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# GRAND HAVEN WOMAN'S CLUB

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### President's Update

I hope that each of you and your family members are doing well during the Pandemic. It is hard to believe that our club has not met since February. So much has changed during the past few months. A newly elected executive board was voted on by the membership by email vote, Community Service Project Chairs and Standing Committee Chairs were appointed by the President and somehow all of us got together in small groups during the month of June and started planning for the new year!

The Board of Directors met in August and decided that it was not in the best interest of the club to meet as a membership this fall. The Board of Directors will continue to meet each month. The board wants to continue to have monthly donation drop-offs to support our local projects. In addition, we hope to have a virtual presentation in November (More details to follow). The fund-raising committee is off and running. The first fund raising event will be Nine and Dine in November. Maureen Pellegrini (Fund Raising Chair) and the Grand Haven Golf Club have put together a safe and fun event for those attending. If you are not playing, I encourage you to come out support the event and cheer on the golfers!

The Annual Woman's Club Gift Campaign will begin September 7<sup>th</sup>. The **Grand Haven Woman's Club Annual Gift Campaign** will be your opportunity to continue to support organizations by donating money and joining the *Circle of Philanthropy*. Many of the organizations are facing numerous financial challenges from the impact of this pandemic. With the uncertainty of monies raised through fund-raising events the budget committee has taken a very conservative approach to allocations for this up-coming year. **The Annual Gift Campaign** may be the only opportunity for all of us to continue to provide assistance to much needed organizations through our giving. I encourage you to join fellow members in supporting this effort and joining our *Circle of Philanthropy* with your tax-deductible contribution made payable to GHWC. You can send your check to: Kim Lhota, President, 18 Grandview Dr., Palm Coast, FL 32137.

On, September 17<sup>th</sup> the Board of Directors plans to meet. From 1:00-1:45 and 3:30-4:00 I encourage you to drive by the front entrance of the golf club and drop off donations for the Stuff Bus and The Giving Store. In addition, there will be an opportunity to sign up to participate in a committee. You don't even need to get out of your car! The chairpersons of the committees will be out welcoming you and accepting donations. "Connect and Make a Different" is our motto for the next two years. I hope that you will come out and support through donations and volunteering.

Our membership was not able to thank Laura O'Brien and her Board of Directors for an outstanding job the past two years in person. I hope that when we can meet as a club, we can recognize these ladies for their great job!

These are difficult times and we need to work together. We welcome suggestions and comments on how we can work together as a membership. Please feel free to email me at: [president@ghwomensclub.org](mailto:president@ghwomensclub.org) with your suggestions.

In closing, I hope each of you and your family members stay safe and well during these unsettling times.

Kim Lhota

President, GHWC



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### First Vice President and Website Development

The Grand Haven Woman's Club website [GHWomansClub.org](http://GHWomansClub.org) has been up and running for over a year!

As the site's developer, I've added several features that will be useful to all of us. You can now access the website on your PC or your mobile device (phone or tablet).

During the challenging times that we're going through, the website will be your source of up-to-date information.

- ➡ The CALENDAR section lists all the events that have been scheduled so far. For additional information, check out the Year at a glance calendar document as well as the various Timelines documents. The EVENTS REGISTRATION section provides detailed information for many of these events.
- ➡ The latest member directory is available online in the MEMBERS only section (the password was recently changed to **Club2021**). This section also provides updated information on the club's policies, procedures, documents (Organization chart), forms, etc. The Treasurer's report is also a very informative document and outlines the organizations that we will be supporting this year.
- ➡ The TIME REPORTING section is updated with an easy to use entry form, latest project list and helpful hints. Download and print the Volunteer Time Reporting template to help you keep track of your hours (click on MEMBERS, then FORMS).
- ➡ The CONTACT US section includes the Board directory, so feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns that you may have.

Take some time to peruse the entire website, enjoy the PHOTO GALLERY, review the NEWSLETTERS, the ABOUT page and provide us your feedback!

Be safe and healthy!

