



GRAND HAVEN WOMAN'S CLUB

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FEBRUARY 2026 NEWSLETTER

President's Update

Awilda Hamilton



LOVE is in the air and spreading throughout our community! Recently, one of our members, Fran Anderson, shared that she frequently receives expressions of appreciation during her Neighbor-to-Neighbor visits and when distributing welcome materials.

Because individual feedback is not always forwarded to our coordinators, Sally Nord and Ruth Krauthamer, we would like to send them a well-deserved "shout out." Along with our neighborhood ambassadors, they work diligently to ensure everyone moving into Grand Haven feels welcomed and informed about the many opportunities to participate in our community.

Fran noted that "Sally and Ruth do an amazing job assigning and keeping tabs on the large number of new residents" and that "the program sets a tone for new residents in each village and reflects GHWC's active involvement and care for newcomers."

Thank you, Fran, for highlighting the importance of this Standing Committee. **KUDOS** to everyone for demonstrating a caring spirit toward one another and the broader Palm Coast community

"Together We Can"

Health & Wellness

Health & Wellness Co-Chairs, Lucie Lachance and Eileen Marotto

Collections

Collections resume on Monday, February 16th.

Grace Community Food Pantry and United Methodist's Our Father's Table are the focus organizations for the February collections.

Please consider donating canned stews, soups and chili for Grace Food Pantry. Our Father's Table has requested wide egg noodles which will be used to provide as many as 300 meals weekly for needy individuals and families.

Corresponding News

Corresponding Secretary, Suzanne O'Meally

"It never hurts to keep looking for the Sunshine"

Eyore

As we leave the holidays and enter this cold weather, please remember to check on your neighbors. You are my eyes and ears so please continue to let me know who needs a few words of sunshine to brighten their day. If someone is in the hospital, sick or having surgery. Or if there has been a death of a member, spouse or child. Please notify me at ghwc.corr.sec@gmail.com or 571-334-0072.

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ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Environment Committee Chair, Ann Roffman

Flagler Humane Society Field Trip

On January 21st a number of us took the opportunity to go to the Flagler Humane Society (FHS) for a presentation and tour given by the director, Amy Carotenuto. Ms. Carotenuto shared that the shelter is very successful with their adoptions as well as reuniting owners with microchipped pets. She also shared many ways FHS works to help animals that come to the shelter. They offer low cost veterinary treatment, shot clinics on Saturdays and mani/pedi day on Mondays. Amy shared a photo of a bubble they use for the cats that aren't too excited about having their claws trimmed. The bubble keeps the groomer from being bitten.

The shelter partners with the local library to sponsor a program where owners with their well behaved dogs go weekly to the library to listen to children read. They also partner with the Sheriff's Office with a program where female inmates feed kittens and male inmates construct dog shelters.

The Thrift Store located directly across Palm Coast Parkway from the Advent Hospital provides a large piece of their funding. Keep this fact in mind if you have items to donate or want to search for low cost quality items for your needs. A wonderful story came from our visit. GHWC member, Marie Lanier's dog Pepper passed in April 2025. Marie felt strongly that it was time to adopt again and envisioned a small black dog. She found her new family member Pepe on our tour. As you can see, Pepe is a small black dog that is three years old!

BOOK SALE NEWS

Education and Library Chair, Jacki Unger

The GHWC Book sale will be held on **March 6th and 7th**. Volunteers are needed to help set up and support the book sale. For more information contact Gail Naworal or Marcie Leonard.



Cat getting ready to have her nails clipped.



Maria Lanier with Pepe.



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EDUCATION NEWS

Education and Library Chair, Jacki Unger

The Flagler County Education Foundation hosted 11 of our members on a tour of Rymfire Elementary School and Flagler Palm Coast High School showcasing the wonderful programs available in our school district. We were all impressed by all of the positive messaging all over the school and the impact of technology in today's classrooms. We enjoyed a perfect lunch prepared and served by the culinary class at Flagler Palm Coast High School.



Attendees of the Flagler High School tour enjoyed a lunch prepared and served by students.

