then, FHS continues to set up evacuation sites with every disaster. Today, FHS hosts an educational pod cast, a pet food pantry, a thriving wellness clinic, summer camp, a transfer program to help animals from less fortunate shelters and more.

"An animal's eyes have the power to speak a great language".

- Martin Buber

#### **GHWC 2023-2024 MEETING DATES**

15 April 2024 20 May 2024

## President's Update

Roi Parris

I would like to thank the Nominating Committee for their efforts to select the Executive Committee for the club's next term

The slate of the new officers will be installed at our May meeting.

- President Awilda Hamilton
- First Vice President Beth Wald
- Second Vice President Patti Paukovich
- Treasurers Khanh-Lien Banko and JoAnn Voight
- Recording Secretary Nancy Carlton
- Corresponding Secretary Suzanne O'Meally

# CONGRATULATIONS to these wonderful ladies!

The 150<sup>th</sup> Kentucky Derby Celebration is on May 4<sup>th</sup> 2024. You do not want to miss this special event! This event is open to the entire Grand Haven community and their guests. Go to our website **GHWomansClub.org** to get your tickets.

The volunteer hours and donations pie charts are updated monthly. Remember to report your volunteer hours and your donations (cash or in-kind) by clicking this link. <a href="https://www.ghwomansclub.org/time-reporting-form">https://www.ghwomansclub.org/time-reporting-form</a>

Our next meeting is **April 15**th, **2024.** Looking forward to seeing everyone!



## **GHWC** Membership

Membership Co-Chairs, Marilyn McNamara and Cheryl Dresnok

Membership Renewals will begin on **April 1, 2024** and should be paid no later than June 30, 2024.. This year the dues will remain \$40.00.

Beginning on April 1st, please submit your dues (\$40.00) for the 2024-25 club year on the website at: ghwomansclub.org (click on the "renew membership" box on the left of the home screen.) Remember the password is **GHWC202324**.

If you prefer to pay by check, please bring your **check for \$40, made payable to GHWC** to the meeting on either April 15<sup>th</sup> or May 20<sup>th</sup> and look for the Membership table after you check in.

In addition, you may mail a check, after April 1st, made payable to GHWC to either of these addresses:

Marilyn McNamara Grand Haven Woman's Club

20 Grandview Drive P.O. Box 350684 Palm Coast, FL 32137 Palm Coast, FL 32135

There is also a drop off box on the porch at 20 Grandview Drive in Marsh Crossing.

We hope that you will renew your membership promptly and remain an active part of the Grand Haven Woman's Club. If, for some reason, you do not wish to renew your membership, please send us an email to <a href="mailto:GHWCMembership@gmail.com">GHWCMembership@gmail.com</a>.

If you have any questions or have made any changes to your contact information this year, please send an email to GHWCMembership@gmail.com.

Thank you.

#### **GHWC APRIL: BIRTHDAYS**

GHWC Membership Co-Chair Marilyn McNamara

Sandy	Hollenbeck	April	2
Pat	Johnson	April	4
Marcia	Bugos	April	5
Adele	Large	April	5
Paula	Geppner	April	8
Ophelia	Beier	April	9
Sally	Nord	April	9
Karen	Raphael	April	10
Linda "Lynn"	Smith	April	13
Marti	Hinman	April	14
Cindy	Kimmel	April	16
Ruthanne	Cirina	April	19
Debbie	Douglas	April	19
Jeanine	Horowitz	April	20
Cathy	DiDonato	April	23
Janice (Jan)	Weida	April	23
Kathryn	Chiddister	April	28
Harriet	Kohen	April	29

### 2nd Vice-President

Laura McBride

The Tennis Tournament is upon us! We would love to have you join us for the dinner or to purchase raffle tickets for the April 20th event. If you would like to participate in the raffle, please contact Maureen at 860-988-4148. Tickets are available for 1 ticket for \$5, 3 tickets for \$10 and 15 tickets for \$20. It should be a fun day for all!