*Roi Parris*  
*First VP and Website Developer*  
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## Environmental Committee

Hello to all my Grand Haven Women's Group Sisters. I'm Marie Lanier, a retired teacher and business owner from Long Island, N. Y. and the new chairperson of the Environmental Committee (formally known as the conservation committee) I am very excited to share with you some of the plans for the upcoming year. I'd also like to invite you to be an integral part of our ambitious goals. Along with visits to environmentally important locations, and many other related endeavors, I hope to institute a Tattered American Flag project, a Furniture Salvage and Refinishing group and what I hope will be our crown jewel during my tenure, A Community Garden! I'm so excited about the potential for this project and this is where I'm especially reaching out to establish a small sub-committee of 4 or 5 of you to be investigators and researchers. Seek out other communities similar to ours and report back on your findings on how these communities organized and promoted their gardens within their communities. If this idea tickles your fancy and excites you, or if you'd like to be a member of the Environmental Group, please write to me at [Kidkamp@gmail.com](mailto:Kidkamp@gmail.com) or call /text me at 631-457-3271. I'm looking forward to hearing from and meeting with many of you who share my passion and concern for our planet and its inhabitants great and small.

And speaking of "small", our group has been asked to construct a Doggy Basket to be auctioned at the Day of Games event scheduled for January 18th. If you would kindly be able donate any dog related new items and get them to me by Dec. 10 that would be much appreciated. A large basket is needed as well

My address is 3 N. Park Circle. Thank you all, and please be well and joyful! Remember, in these different times, that how far we go isn't measured in miles. Go to nearby places that make you feel far away. Venture and explore.

Now, off you go!!

**Marie Lanier**

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### Health and Wellness Committee

Greetings from the co-chairs of the newly named committee which will continue to focus in the same areas as Home Life Committee in previous years. This will be a very unusual year for the GHWC, but the Health and Wellness Committee is motivated to continue providing resources and opportunities to individuals, families and existing charity organizations in Flagler County.

#### Mark your calendars:

**THURSDAY, SEPT. 17<sup>TH</sup>, 2020**, from 1:00-1:45 and 4:00-4:30 – A collection site will be in front of Grand Haven Golf Club.

The HEALTH and WELLNESS Committee will be accepting donations for “The Giving Store” (serving Flagler County for over 25 years). They need **NEW, UNUSED** items for children to give to their Family members at Christmas (Toddlers to Grandparents). Gift Examples: toys, toiletry gift sets, picture frames, kitchen items, flashlights, sporting goods, wallets, purses, games, towels, etc.

A donation in the form of a check made payable to “The Giving Store” would also help them meet their goals.

#### Upcoming Activities:

**OCTOBER, 2020:** The Giving Store donation collection

**NOVEMBER, 2020:** Grace Community Food Pantry donation collections

**December, 2020:** Family Life Center activity

If you are interested in being a member of the HEALTH and WELLNESS Committee, please see us on September 17<sup>th</sup> at the collection site in front of GHGC or send us an email.

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## Neighbor to Neighbor (N2N)

Ambassadors needed! We're happy to report that, in spite of the pandemic, N2N is going strong. For those of you unfamiliar with the program, N2N is a welcoming program for new Grand Haven residents. New neighbors are contacted by email and then a packet with much useful information is delivered. Since January, 75 new residents have been contacted. Due to Covid, the program was suspended for six weeks and we now have had to alter our mode of operation somewhat. At this point, we are doing no in-home visits and only dropping the packet off at the front door, often with an outdoor driveway chat. We can always use more Ambassadors, and would love to have any of you join the program. There are some Villages with no Ambassadors, so we greatly need some volunteers from these neighborhoods. The Villages with no Ambassadors are The Reserve, Village Oaks, Hidden Lake, and South Lake. Being an N2N Ambassador is not a huge time commitment and it is a wonderful way to meet your new neighbors. If you are interested in joining the program or would like further information, please contact one of us.

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## A NEW TOOL TO HELP US STAY CONNECTED

Our WebMaster Roi Parris has created a new form, which is on our website, that enables members to sign up for any of the Community Service Programs (CSP).

The form will be the first thing that appears when you log into the website. It will remain there until the next announcement is made. The form is also available in the ABOUT page and will remain there indefinitely.

Here's how it works.