Bunnell Elementary school will be having a Garden Workday on Saturday, February 7th from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. It is an outdoor working classroom and they are looking for volunteers.

The Children's Library at the Palm Coast Library is looking for Ambassadors with well behaved dogs to participate in the *Paws for Reading* program where children read to dogs. If you are interested please contact Lynn Myers at:

volunteer@flaglerhumanesociety.org.

Donations are still being accepted for cold weather clothing for our Stuff Bus program. Sweatshirts, leggings, coats, socks, gloves and anything appropriate for these cold days we are experiencing.

A Rymfire Elementary School classroom and school inspirational memo.

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Environment Committee Chair, Ann Roffman

Upcoming Environment Committee Events

FEBRUARY 25

Field Trip to Gamble Rogers State Park

Time: 1-2 pm

Topic: Right Whales 🐳🐳🐳🐳🐳

Discussion: Lead scientists with the Marineland Right Whale Project present a 45 minute program on one of the world's most endangered mammals.

Cost: Admission to the park \$5

Option: Lunch at Beach Front Grill at 11:30 a.m.

Register: email aaroffman@gmail.com. Please include if you want to go to lunch so reservation can be made. Minimum of 7 needed to plan lunch. Please register as soon as possible. Last date to register is February 16th at the GHWC meeting. Details provided after registration.

MARCH 3

Nature Talk on Grand Haven Resident Eagles



Time: 10-11 am

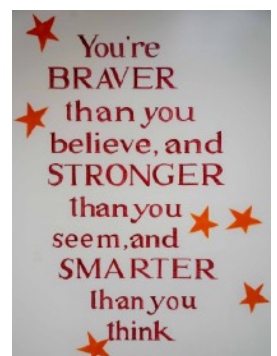
Presenter: Grand Haven resident, Gretchen Butler

Cost: Free

Place: GH Creekside Amenities Center

Register: email aaroffman@gmail.com asap.

Last day for GHWC members to sign up is at the February 16th GHWC meeting. Confirmation will be given after registration.





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ARTS & CULTURE HIGHLIGHTS - FEBRUARY 2026

Check these out locally on your own!

Monday, February 2nd, 4:30 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Line Dancing with Kit and Roz
Grand Haven Room \$8.00 Cash

February 7th & 8th, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Creekside Music, Arts, & Food Festival
Princess Place Preserve
2500 Princess Place Road
Palm Coast

Adults \$10 Cash at Gate – Free Parking
(Southern Chaos – 2-4 p.m. on Saturday)

February 20-March 1, 2026
THE COLORED MUSEUM
by George C. Wolfe
City Repertory Theatre
Tickets Call: 386-585-9415

Arts & Culture

Arts & Culture Chairs, Cheryl Ringer and Jeanine Horowitz

Hope everyone is keeping warm during our chilly season!

In January we had another great event at the City Repertory Theatre in Palm Coast and enjoyed LADY DAY at Emerson's Bar & Grill! Looking forward to more events in March and April with *Art by Yasmina Reza* and *Israel Horovitz "Line"/All in the Timing*.

On January 29th we had 22 ladies attend our **Mosaic Craft Party** at the Village Center. Thank you to Marilyn McNamara for all her hard work organizing this event for us. A fun day for all.

We are working on trying to get an art event at the Salty Mermaid at the end of February so be on the look out for sign ups at the February 16th meeting.

Stay warm everyone!
Cheryl and Jeanine



Ladies hard at work at the January 29th Mosaic Craft Party.



January 18th GHWC ladies attend Lady's Day at City Repertory Theatre in Palm Coast.



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Arts & Culture

Arts & Culture Chairs, Cheryl Ringer and Jeanine Horowitz



Fun was had by all at the January 29th Mosaic Craft Party held in the Grand Haven Room at the Village Center.





