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GRAND HAVEN WOMAN'S CLUB

www.GHWomansClub.org

President's Message

Veteran's Day is a day to honor all American Veterans. We honor the men and women who sacrificially serve, protect and defend our country. We celebrate their bravery and loyalty to our country. As we celebrate Veteran's Day let us keep our Veterans in our thoughts and prayers throughout the year.



The Annual Gift Campaign has been a great success! Over \$10,000 has been donated by our membership. I want to thank the many that have donated to this campaign. On our website there is information on how you can donate if you have not participated. Also, those who may have a charitable trust account this is a source that can be used for donating. The money that has been donated to this campaign will continue to help those organizations within our community who are in need.

Congratulations to Mary Coyle and her Home Life committee. The Florida Federation of Women's Clubs annual awards program awarded GHWC Home Life Committee first-place for their work toward assisting those affected by domestic violence. The award certificate will be placed in our display case at Creekside.

As Thanksgiving approaches there is a great need for donations to the Grace Food Pantry. Due to the Pandemic local churches will not be providing a Thanksgiving meal to those in need.

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Grace Food Pantry has teamed up with Winn Dixie to provide a meal box that includes a frozen turkey and side dishes. A \$25.00 donation to Grace Food Pantry (Team Feed Flagler) will purchase a meal for a family. Donations can be made on the Grace Community website: www.gracecommunityfoodpantry.com, click "Team Feed Flagler" and donate. Checks can be made out to Grace Community Food Pantry, please note on the memo line "Team Feed Flagler". The address is: 5400 East Highway 100, Palm Coast, FL 32164.

I came across this quote about Thanksgiving that I found appropriate for this year, "Thanksgiving is one of my favorite days of the year because it reminds us to give thanks and to count our blessings. Suddenly, so many things become so little when we realize how blessed and lucky, we are." Joyce Giarud.

I wish all of you a blessed Thanksgiving.

Stay safe and well,

Kim Lhota

**President,
GHC**



First Vice President and Website Development

The Grand Haven Woman's Club website GHWomansClub.org is constantly getting updated I'm always in awe at the great work that's been done by our members, despite the COVID-19 challenges that we're dealing with.

Listed below are some interesting facts about the impact that our members volunteer efforts make to our community.

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**Volunteer Contributions of both hours and monies exemplify the impact of all
the General Federation of Women's Clubs**

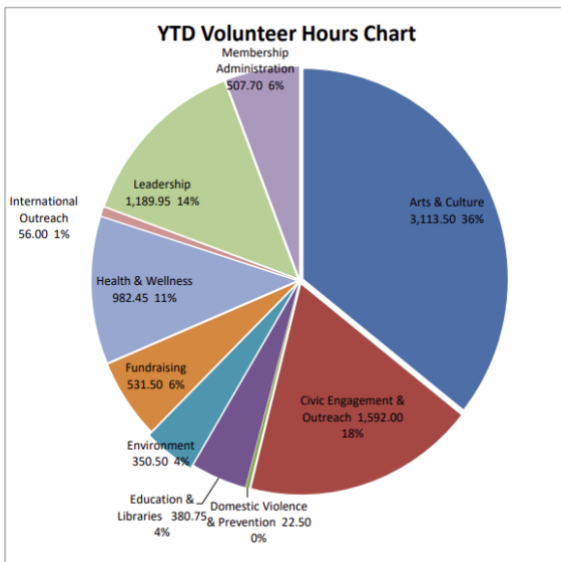
**GFWC National Contributions
2018 Annual Statistics**

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3,100
\$ 30,715,233
\$ 10,287,596

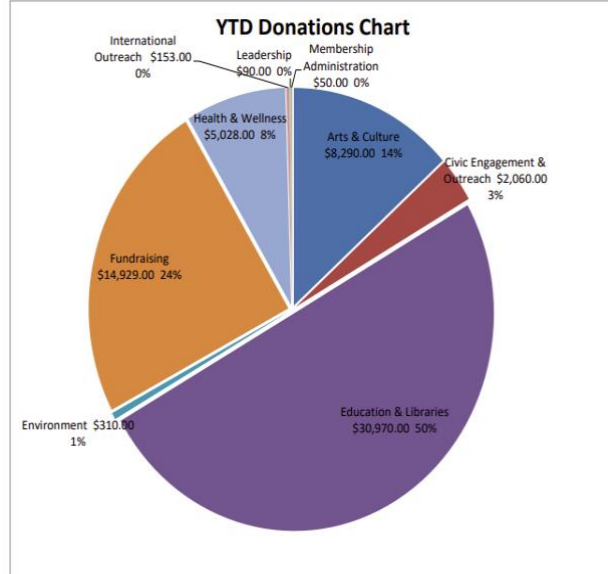
Number of Projects 109
Volunteer Hours 12,822
(equivalent employees) 7
Dollars Donated \$ 75,968
In-kind Donations \$ 32,222

**GHWC Local Contributions
2019 Annual Statistics**

As of October 12th, 2020



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The Contributions Summary is the website's HOME page, the Hours & Donations charts in the MEMBERS/DOCUMENTS page.

