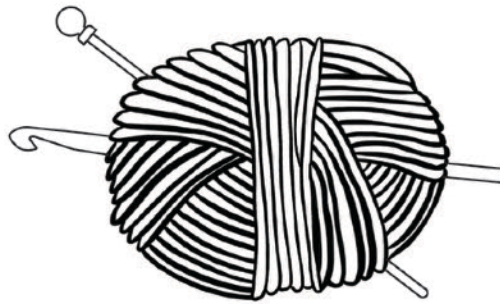


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# GRAND HAVEN WOMAN'S CLUB MATERIAL GIRLS

## JANUARY 2024 NEWSLETTER

### 2024 MEETING DATES

*Meetings begin at 1 p.m.*

#### **Monday, January 29 2024**

*Annette's house - 42 St. Andrews Ct.*

Tuesday, February 27, 2024

*To be decided.*

Monday March 25, 2024

*To be decided.*

Monday, April 22, 2024

*Michelle's house - 15 Sand Pine Dr.*

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

*Roi's house - 19 North Park Lane*

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

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### HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

Welcome to 2024! Hoping everyone had a wonderful holiday season and that you are ready for our short Florida "winter" to be over so we can enjoy some beautiful sunshine.

I want to begin the New Year with a BIG THANK YOU from Lucie and me for the surprise gifts given to us at the December 2023 meeting. Lucie's "Basket of Chocolates" and my autographed "SheShed" sign were such perfect gifts. You ladies certainly know us!



Attendees at the last Material Girls meeting in 2023.

During the holidays, Karen Rodriques dropped off a snazzy quilt she finished with squares made by Material Girls. Not to be outdone by Mom, Karen's daughter Rachel brought two completed crocheted throws to be donated to WIC. Many thanks to Rachel and the many friends of the Material Girls who donate completed items and supplies throughout the year.

# THE O'BRYAN CHAPEL HOSPITAL DEDICATION

The AdventHealth Palm Coast Foundation organized a dedication ceremony for the chapel at the new AdventHealth Hospital located on Palm Coast Parkway on Monday, January 22, 2024. The Chapel was made possible because of Suzi and Michael O'Brien. In Michael O'Brien's remarks he acknowledged that he and his wife have been blessed with many things including the families into which they were born. With grateful hearts they were instrumental in the vision, design inspiration, and funding of The O'Bryan Chapel. The Material Girls were able to provide seven kneelers for the Chapel thanks to seamstress Linda Britton. Thank you Linda for a job well done!



L to R: Material Girls, Michelle Kreiss Keating and Linda Britton with Suzi and Michael O'Brien. Kneelers sewn by Linda can be seen in the basket on the floor.



Music before and during the ceremony was provided by Violinist, Paulo Pereira.



L to R: Wally DeAquino, CEO, John Subers, Foundation Director, Chaplain Ney Ramirez, Michael O'Brien and Suzi O'Brien



Fluorescent colored squares crocheted together in a throw for the Cancer Center by Karen Rodriques.

Owl blanket and ripple crocheted throw with bobbles made by Karen Rodriques' daughter Rachel.

## **MATERIAL GIRLS 2023 WRAP-UP**

The Material Girls had another busy 2023 year supporting a variety of organizations in Flagler County as well as a "Special Project" for Boggy Creek Camp located in Lake County, Florida. Both Boggy Creek Bears (22) and crocheted blankets (20) were provided to the camp for seriously ill children.

This is the third year the Material Girls has supported "Christmas Come True." The first year the Material Girls provided 600 stockings to this Flagler County program for low income families. Returning families are asked to bring their children's stockings back each year to be filled if they are eligible. In 2023, the Material Girls provided 155 stockings to "Christmas Come True" for new clients and in situations where stockings were lost because of living situations or homelessness.

This was the second year the Material Girls supported the 13th Annual Pink on Parade 5K Run/Walk with doggie/people bandanas. We provided the AdventHealth Foundation with 204 bandanas to distribute this year.

The grand total number of hours spent by the Material Girls sewing, stuffing, crocheting, knitting and supporting projects for the community this year was 3,649 hours. This past year was a record year for in-kind donations. Donations to the Material Girls included fabric, yarn, ribbons, embellishments, thread, crochet hooks and knitting needles. In-kind completed items made by the Material Girls and donated to the community included crocheted, knitted and quilted blankets/throws and baby hats and booties, stuffed bears, chemo tie pillows, abdominal pillows, drain pouches, radiation pillows, Christmas stockings, chapel kneelers, washcloths, bandanas, mini tissue holders and mini origami book bags. The grand total for 2023 in-kind donations was \$8,467.



Can you see the cute owl?