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*Saturday,
March 21, 2026
Grand Haven
Clubhouse*

*The Grand Haven Woman's Club
presents*

Denim & Diamonds

6 PM—Champagne & Cash Bar

7 PM—Dinner & Music

*\$90/person—plated dinner, choice of
Petite Filet, Chicken Saltimbocca, Salmon*

DJ and Line Dance Instructor will provide
entertainment—open to the community

*To make your reservations, please contact
Carol Wolfe at CarolRWolfe@aol.com*



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GHWC *Nine & Nine*

SATURDAY, APRIL 11TH, 2026

**3:00PM
SHOTGUN START**
2:00PM REGISTRATION &
DRIVING RANGE OPENS

**SCRAMBLE
FORMAT**

**REGISTRATION
DEADLINE:**
MARCH 27TH, 2026

**REGISTRATION
FORMS**
AVAILABLE ON GHWC
WEBSITE & AT THE
GHGC GOLF SHOP

OPEN TO ALL GOLFERS & NON-GOLFERS

\$80.00 PER PLAYER

INCLUDES:

- DONATION TO GHWC
- 9 HOLES OF GOLF
- RANGE TIME
- DINNER TO FOLLOW PLAY
- AWARDS AND PRIZES!

GAME DAY PASSES

\$20 PER PLAYER

INCLUDES:

- 1 MULLIGAN
- 1 FREE BALL TOSS
- 1 COMPLIMENTARY DRINK TICKET
- ENTRY INTO COURSE COMPETITIONS

**\$35 PER PERSON
DINNER ONLY**

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT THE CHAIR:
KIM LHOTA | LHOTA.KIM@GMAIL.COM



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GRAND HAVEN WOMAN'S CLUB

Nine & Dine

Saturday,
April 11th, 2026
2:00pm Registration
3:00pm Shotgun Start

\$80⁰⁰ Per Player
Includes: Donation to Grand Haven
Women's Club, 9 Holes of Golf,
Range Time, Dinner to follow Golf,
Awards and Prizes!

Awards Dinner
\$35 Per Non-Golfer
Includes: Buffet Dinner at
Awards Presentation

Game Day Pass
\$20 Per Golfer
Includes: 1 mulligan, 1 free ball toss,
1 complimentary drink ticket,
entry into course competitions

Deadline: March 27th, 2026

Player 1:	Handicap:
Phone:	
Email:	
Player 2:	Handicap:
Phone:	
Email:	
Player 3:	Handicap:
Phone:	
Email:	
Player 4:	Handicap:
Phone:	
Email:	
Non-Golfer 1:	
Non-Golfer 2:	

Make Checks Payable to
Grand Haven Woman's Club (GHWC)
Mail Registration Form & Checks to Paula Geppner at 58 Osprey Circle, Palm Coast FL 32137
Or drop off at the Grand Haven Golf Shop Desk

For more information contact chair:
Kim Lhota Lhota.kim@gmail.com



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Fundraising Review

February 2026

The latest news, views, and announcements

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- By Fundraising Chair, Patti Paukovich



EXTRA, EXTRA – DAY OF GAMES BIG SUCCESS!

This past January the Grand Haven Woman's Club celebrated its 20th Day of Games anniversary. As I mentioned in a previous newsletter, the Days of Games was started by Gloria Sanchez, in 2005, she and her committee put together a

fun day of games, earning \$1700 for the club. On her committee was Lucy Crowley; at this Day of Games, we honored Lucy with a lovely bouquet of flowers and a **BIG THANK YOU** for her dedication to the club and the games. **Thank you, Lucy!**

This year the games were held at the Palm Coast Community Center, where 132 gamers came out for some laughs, prizes, dice, tiles, cards and whatever you can play on a tabletop. There was a wonderful array of delicious sandwiches, and decadent desserts throughout the day. And a special thank you to all the bakers who made over 800 cookies and cupcakes.

As the Fundraising Chair I want to thank Jacki, Jenny, their committee and all the volunteers on such an amazing job organizing and executing this fundraising event. This was the first Day of Games that I attended and I can't say or praise enough about how well everyone worked together and the joy I felt in the room. With Jacki and Jenny's leadership they brought this event together and ended on a very high note. Congratulations to all on a job well done! They already have volunteers lining up for next year's Day of Games. That's how much fun everyone had!