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International Outreach



Happy Autumn . Thanks to all who contributed to Trick or Treat for UNICEF. We have collected \$185. You can still drop off contributions in my pumpkin, 52 N Park Circle.

Suzanne O'Meally

Environment

Hoping this finds you all well and happy. Our Environment Committee hasn't been able to formally meet, but that hasn't stopped us from joining together to create a wonderfully appealing doggie basket to be auctioned at this year's Day of Games. Thanks so much to member Geri Hicks Frey for volunteering her creative talent.

We've also been laying the ground work for activities to take place in the good times ahead.

In November our Tattered Flag program will begin. We are reaching out to all who have flags in disrepair. We will be bringing them to the VFW for respectful and proper disposal. Flags may be dropped off to me , Marie Lanier, 3 N. Park Circle. Please email me

at GHC.environment@gmail.com

to arrange a drop off time.

Our "Old is New Again " furniture refinishing project is getting a boost from Diana Minotti's Art and Antique Shop. Diana has generously offered to donate small furniture pieces for our group to refinish and in turn donate to the Flagler Humane Society to sell in their Thrift Store and also their new Ebay Store which should be up and running soon.

Additional upcoming plans include a visit with a local beekeeper and continued efforts to collect information on a possible Community Garden Project.

Be well all , and stay active to keep those endorphins flowing!!!

Regards,

Marie Lanier

Environment Committee Chair

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Health and Wellness Committee

Greetings from the Co-Chairs of the Health and Wellness Committee!

Thank you to everyone who made contributions and donations during the October drive to support some of our local charities. The demand for assistance from these agencies has been overwhelming during this covid outbreak; they are working overtime to assist those in need in Flagler County.

WHEN:

Looking ahead, to coincide with our GHWC monthly Board Meetings, the HEALTH and WELLNESS COMMITTEE will continue to have collections on the 3rd Thursday in November and December 2020 at the times indicated below. Please mark your calendars!

Thursday, November 19 from 1:00pm -1:45pm and 4:00pm-4:30pm

Thursday, December 17 from 1:00pm -1:45pm and 4:00pm-4:30pm.

WHERE:

Donations will be collected in the GHGC Parking lot. Look for us under the trees in the back right corner of the parking lot...Follow our directional sign. (Please let us know if we can work with you to collect your donations.)

PLEASE take a few minutes to read the Missions and needs of each of the Flagler Organizations which are receiving your donations.

Warm regards,

Co-Chairs of Health and Wellness Program,

Patty Hartsfield, pattyhartsfield88@yahoo.com, cell# 770-310-9343

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Grace Community Food Pantry sponsors these programs:

Food Pantry, Fed by Grace Backpack Program, Team Feed Flagler

- The Grace Community Food Pantry is now seeing about 5000 cars a month on Saturday and Sunday. The need is so great in Flagler because people and families are hurting with so many out of work.

DONATIONS: GCFP accepts cash donations and checks made to the order of Grace Community Food Pantry. (The Pantry purchases food from Second Harvest for about 18 cents a pound: They can get a lot of food for the buck.) Additional suggested donations dry food in original packaging and canned goods. Examples: pasta, tomato sauce, cereal, soups, canned meats, vegetables, fruits, peanut butter, crackers, and jelly, etc. Currently, The Pantry is also receiving requests for dog and cat food.

- The Fed by Grace Backpack Program began in 2013. Every Wednesday The Pantry delivers 6-8-pound bags of food to schools designated by the school district. These schools provide a backpack of food to participating students on Friday, so the students

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have food for the weekend.

DONATIONS: Pop-top cans of Tuna, Chicken, Ham or Beef, Skillet Box Dinners for Tuna, Ham, Chicken or Beef, Cereal, Nutri-Grain, Granola, Cereal Bars. Oatmeal, Grits, Peanut Butter, Nutella, Jelly (no Glass), Pasta in box or canned pasta, Macaroni and Cheese, pasta Sauce, Canned Veggies such as tomatoes, corn. Greens, carrots and Beans, Apple Sauce and other canned or dried fruits, Graham Crackers, Animal cookies, Soup, stews, and chili. PLEASE NO GLASS JARS.