For the GHWC 150th Kentucky Derby Fundraiser you may bring your checks or cash to the next monthly meeting, April 15th OR pay online <a href="https://www.GHWomansClub.org">www.GHWomansClub.org</a>.

Deadline for registration and payment is Friday, April 26th!

Come wearing your Derby Day finery. Add a hat/fascinator to your upscale attire!

Please look for the Derby table at the April 15th luncheon to get info and make payments. Another table will be available for volunteers. Your help is appreciated!





L to R: Habitat for Humanity lunch. GHWC members: Patsy Campbell, Lori Csik, Adele Large and Iris Frankel.

#### Health and Wellness

Health and Wellness Chair, Adele Large

Thank you for all your generosity with all the donations throughout the year. We will have donations at the April and May meetings.

The staff and volunteers at Alpha Women's Center were overwhelmed with our support. Also special thanks to Terri Belletto who helped our efforts by organizing a drive at the free clinic and Laurie Harrison who delivered a carload of donations from the clinic to Ann Roffman's house.

Laurie Harrison, one of our members, is pharmacist at Flagler Free Clinic and maintains a med room for Terri. The clinic would be thrilled to partner with GHWC in repurposing unused medications and health care items. Items include IN-DATE over the counter items like vitamins, bandaids, creams, ointments and pain medication. NON-CONTROLLED prescription meds in their original bottles with expiration date intact such as blood pressure meds and injectables such as insulin. Expired items and anything improperly stored cannot be accepted. Laurie suggests people call her with questions or to plan drop offs. Please remember to call before dropping off items. Laurie Harrison R.Ph: 518-593-5396, <a href="mimabear777@gmail.com">mimabear777@gmail.com</a>, 107 South Lake Dr.

Flagler Volunteer Services rummage sale May 17, 8-3 and May 18, 8-1 at Flagler Fairgrounds, Cattleman's Hall. We will collect donations at the April meeting.



#### Environment Committee

Environment Chair, Beth Wald

The Grand Haven Woman's Club responded to the call when Flagler Humane Society found itself with a dozen dogs rescued from a Putnam County hoarding situation. We collected \$620 in monetary contributions and about \$700 in In-Kind donations of pet food, treats, leashes and other supplies! A big "Thank You" goes out to all who responded in this special time of need for our local shelter.

The Environment Committee conducted another terrific trip to the University of Florida Whitney Lab Sea Turtle Hospital on March 20th. Whitney Lab Interim Assistant Development Director Ellie Padgett and Sea Turtle Program Manager Catherine "Cat" Eastman discussed the mission of Whitney Lab and introduced us to several lab residents. They explained how knowledge gained from the research conducted on marine animals and the study of fundamental problems in biology can be applied to issues of human health, natural resources, and the environment.

The Environment and Social Committees are planning a visit to the St Augustine Wild Reserve on Wednesday, April 10th. The visit promises to be fun and educational, with time spent getting to know lions, tigers, panthers, wolves and bears, to name a few of the Reserve's residents.

We'll be supporting Washington Oaks Garden State Park's Earth Day Celebration on Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are needed to help primarily in the Kids' Zone and at the front gate. Park Services Specialist Shannon Rambow is requesting that volunteers sign up for morning shift, 9:00am-12:00pm or afternoon shift, 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Please e-mail Beth Wald at <a href="mailto:beth.s.wald.ret@gmail.com">beth.s.wald.ret@gmail.com</a> if you'd like to volunteer and state your shift preference.

Remember, if you see a sea turtle in distress, call Florida Fish and Wildlife at 888-404-3922. If you see injured or baby wildlife in need, please contact Palm Coast resident Ms. Courtney Johnston, 386-569-8844, a certified wildlife rehabilitator.



Sea Turtle Program Manager Cat Eastman preparing to feed patient Zero while members of our group look on.