*Recap of the day from Jacki:

"Anticipating Net Profit, after expenses - \$12,000 +



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We may be missing a receipt or two, so this may be a few hundred high - but this is a phenomenal result! Of course, the sponsors that Maureen, Patti and their team helped make this so big - \$3,100 in cash sponsorships is totally new to Day of Games. But those baskets that Carol and Marcie put together, with the incredible donations of gift cards, items, experiences from our members and sponsors, brought in \$2,250!!! The Share Share brought us \$745, the Friends revenue was \$180, the Silent Auction was \$350 (another new addition to our day), and various kind souls gave us another \$180 in plain donations!"

I also want to share some of the guests' comments Jacki and Jenny received:

"WOW! What an unbelievable result. The entire day from beginning to end just seemed to flow effortlessly. There was no chaos or drama. Everyone was happy. I thought the venue was perfect with lots of room to move about. The abundance of help/volunteers was amazing and everyone worked so well together..." - Marcie

"What a success! This was my first Day of Games and as a new volunteer I would like to say this event was very well organized!" - Renee

"Best Day of Games ever! That's what I heard from everybody yesterday. It was great to honor Lucy as you did... The dessert table was very impressive, thanks to the donors, I loved the addition of the loop showing our sponsors and I pointed it out to several people. Considering the financial success, it looks like we'll be doing it again next year! Any volunteers???" - Gail

Twenty years ago, Gloria had a vision and the first Day of Games was born and netted \$1700 for the Grand Haven Woman's Club. Now 20 years later the event brought in over \$12,000. With this intake of donations, we can help the community so much more than anticipated and that is what it's about, helping the community and one another.

Thank you everyone for supporting the Woman's Club so generously with your time and money.

We can't do it without **YOU!**



Some of our beautiful volunteers

More photos can be seen on the website at: <https://www.ghwomansclub.org/>



News about upcoming Events

Denim & Diamonds - Mar 21, 2026



Line Dancing: Origins, Evolution, and Modern Favorites

Web Reference from: Oct 27, 2023 Karaoke With Juanita

Ancient Roots: Line dancing has ancient roots in folk dances from various parts of the world. In the British Isles, for instance, traditional folk dances often featured dancers standing in lines and performing coordinated movements. These early line dances were simple and community-oriented, and they laid the foundation for the modern form of dance.

African and Native American Influences: African and Native American dance traditions also played a significant role in the development of line dancing. African dances often involve group formations, with dancers moving in unison. Similarly, Native American tribes had their own line dances, which were integral to their cultural and social rituals.

European Set Dances: In Europe, set dances, where dancers lined up in rows or circles, became popular in the 17th and 18th centuries. These dances often had precise steps and formations and were an integral part of social gatherings and events.

Country and Western Line Dancing: The modern form of line dancing that most people are familiar with today can be attributed to the country and western dance culture of the United States. This genre of line dancing gained immense popularity in the mid-20th century and was heavily influenced by country and western music.

Popular Line Dances Today

Line dancing remains a vibrant and beloved dance style, with many classic and contemporary line dances that continue to captivate dancers. Here are a few of the most popular line dances today:

- **The Electric Slide:** This iconic line dance is known for its catchy song and simple steps. It's a staple at many weddings, parties, and social gatherings.
- **Achy Breaky Heart:** Made famous by Billy Ray Cyrus, this line dance features a catchy country tune and a distinctive set of steps.
- **Cupid Shuffle:** A contemporary line dance set to upbeat hip-hop music, the Cupid Shuffle is a favorite at clubs and parties.
- **Wobble:** This energetic line dance is set to hip-hop and R&B music, featuring a fun and lively set of moves.
- **Boot Scootin' Boogie:** A classic country line dance, Boot Scootin' Boogie is a timeless favorite at country bars and honky-tonks.

Get your tickets to **Denim and Diamonds** and come out and have some Boot Scootin' fun **on March 21, 2026**, and don't forget to wear your Denim and Diamonds!