- **Team Feed Flagler:** This program brings churches and organizations together to make sure everyone has a Thanksgiving dinner.

DONATIONS: This year the virus has forced a change in the approach to the Feeding Flagler Program. Since the Team has not been able to collect food so they could provide a box of food and a turkey to each family in need, they are partnering with Winn Dixie to provide a Thanksgiving meal to a family of four for a donation of \$25.00. Cash or checks in any amount are greatly appreciated. Please make Checks payable to Grace Community Food Pantry and note "Feed Flagler" in the memo section. You can also donate via Pay Pal or credit card by visiting www.gracecommunityfoodpantry.com and selecting "Team Feed Flagler".

- Additionally, Team Feed Flagler will also be hosting sites to distribute "To Go Boxes" to those in need so they can take home a hot Thanksgiving meal. (No dine-in dinners will be hosted this year.)
- **Family Life Center:** The Mission of The Family Life Center is to provide essential support services to individuals and families to end domestic violence and sexual violence in Flagler County.

DONATIONS The Family Life Center is accepting donations of UNOPENED paper products, cleaning supplies, laundry detergent, diapers, food items, feminine hygiene products (shampoo, body wash, toothpaste, deodorant etc.). Gift-cards as well as "new" pajamas, socks, underwear are greatly appreciated.

- **The Giving Store:** For more than 25 years, during the holidays, Flagler Volunteer Services, and the Retired & Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) have successfully conducted a Giving Store program in Flagler County. The Giving Tree, as it is called in December, allows children in Kindergarten through 5th grade the opportunity to select Holiday gifts for each member of his/her household FREE of charge. The goal has been to teach these children the "Joy of Giving" during the holiday season. This year, The Giving Tree was in jeopardy of being cancelled since the Giving Store was unable to conduct their Spring and Fall Rummage Sales which are the major sources of funding for The Giving Tree. Thankfully, through the generosity of Flagler residents and businesses, this event will take place in a modified version. Local children will still be able to experience the valuable lesson that it feels "better to give than receive."

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DONATIONS: The Giving Store is accepting monetary donations and new or gently used household items for their future Rummage Sales

Our Father's Table: Our Father's Table is sponsored by Palm Coast United Methodist Church. Every Saturday at 4:00 pm, Volunteers provide a free "Meals on Wheels" service to Palm Coast Residents who are homeless or struggling to feed their families.

DONATIONS: 1) Volunteers to assist in assembling the prepared meal for designated drivers to deliver. 2) Volunteers to sign up to cook a future meal for 30+ people. The Church will provide the main entree for the meal (usually chicken, beef or pork) plus, bread, dessert and water. This is a great way to cook with a friend or friends and provide a hot meal to those who are struggling.

*Please FEEL FREE to contact us if you have questions or would like to arrange a pick-up.

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Education and Libraries

In this month's newsletter I'd like to take a little time and talk about **Take Stock in Children(TSIC)**. The GHWC works closely with the Flagler Education Foundation to supply volunteers as mentors to deserving students. This program has helped thousands of students with guidance and mentoring assistance on the road to graduation, college and beyond with the tools necessary to achieve these goals. The volunteer meets with the student once a week during the school year to encourage and support the student in various ways. The Education Foundation will guide you through this experience. We all have so much to give so won't you consider sharing a little bit of your time and experience to make a difference in someone's life? If you're interested in becoming a volunteer, please feel free to contact Patsy Campbell @squeetie49@aol.com. I will continue to collect donations of school supplies, jeans, socks and monetary donations on 11/19 before and after our monthly meeting. Many thanks to all who have continued to support the students and families of Flagler County. Anyone interested in joining this partnership with education can contact me at squeetie49@aol.com

Patsy Campbell

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Volunteer Time Reporting

We are nearing the end of our calendar year 2020 reporting cycle. While this has been quite a year of challenges, you have all demonstrated the passion of your hearts with continued volunteer efforts.

I would like to summarize some helpful information as we wrap up this year. The Time Reporting page on the website is your tool for recording hours and donations.

- The Time Reporting page now contains ***Time Reporting Helpful Hints*** and ***Time Reporting Handbook***. Both handy reference materials.
- As you accumulate hours/donations, please note that leadership and members have slightly different responsibilities.

Leadership:

Record and enter hours/donations for any committee meeting or committee activity, by selecting the appropriate Program/Project from the drop-down menu on the website for your CSP.

Members:

Record and enter hours/donations for any volunteer activity in which you participate that is outside of a committee, by selecting the appropriate Program/Project from the drop-down menu on the website for your CSP.

