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Grand Haven Woman's Club

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President's Message



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As the month of May approaches, I want to wish all our Mom's in the GHWC a very special Happy Mother's Day! I hope all Mom's will be able to spend the day with family and friends. Congratulations to all our members on the numerous District 6 Awards that were awarded in March. The following are highlights of the awards:

First Place: Arts and Culture
Second Place: Environment
Third Place: Membership
Second Place: Civic Engagement and Outreach
Third Place: President's Project
Second Place: Domestic Violence and Awareness
First Place: Fund- Raising

Laura O'Brien our past president did an excellent job capturing all the work that our club has done the past year and presenting the information in our end of year reports. The reports are located on our webpage for review.

The fund-raising committee under the leadership of Maureen Pellegrini did an awesome job hosting the tennis tournament in April. This event raised \$3289 from registration of 56 players, silent auction, 50/50 raffle and Lotto Lantern. Day of Games is scheduled for May 17th. Details about the silent auction and gift baskets will be provided through an eblast. Please come and support the auction. There are many wonderful gifts!

Health and Wellness, Education and Environmental Committees continue to accept donations at our monthly board meetings. There will be an eblast requesting donated items at a later date.

It's time to renew your membership to the GHWC. Make your check out to GHWC. Please send your check for the amount of \$40.00 to:

GHWC
c/o: Denise Burren, Membership Chair
10 Grandview Dr.
Palm Coast, FL 32137

The Annual Gift Campaign has been a huge success this year. It is not too late to make a donation. The donations are used to support to numerous agencies within our community. Make your check out to GHWC. Send your donated check to:

Kim Lhota
18 Grandview Dr.
Palm Coast, FL 32137

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The board of directors will hold its yearly planning meeting on May 20th. Tentative dates for general meetings, events etc., will be discussed. No decision regarding attendance at meetings will be made until a later date. A tentative calendar will be posted on our webpage in June.

Kim Lhota
President,
GHWC



First Vice President and Website Development

THANK YOU VERY MUCH

My heart is filled with gratitude for being honored as **Volunteer of the Year!**
The congratulatory messages from so many of you put a smile on my face. I appreciated you taking the time to do it!

I feel blessed to be surrounded by some many caring and dedicated women striving to make a difference in our community. You all deserve this honor just as much!

Also, thanks to the Nominating Committee for all their efforts in this project.

May 17th, 2021 is the much anticipated GHWC Gloria Sanchez Memorial Day of Games. Many of you probably do not know who Gloria was and why is Day of Games named after her.

In the early years of GHWC, the main form of fundraising was to hold basket raffles at the monthly membership meetings. It was also a large part of the funds raised at the Day of Games. Gloria Sanchez was the GHWC “Basket Queen,” who almost single-handedly created all of these

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beautiful baskets from items donated by members. Following Gloria's passing in 2013, the GHWC honored Gloria by naming the Day of Games event in her memory. Thank you Nancy Carlton for the explanation!

This is one of several FAQs that you can find on our website's HOME page, so if you have any questions or suggestions, let me know!

Check out what's new on our website!

- ✓ Latest update video from President Kim Lhota regarding our club's events
- ✓ Annual Membership Renewal page with payment information (on-line and mail)
- ✓ The TIME REPORTING page has been updated with the latest Time reporting CSP programs & projects and a quick reference guide , pie charts showing this year's YTD volunteer hours & donations, also last year's (2020) Reporting summary for hours & dollars
- ✓ Monthly Treasurer's report in the MEMBERS (Members only) page, also the updated Member Directory
- ✓ Photos of our recent activities in the PHOTOS & NEWS page, the Tennis Tournament (Photos of our recent events page) & the GFWC District 6 awards recipients (NEWS page)

ATTENTION - - - - SCAM ALERT!

One of our club members recently became the recipient of a scam/phishing email. It just happens that the April 2021 AARP bulletin had an extensive write-up on fraud. I copied/pasted some of the most relevant sections and I'm sharing them with you (end of this Newsletter).

If you received your personal copy of the AARP bulletin, I encourage you to read the article in its entirety.

NOTE:

The Notices Chairperson Notices@GHWomansClub.org recently sent out an email to all our members regarding this topic.

Do NOT reply to emails from unknown persons and definitely DO NOT SEND gift cards or money to anyone just because you received an email. We recommend that you contact the person making the request via phone and discuss their requirement in person and always bring these needs to the GHWC President's attention. The Grand Haven Woman's Club will not solicit funds for/from individual members by email.

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Civic Engagement and Outreach Committee

Developing and promoting the programs offered by the Palm Coast Historical Society continues to be the primary focus of the Civic Engagement Committee. For updates on Speaker Events and other activities visit www.palmcoasthistory.org.