#### Meet Our New Members!

GHWC Membership Co-Chair Cheryl Dresnok

I was so pleased to introduce three new members at last month's Woman's Club meeting! Those three members are: Jamie Mahan, Kristina Bracciale, and Anita Biggers. I am happy to tell you all about these ladies today!

**Jamie Mahan** shared a big surprise with me – her real name is Jimmie Ann! Jamie explained, "I was born in the South in the days when parents were naming their little girls after their father and then adding a feminine name to go with it – like Bobbie Sue and Billy Jo." She said when she had to fill out documents calling for first name and middle initial, it got too confusing, so she changed her name to Jamie to eliminate gender confusion.

Jamie lives in the Marsh Crossing neighborhood and has lived there full-time since 2008. She was married to Chuck for her whole adult life until he passed away last May from Parkinson's disease. Chuck was in the military for 35 years and Jamie said, "We moved 23 times. Chuck's last assignment was at the Pentagon so we lived at Fort Myer in Arlington VA, then we moved to Texas after he retired." Then the Mahans moved to Florida. "Chuck and I are native Floridians and we always knew we wanted to end up in Florida near the coast. My husband was an avid golfer, plus we wanted to help take care of his elderly parents."

Jamie lives alone now but both of her children live in Florida, 2-3 hours away "which is a blessing", she said. Jamie loves going on walks, reading, cooking, and visiting with her grandkids. She added "I especially appreciate that this county has worked so hard to provide nice parks and walkways and trails for the community." Jamie would like her neighbors to know she and Chuck thoroughly enjoyed their time in the military, especially living in Colombia, where they adopted their daughter. Welcome Jamie!

**Kristina Bracciale** moved to Grand Haven with her husband Dan and her cat named Sophie about a year and a half ago. They moved to River Trail Drive after living in Marlborough, MA for nearly 40 years. Kristina said, "We love it here!" In her former life, Kristina worked for 39 years for GBH in Boston, the PBS flagship station. She said, "I worked at the Massachusetts State House for many years, producing television coverage of the House and Senate. More recently, I worked for many more years in the fundraising department on TV and Radio, our NPR station."



L to R: Membership Co-Chair Cheryl Dresnok, Jamie Mahan, Kristina Bracciale, Anita Biggers, Membership Co-Chair Marilyn McNamara, GHWC President Roi Parris



#### Meet Our New Members cont.

After living and working in Massachusetts for 40 years, what made you move to Florida? Kristina said, "We wanted to be near the ocean and closer to our daughter and grandkids in Orlando." Kristina's favorite things to do in Grand Haven are "walk on the esplanade, pickleball, Zumba, Pilates, video club dinners, bocce, everything this wonderful place has to offer!"

I had to ask – is there anything here that bugs you? "I wish we had nicer stores," Kristina said. "Better choices for grocery stores, more boutique and unique stores. I'm shocked more stores don't move in with such potential for revenue here." She added, "I am disappointed that Palm Coast doesn't have a 'soul.' The city was so poorly thought out that it's hard to feel connected. The library is so far away from city hall, the tax collector's office is in a totally different direction. We were used to New England and a small town feel. We do miss that, but I do love everything else about living here!"

Kristina would like her neighbors to know "I love to learn things about other people!" Welcome Kristina!

**Anita Biggers** moved to Grand Haven four years ago with her husband Steve. They moved here from Marietta, GA, a town that is just north of Atlanta. She owned a sales and marketing firm based in Atlanta called Anita & Associates, Inc.

Anita fell under the spell of our area like so many other people when deciding where to live. She said, "I was attracted to Palm Coast's weather and Grand Haven's beauty and activities."

Her favorite things to do here? Anita said, "Everything! We love the weather and being outside. GOLF!" She added, "I am very happy to be a member of such an active, worthwhile organization." Welcome Anita!