- Note the following as it applies to donations:
 - ***Any*** donation you make to a non-profit organization counts. It can be recorded under the CSP category in which it falls.
 - For example, if you have *donated a turtle* to the Palm Coast Arts Foundation for the turtle trail, on the Time Reporting page, you would:
 1. Select Arts & Culture,
 2. From the dropdown menu of projects, select PCAF (Palm Coast Arts Foundation),
 3. Enter the dollar value of your donation in the IN-KIND Donation Value box.
 - If you *painted a turtle* for the turtle trail, on the Time Reporting page, you would:
 1. Select Arts & Culture,
 2. From the dropdown menu of projects, select PCAF (Palm Coast Arts Foundation),
 3. Enter your hours and enter any non-reimbursed amounts in the IN-KIND Donation Value box.
 - Consider any other similar donations you may have made during this year.

As always, do not be shy about asking any questions at all. Your feedback only helps to improve the process and the communication. Thank you for all you are doing for our community!!!

Laura O'Brien

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Civic Engagement and Outreach Committee

Anniversary Celebration during a pandemic the Palm Coast Historical Society finally celebrated this important milestone at City Hall on Saturday, October 24, 2020. A last minute air conditioning equipment failure at the Community Center forced a change of venue less than 24 hours prior to the start of the event. Nonetheless PCHS volunteers working in cooperation with City of Palm Coast employees sent out notifications and made the necessary adjustments for social distancing so that the show could go on.

To simulate the spirit of the original Welcome Center Grand Opening held on October 29, 1970 this year's attendees were greeted to the tune "Here Comes The Sun" upon entering the meeting room. George Harrison's classic hit was constant background music in the first Welcome Center when visitors came to ride the elevator to the top of the 64 foot observation tower. Storyboards, albums and digital graphics displayed images of the original model homes, dredging operations to create canals, maps, newspaper articles from the 1970's, and more.

Former ITT advertising executive Linda Kasper shared her extensive portfolio of Garfield billboards and marketing brochures from the mid-1980's and related stories of her experiences as the only female in ITT Community Development's male-dominated real estate development department. Her background in graphic design combined with her natural marketing instincts earned her numerous industry awards and successful campaigns to draw visitors and ultimately residents to Palm Coast.

Michael Chimento III shared his memories of a modern-day "Tom Sawyer" childhood. Growing up in a sparsely populated community where children rode bikes down the streets of uninhabited neighborhoods and roamed through acres of undeveloped woods provided the sort of freedom today's generation can barely imagine.

Visit the PCHS Museum in Holland Park to catch a glimpse of this bygone era. Open Wednesdays from 1:30 - 3:30 pm, Saturdays from 12 - 3 pm, or by appointment.

The Civic Engagement Committee is inviting you to participate in this year's **Holiday Cards For Troops** initiative from the safety and comfort of your home. Please select your favorite holiday cards and sign them from: *The Grand Haven Women's Club, Palm Coast, FL*

Remember, for safety reasons, **NO GLITTER** is allowed.

We also welcome unsigned cards if you do not have time to complete them.

For your convenience there are several options for depositing your holiday cards:

Drop them at the Grand Haven Golf Club on Thursday, November 19 between 1:30 - 2:00 pm before the GHWC Board Meeting or afterward from 4:00 - 4:30 pm. OR

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Deliver them to Fran Anderson at her home at 28 Eastlake Dr. any day before December 1. A receptacle will be provided.

Thank You in advance for remembering our Military men and women who cannot be with their friends and family at this special time of year due to their service to our country.

Kathy

Fundraising

Below are a few of the events to start our year where social distancing per CDC Guidelines will be strictly implemented.

Day of Games – A fun day of games, including lunch and raffles

Date – January 18, 2021

Location – Grand Haven Golf Club

Donation - \$35/person – if you are reserving a table, please indicate the names of all players at your table and what game you will play. Payment is required for all players plus lunch choice at time of reservation.

Limited this year to 100 players. Tables of 4 or 6, this year.