Dr. Gordon Patterson, a specialist in environmental history, provided a Zoom lecture on April 17 entitled “Waging War On The Mosquito Menace.” He offered a fascinating perspective on the study of insect-borne diseases and its effect on public health policy. In the 1920’s a Federated Woman’s Club in the Vero Beach area raised awareness about the need for mosquito control. This led to the formation of the first Florida Anti-Mosquito Association in 1922.

One of the most effective pesticides in controlling mosquitos was DDT introduced in Orlando in 1942. It was considered the “atomic bomb” of pest control and was later discovered to be harmful to the environment. Rachel Carson’s book “Silent Spring” published in 1962 warned of the dangers of this chemical agent. The popularity of the book led to the modern environmental movement. By 1978 DDT was no longer being used.

The PCHS will be posting this lecture and others to YouTube in the coming weeks for those who were unable to listen to the program Live.

The remaining Saturday lectures for this season include:

May 1 - J. Michael Butler: Martin Luther King in St. Augustine (10 am in-person at the Community Center)

May 15 - Mallory O-Connor: The Art and Science of William Bartram (10 am Live on Zoom)

June 19 - Robert Stone: Five Generations of Florida Cattle Ranching (10 am in-person at the Community Center)

To register for the in-person lectures please call the Community Center at 386-986-2323. Or go online at palmcoastgov.com.

Kathy Reichard-Ellavsky

Civic Engagement Chair

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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 or 986-1745. Thanks for being a Gem of a Friend.

Peggy Smith

Material Girls

Using talents and resources to enrich the lives of others

Happy Spring!!

Award...

We are delighted to report that the Arts & Culture group received a first place award for the District. We understand that the number of hours and the creativity of the projects led to this award. Thanks to everyone who worked on the variety of projects over the past year.

Projects...

Despite the Covid effects, we have been busy with several projects – blankets, chemo caps, masks, scarves, baby hats and booties, bears, tissue holders, origami bags, amenity bags, and comfort pillows. A recent effort has focused on mending pajamas & robes for a project led by Michele Seyfert through Our Father's Table.

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Michelle Kreiss-Keating had the pleasure of delivering blankets to Dr. Sai's office as well as to the Cancer Center at Advent Health. It has been over a year since the last 'delivery'. Michelle reports that hospital staff "...were happy to receive the donations and are excited to be able to offer the warm blankets and chemo caps to their patients."



Fun time...

On March 29th, some of the ladies gathered to enjoy a 'make & take' event hosted by Michelle. It was fun to work on flower pins while chatting. Of course, we were masked and seated at socially distanced tables.

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Visit to Alpha Women's Center...

On April 9th, several ladies visited the Alpha Women's Center in Bunnell. Ashley Smith described the center's program and led the group on a tour. We saw the Baby Boutique, the counseling room and the sonogram area.

We learned that the Alpha Women's Center provides free and confidential services to women who think they may be pregnant or with children up to eighteen months old. Staff offer support and compassion and provide needed resources including ultrasounds, pregnancy testing and abortion information as well as other options. The Material Girls provide origami bags for the ladies, booties and hats for their babies.



End of the year gathering...

We will close the club's year with a drop-in /drop-off event at Michelle's on May 11 at 10:30. Folks will work on stuffing many, many sewn items including bears and comfort pillows.

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We invite you to come if you'd like to learn about our group or if you have materials to donate. We accept yarn, fabric and tools such as needles, crochet hooks etc.

May your summer be filled with family, fun activities, and relaxation.

Michelle & Lucie

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Membership

Hello Members!

As of April 19th, approximately 81 members have renewed. That is only about one third of the total membership. Please, as soon as you read this, and while it is still fresh in your mind, send your renewal check or make your paypal payment for 2021-2022 dues.

There is only a little more than one month to complete this, with May 31st being the last day before your dues would be considered late, and who wants to pay a late fee?

Again, if you are no longer living in Grand Haven, or do not wish to renew, a quick note to me would be very helpful:

ghwcmembership@gmail.com

I want to Thank All those who have responded already, and I hope to receive the rest of the membership payments soon.

Thank You All for your time and attention with this.

FYI: I was told by the person who makes our name tags to bring to your attention that if you are using a magnetic closure on yours, to be careful if you should have to undergo any procedure that would cause you to need a pacemaker or other electronic device that helps you maintain your health. The magnet is very strong and can interfere with the functioning of those devices. If you need to, we can have your name tag converted to a regular pin style.

Denise Burren

Bylaws and Protocol

The Bylaws Committee has been working on the review of the current Bylaws since last August and we have now completed this task. I would like to thank Nancy Carlton, Lucy Crowley, Awilda Hamilton and Laura O'Brien for serving on this committee. We presented our recommendations to the Board of Directors at the February Board Meeting, and then followed up in March after incorporating some of the input given to us by Board Members. We are now ready to take our recommendations to the GHWC membership for approval. This will be done sometime this fall, once it is determined we will be having an in-person meeting. We will be sending out a draft of our recommendations to membership prior to our meeting. Please watch for this email sometime during late summer. Thank you!

Sally Nord
Bylaws Chair

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