

Grand Haven Woman's Club

PALM COAST, FL



President's Message

The success of every woman should be the inspiration to another. We should raise each other up. Make sure you're very courageous: be strong, be extremely kind and above all be humble.

Serena Williams

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March is Women's History Month. As a woman's club we have so many women from all parts of this country and world. We are blessed to have such a diverse group of ladies who connect and make a difference in our community. During, the month of March we celebrate the accomplishments of women past and present. The following are a few special ladies who have had an impact on the history of women:

- Elizabeth Cady Stanton * Ruth Ginsberg
 *Harriet Tubman * Sandra Day O'Connor
 - Amelia Earhart * Billy Jean King
 - Eleanor Roosevelt
 - Katherine Johnson
 - Sally Ride
 - Dian Fossey
 - And many more

The Grand Haven Woman's Club continues to make a difference in our community. The Health and Wellness committee continues to collect food and other products for Grace Food Pantry and Family Life Center. The Education committee donated 25 origami bags of books to the Flagler Education Foundation to give to students in need. The Environmental committee has donated food to the Flagler Humane Society each month. Each month I am amazed by the generosity of our members and Grand Haven Community.

I wish you all a Happy Spring.

Stay safe and well,

Kim Lhota
President,
GHWC





First Vice President and Website Development



BASIC RULES FOR THE TENNIS TOURNAMENT

- Each player must select a partner of their choice (men with men, woman with woman) for doubles play.
- Each doubles team (2 players) will be assigned into one of two levels for both the Men's and Woman's division determined by the players combined level of play.
- There will be (3) rounds of play. All seven courts will be used for a total of 28 players (14 teams) per round. Each round will consist of a total of 9 no ad games.
- Top winners for each division will be determined by the highest number of games won for the combined rounds. There will be a 1st and 2nd prize for each division.
- Please make all checks payable to Grand Haven Woman's Club and mail to Maureen Pellegrini, 104 Lagare Street, Palm Coast, Florida 32137.
- Time and Date of the Tennis Tournament is April 10th and it starts promptly at 8:30 am until
 12:30 pm, followed by lunch around the Pool Area or to take Home. We welcome guests and
 spectators to join us for lunch. Thank you! Cost of the Lunch is \$12 and please mail check to
 Maureen Pellegrini. No lunch tickets purchased the day of the tournament. Must purchase
 tickets by April 3rd.

CDC Rules for All Tennis Players and Guests of the Tennis Tournament

Just want to remind everyone that we will be abiding by CDC guidelines throughout the tennis tournament. We ask the following:

- All guests will wear masks while watching the players. Players will not be wearing mask while playing tennis
- Tennis players waiting to go on the courts will wear masks
- Lunch will be served in a Styrofoam box which you can eat at the Village Center and the seating will be six feet apart. While eating or drinking no mask is necessary. If you would rather take your lunch home that is fine.
- Waiting station will be available with halo oranges, pumpkin bread and bottled water served individually.

Our First Vice President, Roi Parris, continues to do a wonderful job with technology for GHWC. She created this single page document of the Tennis Tournament rules, which works well for the Newsletter.



Environment

The **Flagler Humane Society** currently has a great need for canned dog food. Donations can be brought to my home, 3 N. Park Circle and left inside my gate if I'm not home. I visit the shelter each Monday to take photographs of the adoptable dogs to be posted on Facebook. So, I will happily bring your donations and save you a trip to the shelter.

Work on the furniture refinishing project continues. Any refinished pieces received will be donated to the Flagler Humane Society Thrift Store. In early February we donated three pieces to the thrift store. On visiting the thrift store 2 weeks later, I noticed that all three of our items were sold! Yay!!!

Should anyone find that they have small pieces of furniture (end tables, small chairs or shelf units, etc) that they would like to refinish to donate or if you would like to turn them over to our group to be refinished, please call or text me at (631)457-3271. Thank you all and stay well.

Marie Lanier

Environment Committee Chair

Health and Wellness Committee

Our GHWC members, residents, and friends continue to generously contribute to the community charities which the committee actively works to support each month. The **Grace Community Food Pantry** received 595 pounds of food and a large monetary donation the month of February. The food collection also supports the **Backpack program** of Flagler County schools.

The Giving Store hopes to hold a Spring Rummage Sale in April, so please continue to bring your new and gently-used household items to our March 18th collection site from 1:00 - 4:00 at the GHGC parking lot. We have received some wonderful items, so please feel free to drop off for the future rummage sale!

The Family Life Center is generously helped each month with donated feminine hygiene products, cleaning supplies, TP/paper towels, bath/hair products, detergents, new women's sleepwear and necessary household items. These women are so appreciative of receiving these items.

The Health and Wellness committee is able to volunteer several members each Saturday afternoon at Our Father's Table at the Palm Coast United Methodist Church. The Pre-School

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kitchen is busy assembling up to 50 meals which are delivered to homeless and low income, needy families. The GHWC **Material Girls** have generously donated scarves and washcloths to these needy families, too. It's wonderful to witness committees working in conjunction to help the people in Flagler County.

THANK YOU for your continued generosity!

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Education and Libraries

Our Bag of Books project is almost complete thanks to all that donated so generously. We filled fifteen bags with at last 5-6 books each spanning from toddler to upper elementary. While toddler books are readily accessible: we are still in need of books for older children. Every child put in a transitional situation no matter what the age will love to be able to call this gift bag their own. Ollie's, Target and Amazon have a great selection of books for ages 7-10. Some suggestions might be: The Magic Treehouse series, Goosebumps series, books by Kate DiCamillo. Look for an e-blast for collection times on March 18th.