For more information, contact Marcia Bugos at mabugos@gmail.com

Cheers to 15 Years – A Fun Evening Celebrating Past and Present

Date – Saturday, February 6, 2021

Time – 6:00-7:00 pm Cocktails/Champagne/Cash Bar

Cocktail Attire – Dinner and Dancing

Location – Grand Haven Clubhouse

Donation: \$65.00/person – Four Course Plated Dinner: TBD

Save The Date. For more information on Tickets

Contact: Carolyn Million at millioncb@yahoo.com

Maureen Pellegrini



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HONOR FIRST RESPONDERS & SUPPORT GHWC

Each ornament is etched in solid brass and made in the USA by a veteran owned company. **Net proceeds benefit GHWC charities** To obtain this \$20 ornament, visit: GHwomansclub.org to order or contact Fran Chiodo, chiodof12@gmail.com, 386-447-5610



Gem of a Friend

When you know of a member who has had surgery, experienced illness or a death in the family, a card will be mailed to her on behalf of all the GHWC members. In the event of the death of a member or former member, GHWC will send a \$100 donation in the name of the decedent to a charity that has been designated by the family. If no charity is designated by the family, the Club will send a \$100 donation to one of the organizations currently supported by the GHWC, in memory of the deceased.

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All you have to do is notify me with the information via email or phone call.
peggyas1950@gmail.com or 986-1745. Thanks for being a Gem of a Friend.

Peggy Smith

Arts & Culture

Culture Focus

In a recent meeting with Kim Lhota we talked about the possibility of pairing the beautiful turtles of the Palm Coast Arts Foundation with a discussion about a related book, for example the turtle at the Flagler Beach Museum, Patrick Smith's "The Land Remembered" and a visit to the museum. Discussion could occur at lunch.

Many of us are from different countries and I think it would be interesting to hear about the culture of your home country. Would you be comfortable sharing at a general meeting? It doesn't need to be a long and intricate presentation. Just enough to increase understanding and encourage the curiosity of the membership.

If you are interested in either of these ideas, please give me call or send me an email.
Thanks.

Lucie

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Material Girls

Using talents and resources to enrich the lives of others

The Material Girls held their second drop-in at chairperson Michelle Kreiss Keating's home on the 27th. Several members worked on stuffing bears. Chairs had been set up outside so that social distancing could be maintained and the ladies could enjoy the cooler air. Nancy Beneducci delivered 35 completed bears to the emergency ward at Advent Health.

Thank you to the Material Girls who helped Karen Rodriques reach her goal of providing 60 hats/scarfs for the Soul Cafe Christmas dinner attendees.

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Work continues on other projects: blankets and hats for cancer patients, hats and booties for newborns, origami bags for young parents. Many items need to be held in storage until recipients are comfortable receiving them. Covid19 continues to affect many of the organizations with whom we engage.



Should you be interested in joining our group or donating fabric or yarn, please get in touch with Michelle or me. We wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving whether you'll be celebrating in person at home or on zoom.

Michelle & Lucie

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Membership

Hello Membership Members of GHWC!

My name is Denise Burren and it is my pleasure to be chairing the Membership Committee for 2020-2021. I would like to welcome and thank you all for getting in your dues and remaining with us during these trying times. Though it seems the world as we know it has been put on hold for a while, we still need to band together, at a distance with masks, to serve the community we are so lucky to live in.

Your yearly dues not only enroll you into one of the strongest women's club in Florida, it also helps greatly the many amazing charities and organizations that help keep Palm Coast and Flagler County running through funding and volunteering. This along with the high level of caring, volunteering, deep concern and kindness shown through this club, is what makes it such a worthwhile organization.

We would like you to welcome our new members, who were inducted into GHWC at the October 15th Board Meeting:

Frannie McMullen
Beth Ward
Arlene Spencer
Leslie Vannucci

All have shown a great interest to join in one or more of our committees and apply their skills in those areas. We also have a few more ladies that we will be welcoming at the November meeting. Congratulations to you all.

Again, thank you all for keeping up your membership. Hoping we can all meet again in 2021!

P.S. I would like to thank Linda Smith who was co-chair with me for the first few months of our club's meetings. She puts her heart and time into getting the membership up to par for this year. As life happens, she had to step back. Looking forward to seeing her at the GHWC activities coming up soon.

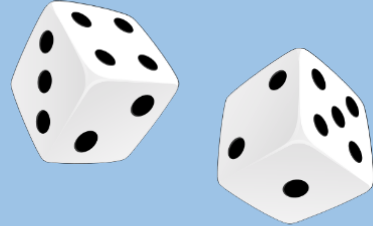
Be safe and enjoy life.

Denise



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Grand Haven Woman's Club
Presents
Gloria Sanchez Memorial
DAY OF GAMES 2021



2021 Day of Games

January 18th, 2021

Grand Haven Golf Clubhouse

\$35 per person includes lunch

Raffle, Share/Share and Silent Auction

SIGN UP TODAY • SPACE IS LIMITED

LIMITED seating of 100 players this year due to CDC guidelines

All reservations through Lucy Crowley at jerlu37@gmail.com
General information, contact Marcia Bugos at mabugos@gmail.com

All money due by December 15th, 2020