## Summer Reading Program

Past President, Kim Lhota



#### SUMMER READING FOR FLAGLER STUDENTS

A CHALLENGE: EACH GHWC MEMBER DONATE A BOOK(S) FOR THE SUMMER READING PROGRAM IN FLAGLER COUNTY

NEEDED: PRE-K THROUGH 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE NEW BOOKS
CHECK THE GHWC WEBSITE FOR SUGGESTED TITLES FOR DONATIONS
BOOKS CAN BE DONATED ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

APRIL 15<sup>TH</sup> AND MAY 20<sup>TH</sup> at the General Meeting

Questions: Contact Kim Lhota at lhota.kim@gmail.com



# Summer Reading Program cont. Book Suggestions:

## Kindergarten

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"At the Seaside" by Robert Louis Stevenson
"The Clock" - a Mother Goose Poem, Unknown author
A Mother for Choco by Keiko Kasza
Brown Bear, Brown Bear by Bill Martin Jr.
Chicka Chicka Boom Boom by Bill Martin Jr. and John Archambault
Corduroy by Don Freeman
Curious George by H.A. Rey
Hop on Pop by Dr. Seuss
I am Jackie Robinson by Brad Meltzer
Mission to Space by John Herrington
Now We Are Six by A. A. Milne
On a Farm by Alexa Andrews
Red is Best by Kathy Stinson
Rumble in the Jungle by Giles Andreae
Swimmy by Leo Lionni
The Bald Eagle by Norman Pearl
The Carrot Seed by Ruth Krauss and Crockett Johnson
The Sky Painter: Louis Guertes, Bird Artist by Margarita Engle
The Very First Americans by Cara Ashore
Two Ways to Count to Ten: A Liberian Folktale by Ruby Dee
Wandering Whale Sharks by Susumu Shingu
We Have a Little Garden by Beatrix Potter
Where the Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak

## 1st Grade

"Daffodowndilly" by A. A. Milne
"Eletelephony" by Laura Richards
A Picture Book of Benjamin Franklin by David Adler
Chickens Don't Fly by Laura Lyn Disiena
Clifford the Big Red Dog by Norman Bridwell
Danny and the Dinosaur by Syd Hoff
Drum Dream Girl by Margarita Engle
Fantastic Undersea Life of Jacques Cousteau by Dan Yaccarino
From Seed to Pumpkin by Wendy Pfeffer and James Graham Hale
How People Learned to Fly by Fran Hodgkins
I am Enough by Grace Byers
I am Helen Keller by Brad Meltzer
I Wonder by Tana Hoban
Keep a Poem in Your Pocket by Beatrice Schenk de Regniers
Madeline by Ludwig Bemelmans
My Name is Celia/Me llamo Celia: The Life of Celia Cruz/la vida de Celia Cruz by Monica
Brown



Now & Ben: The Modern Inventions of Benjamin Franklin by Gene Barretta	Book Suggestions cont.
Police Officers by Paulette Bourgeois	
Put Me in the Zoo by Robert Lopshire	1st Grade cont.
The Slug by Elise Gravel	
The Tale of Peter Rabbit by Beatrix Potter	
The Three Little Pigs by James Halliwell-Phillipps	
The Tortoise and the Hare by Aesop	
The Ugly Duckling by Hans Christian Andersen	
The Velveteen Rabbit by Margery Williams	
The White House by Lloyd Douglas	
Tooth By Tooth: Comparing Fangs, Tusks, and Choppers by Sara Levine	