Patsy Campbell

Volunteer Time Reporting

I am happy to announce that the annual reports required for the General Federation of Women's Clubs have been completed and submitted on time for calendar year 2020. The reports have been added to the GHWC website (see **Members** page and click on the **Documents** icon then select GFWC - General Federation of Women's Club – 2020 Annual Reporting). This information can be directly viewed by following this link: https://www.ghwomansclub.org/gfwc-annual-reports then selecting the reports you wish to view.

If you would like to see a summary of 2020 activity, two pie charts are available on the **Time Reporting** page of the website. This information can be directly viewed by following this link: https://www.ghwomansclub.org/time-reporting then selecting the pie chart you wish to view.

In 2020, a web-based Time Reporting process was implemented which allowed electronic data entry, data collection, summarization, and report generation.



Following is a summary of <u>your</u> volunteer efforts and they are **AMAZING!!!** Despite the pandemic and limited in-person contact, GHWC members met, and at times exceeded, expectations!!! As the time reporting team continues their journey on the learning curve, some minor adjustments to the time reporting process will be made in 2021.

Congratulations and thank you to all for the contributions you made to our Flagler County family!! Any questions, contact Laura O'Brien by email at ghwc.past.president@gmail.com or by phone at 386-283-4184.

2020 Annual Reporting Summary

CSP	# Projects	Total Hours	Dollars Donated	In-Kind Donations	Dollars Raised	Total Dollars
GFWC Signature Program: Domestic and Sexual Violence Awareness & Prevention	2	76	\$2,670.00	\$1,877.00	\$0.00	\$4,547.00
Arts & Culture	5	4292	\$10,264.00	\$13,406.00	\$0.00	\$23,670.00
Civic Engagement & Outreach	11	2439	\$500.00	\$2,125.00	\$0.00	\$2,625.00
Education & Libraries	9	475	\$9,850.00	\$51,495.00	\$0.00	\$61,345.00
Environment	8	672	\$1,810.00	\$620.00	\$0.00	\$2,430.00
Health & Wellness	13	1854	\$11,050.00	\$30,037.00	\$0.00	\$41,087.00
Leadership	12	1484	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Membership	8	631	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fundraising & Development	7	788	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$36,006.00	\$36,006.00
Affiliate Projects	2	20	\$488.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$488.00
Total	77	12731	\$36,632.00	\$99,560.00	\$36,006.00	\$172,198.00

Laura O'Brien

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Fundraising

COME PLAY IN OUR CHARITY TENNIS TOURNAMENT – ALL ABILITY LEVELS ARE WELCOME!

There are still a few spots available

HOSTED BY GRAND HAVEN WOMAN'S CLUB

SATURDAY, APRIL 10, 2021

START TIME: 8:30 AM Amount \$45.00

BOXED LUNCH WILL BE SERVED AROUND THE POOL AREA OR TO TAKE HOME ALONG WITH A 50/50 RAFFLE AND SILENT AUCTION ITEMS (Must Be Present to Win)

NON PLAYERS, COME EARLY AND JOIN US FOR LUNCH AND CHEER ON YOUR PLAYERS – BOXED LUNCH \$12 THERE WILL BE NO LUCHES PURCHASED THE DAY OF THE TENNIS TOURNAMENT. Guests may purchase tickets by April 3rd only!

LOCATION: GRAND HAVEN VILLAGE TENNIS COURTS, BRIAN COUNTS WILL BE IN CHARGE OF THE GROUPINGS

CONTACT FOR TICKETS: MAUREEN PELLEGRINI,

EMAIL: maureenpellegrini@gmail.com

cell phone: 860-989-4148



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

Membership

Happy March GHGC members! Spring will be here soon and with it, I am hoping that you find yourself happy and healthy.

Membership has been quiet for the last few months, mostly due to COVID. We were lucky to have signed up six new members last October-November and reinstated another. The months leading to February usually sees our largest request for applications and induction of new members. This year, there were no applications. But...

just this week, I have been informed of that turning around.

Just like the coming season that should also be changing in the next month or so, I am getting notices that a few members have or will be moving away from Grand Haven. We wish them luck with their new adventures and want them to know they will be missed. On the other side of that, I just learned of three or four women looking to join our wonderful group. With that said, we are still entertaining a membership of about 213 women.

I would like to make a request to all members to understand how important your renewal is to this organization. I am looking forward, in the next few months of our renewal campaign, that 100% of our current membership will find it in their heart that their yearly dues of \$40 does so much for our community. That it is not just a payment from your checking account that you will never see again, but one that does so much good for all those around us.

As Kim says: "Connect...And Make a Difference"

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I would like to ask all members who know of anyone who is either moving out of Grand Haven, or who feel they can not belong anymore, to ask them to please inform me of that. This way I can update the member roster and not continue to send them requests to renew. Hopefully we can all get back together and resume our lovely luncheons. To have the chance to socialize before, to catch up on all the old and find out what is new. To actually "see" each other again. To put all that positive energy women have, that can do so many wonderful things when strong minds get together.

When the letter go out in the next few weeks, please try and do your renewal as soon as possible. Payment information will be included in the letter.

Thank you all.
Be safe
Denise Burren

Newsletter

The Newsletter continues to be a work in progress. Hope you noticed that the header for the Newsletter now matches the header for the website. Based on a member suggestion, the Grand Haven logo has been added.

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