For more information contact: Sandy Hollenbeck
at: sandyhollen01@gmail.com



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GRAND HAVEN WOMEN'S CLUB NINE AND DINE GOLF TOURNAMENT "FAIR WAY IN FULL BLOOM "

The GHWC Nine and Dine committee is excited to announce the annual golf tournament being held on
April 11th, 2026

Kim and her committee are asking for the following donations to make the tournament fun and exciting for all participants

- Scratch Off Lottery Tickets
- Bottles of Wine or Liquor for our new contest:
BOTTLE BONANZA!
- Wine/Liquor donations can be brought to lunches, in February and March or contact Kim

Lhota at: Lhota.kim@gmail.com

Registration flyer is attached with the newsletter and can be found on the website.



It's not too late to reserve your Yacht Club cabin, but final payment will be due in mid-February.

- **Sailing Date is April 26-30, 2026**
- **Departing from Cape Canaveral**
- **Sailing to the Bahamas and MSC private island.**

The Yacht Club package includes 24/7 Butler & concierge Service, priority boarding/disembarkation, premium all-inclusive drinks & unlimited Wi-Fi plus access to private areas like the Top Sail Lounge, exclusive restaurant, and dedicated pool deck, plus unlimited Thermal Spa access, making it a truly all-inclusive, exclusive cruise within the main cruise.

Not only will you enjoy this luxury package, you'll also be helping to contribute to the charity organizations GHWC supports.

If you can't make the cruise but would still like to donate, Maureen has a way you can contribute, by becoming a "Friend of the Cruise" for \$100.

For more information, please call or email:
Maureen Pelligrini at: cell 860-989-4148
email: maureenpellegrini@gmail.com



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Latest News from the GHWC Ticket Master

- By Marie Lanier



This is your final opportunity to purchase GHWC/Fitz tickets this season and help us reach our fundraising goal. Each ticket sold means \$20 for our supported organizations. Please consider inviting friends and family to join you and help us make this season a success.

Paintingwithmarie@gmail.com

Or you may call or text me at 631-457-3271 to reserve your tickets and arrange for check drop-off. Please note that separate checks made payable to GHWC are required for each show. Please be sure to put the show's name on the memo line of your check.

Reminder: Feb 5 is Last Call for THE FEW REMAINING TICKETS FOR:

**I Am He Said
The Neil Diamond Tribute 7 pm March 4
And**

**Swan Lake Ballet 7 pm March 12
Tickets are \$54**

**Thank You,
Marie Lanier
3 N. Park Circle

**Call or Text: 631-457-3271
Email: paintingwithMarie@gmail.com**

Last Minute Thoughts!

I just recently went on a Celebrity 4-day cruise to Key West and their private island. My husband and I reserved the Retreat Suites and talk about being pampered. We had the 24/7 Butler & concierge service, dedicated Retreat restaurant, spa area and much more.

If you have never treated yourself to a little bit of luxury when cruising I recommend doing so with our GHWC MSC Cruise in April. Not only will you experience a relaxing, spoiling trip, but you will be helping support GHWC with your reservation. If their Yacht Club package is anything like Celebrity Retreat you can't go wrong and you won't go back to regular cruising.

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Sponsorships/Donations- Sponsors and donations are very important to our mission; without them and **you** we can't do the wonderful work we do.

While our sponsors are helping us, I would like to take a moment and ask you to reciprocate and support them as well if you need their services.

To see who our 2025-26 sponsors check out our new Business Sponsor Directory go to: www.ghwomansclub.org

THANK YOU!





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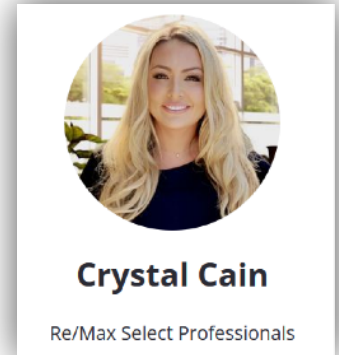
Jamie Ryman Painting

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