Complete the form and clicks SUBMIT. You will receive a confirmation email that your form was submitted.

The CSP will receive an email with your name and contact info. Each CSP will receive emails only for their area. The CSP will contact you and follow-up accordingly.

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### Civic Engagement and Outreach Committee

This year the General Federation of Women's Clubs rebranded the Public Policy Committee and renamed it Civic Engagement and Outreach. Does that sound less intimidating than the former name? As Chair of this committee I hope the new label inspires you to join!

The mission of the committee is to engage GHWC members in grassroots projects that will create a better quality of life and foster a sense of community. Two subjects of interest to me are Women's Empowerment and Historic Preservation. Those two topics fall into the broader category of "Citizenship" which is one of the four pillars of the committee. The other pillars include Crime Prevention and Safety, Homelessness, and Military Personnel.

In the past members of Public Policy undertook the Holiday Cards for Troops initiative. If someone would like to continue this project please let me know. My focus, however, is designed to enhance the volunteer work I am doing with two other organizations, the American Association of University Women/Flagler and the Palm Coast Historical Society. Both of these non-profits are celebrating significant milestones.

The 100th Anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment allowing women to vote was celebrated on August 26, 2020. It is known as Women's Equality Day. Former Florida First Lady and Woman's Club President Mae Mann Jennings has been nominated to the Florida Women's Hall of Fame for her significant contributions to the Suffrage movement.

Local suffragist Alice Scott Abbott of Bunnell, FL has also been nominated for her tireless advocacy.



Their stories have been featured in local productions of "Women Won The Vote: How Did THAT Happen?." Their characters are played by GHWC members Patti Paukovich and Kathy Reichard-Ellavsky.

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The second milestone is the 50th Anniversary of the Founding of Palm Coast by ITT on October 29, 1970. Our community has experienced tremendous change since its founding and the PC Historical Society is diligently working to document those events and keep our history alive.

Please contact me if you would like to participate in any of the initiatives mentioned above. If you have questions please ask!

Kathy Reichard-Ellavsky







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### 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.

All you have to do is notify me with the information via email or phone call.

[peggyas1950@gmail.com](mailto:peggyas1950@gmail.com) or 986-1745. Thanks for being a Gem of a Friend.

**Peggy Smith**

### Social Activities Committee

My name is Jeanine Horowitz and I will be co-chairing the Social Activities Committee this coming year. It is going to be a challenge this year to come up with activities where we can socially distance and be outside but I welcome any suggestions that you may have. We are looking to have fun and make new friends. We are presently planning a social on October 22 from 4 to 5:30 either at the Grand Haven Club on the patio or Village Center pool area. We are still working out details. It will be a Wine and Cheese gathering so that we can meet our Executive Board and Committee Chairs as well as all members. We will certainly be practicing social distancing. Look for an eblast giving more details. I am also in need of a co-chair so if you think this might be something you would like to do please send me an email at [Jeaninehorowitz53@gmail.com](mailto:Jeaninehorowitz53@gmail.com). I know we will have fun.

Hope to see you at the Wine and Cheese mixer.

**Jeanine Horowitz**

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## Fundraising

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

**Nine & Dine** – A nine-hole scramble format open to all men and women golfers and non-golfers. Event includes dinner, game day passes, ball drop, awards and prizes

Date – Saturday November 7, 2020

Time – 2:30 PM Shotgun Start

Location – Grand Haven Golf Course

To obtain registration, flyer and sponsorship info: [www.grandhavenwomansclub.org](http://www.grandhavenwomansclub.org)

To register for Golf, Dinner Only or Sponsorship, please contact [maureenpellegrini@gmail.com](mailto:maureenpellegrini@gmail.com)

**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](mailto: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](mailto:millioncb@yahoo.com)

Hope everyone is doing well during this pandemic and staying healthy and safe!

Maureen Pellegrini

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## Newsletter

I'm sure you've noticed a new look for the Newsletter. After four years of experienced editing by Sheila Tebbanno, I've taken over the Newsletter. I see the Newsletter as an important source of information as the club strives to meet the impact of social distancing.

It will, of course, be an evolving process and your input is welcomed. I thank my son Christopher for his help with formatting this issue.

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