"Gathering Leaves" by Robert Frost	
"The Crocodile" by Lewis Carroll	
"The Fieldmouse" by Cecil Frances Alexander	
"The Swing" by Robert Louis Stevenson	
A More Perfect Union: The Story of Our Constitution by Betsy Maestro	
Bears on Hemlock Mountain by Alice Dalgliesh	
Bee Dance by Rick Chrustowski	
Eleanor by Barbara Cooney	
Father of the Constitution: A Story of James Madison by Barbara Mitchell	
Four Famished Foxes and Fosdyke by Pamela Duncan	
Give Bees a Chance by Bethany Barton	
In a Pickle and other Funny Idioms by Marvin Terban	
Living or Nonliving? by Kelli Hicks	
Mango, Abuela, and Me by Meg Medina	
One Morning in Maine by Robert McCloskey	
Seven Blind Mice by Ed Young	
Susan B. Anthony: Fighter for Freedom and Equality by Suzanne Slade	
The Coastal Dune Drama: Bob, the Gopher Tortoise by Katherine Seeds Nash	
The Congress of the United States by Christine Taylor-Butler	
The Gingerbread Man by Jim Aylesworth	
The Patchwork Quilt by Valerie Flournoy	
The Runaway Piggy by James Luna	
Vote! by Eileen Christelow	
Wanted Dead or Alive: The True Story of Harriet Tubman by Ann McGovern	
We the Kids: The Preamble of the Constitution of the United States by David Catrow	
Winnie the Pooh by A. A. Milne	

2nd Grade

"My Doggy Ate My Essay" by Darren Sardelli

"There was an Old Man with a Flute" by Edward Lear

"Toward Those Short Trees" by Masaoka Shiki

Tula ["Books are Door-shaped"] by Margarita Engle

Book Suggestions cont.
3rd Grade



Abraham Lincoln: A Life of Honesty by Tonya Leslie Charlotte's Web by E.B. White Flight by Robert Burleigh Frederick Douglass Fights for Freedom by Margaret Davidson Honest Abe Lincoln by David A. Adler If You Traveled on the Underground Railroad by Ellen Levine Matilda by Roald Dahl Miracle on 133rd Street by Sonia Manzano Moonshot: The Flight of Apollo 11 by Brian Floca Pablo Neruda: Poet of the People Monica Brown Pippi Longstocking by Astrid Lindgren Revolutionary Friends: General George Washington and the Marquis de Lafayette by Selene Castrovilla Rosa Parks by Eloise Greenfield Sarah, Plain and Tall by Patricia MacLachlan Stuart Little by E.B. White The Boxcar Children by Gertrude Chandler Warner The Children's Book of Virtues by William Bennett The Little Prince by Antoine de Saint-Exupery The Real McCoy: The Life of an African-American Inventor by Wendy Towle The Whipping Boy by Sid Fleischman The Wonderful Wizard of Oz by Frank Baum To the Moon and Back by Buzz Aldrin Who was Betsy Ross? By James Buckley Jr.

4th Grade

3rd Grade cont.



To Catch a Fish by Eloise Greenfield	4th Grade cont.
Toliver's Secret by Esther Wood Brady	Tin Grade Com.
Where the Red Fern Grows by Wilson Rawls	
Where Was Patrick Henry on the 29th of May? by Jean Fritz	
Who Would Win? (series) by Jerry Pallotta	
William Shakespeare and the Globe by Aliki	

5th Grade

Written in Bone: Buried Lives of Jamestown and Colonial Maryland by Sally Walker







## **2024 MEETING DATES**

Meetings begin at 1 p.m.

\*Monday, April 22, 2024

15 Sand Pine Drive - Michelle's house

\*Wednesday, May 15, 2024

19 North Park Lane - Roi's house

Please be sure and send a quick text or email to Lucie or Michelle if you plan on attending the March meeting. Thank you!

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#### **APRIL MEETING NEWS**

Be sure and mark your calendar for our April 22nd meeting. AdventHealth Foundation Director, John Subers and another hospital staff member will attend our "working" meeting to see the Material Girls in action. John would like to express his appreciation for all that the Material Girls do in supporting both of our Palm Coast hospitals. We may even try to get John to stuff a pillow or two.

#### SPRING MEETING HAPPENINGS

Happy Spring! Looking forward to seeing folks at the April meeting. We will be stuffing and hand-stitching pillows and bears. I also have some completed seatbelt tie port pillows that were requested by AdventHealth this past week. These pillows protect port sites of patients when they tie them on their car seatbelts. These little projects are great for using up our scrap fabric. See you soon!



Completed seatbelt tie port pillows for AdventHealth.





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