



GRAND HAVEN WOMAN'S CLUB

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MAY 2025 Newsletter

Membership

Co-Leaders, Leslie Vannucci and Cindy Price

We have had a great year for new members joining the GHWC. Twenty-four new members have been added since the start of the 2024-2025 season, bringing the club to 201 members. New members are bringing new ideas and helping hands to our committees. In April we hosted a new membership social, and we will be doing it again in the fall. We had fun with wine, food and chatter. Thanks to Leslie for donating a gift card for services at the Cottage Salon and Laura for hosting.

Thank you to everyone who invited guests to our meetings.



New GHWC Members at the April "New Members Social."
L to R: Co-Leaders, Leslie Vannucci, Cindy Price, GHWC President, Awilda Hamilton, Sonja Steinhauer, Janet Greenwood, Bobbi Mason and Gail Callahan
Front row: Paulette Barau and Marcie Leonard

2025-2026 GHWC BOARD

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President's Update

Awilda Hamilton

The close of the 2024-25 program year is fast approaching and we have already started plans for 2025-26!

Please remember that membership renewals for September 2025-June 2026 remain at \$40 and are due prior to May 31, 2025. You may pay by check at the May 19th meeting, pay on-line, or mail to:

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During the summer some CSPs will continue selected activities and emails will be sent with specifics. In addition, be sure to check the GHWC website - <https://www.ghwomansclub.org/> the summer for updates and club information.

Since we are still tallying and summarizing our year end productivity, that data will soon be posted on the website too.

Have a healthy, happy, and safe summer. We look forward to seeing you September 15th!





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NOTICES ANNOUNCEMENT

Notices Co-Chairs, Jenny Scott and Marilyn McNamara

I know that Notices doesn't normally have a spot in our newsletter, but I wanted to explain a few procedures we have for seating at our meetings! While your process of checking in and getting your table number appears to be effortless, there really is a little bit of planning involved! We have several members who have pre-assigned tables to sit at. Reasons for these special seats can range from "You are the President, so you need to be at the table closest to the podium" to "You are a new member, so we want you to sit at the table with the Membership folks to be introduced!" Whatever the reason may be, here are the issues I would love to address:

1. Please **do not** sit in a chair at a table that isn't your assigned table. Even if you are simply perching in a chair to chat with someone, people looking for their seat don't know that you are simply squatting. If you are chatting with someone, please remain standing!
2. Please **do not** sit at a table you aren't assigned to. When this happens, people who are supposed to be at that table are forced to find seats at other tables, which then creates the endless game of musical chairs. This is a problem because people who need to be at certain tables are then kept from being there.
3. If you go to your table and find no seat there, please come back to registration and I will follow you to the table with our lists to figure out who needs to move. Do not just go sit down at a different table - stop the cycle!
4. Whatever you do, **do NOT** put your table number back in the bag at the registration table after we hand it to you! If you do, you will have someone sitting in your lap for the entire meeting - and that is just going to be awkward!

Thanks so much for following these procedures! Marilyn and I are grateful for all of our club members!



For our convenience, the veterans at VFW Post 8696 at 47 Old Kings Rd. have set out a 'flag collection' box at the main entrance to their facility.

Simply drop off your tattered, faded and/or damaged flags at any time.

Flags can also be dropped off at GHWC monthly meetings.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to email Lucie Lachance at lucieglachance@gmail.com or call/text 603-203-7636.



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WELCOME TO THE KENTUCKY DERBY



Above: MJ talks with Grand Haven resident Bill Boland, 1950 winner of the Kentucky Derby at age 16.





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KENTUCKY DERBY FUN!





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KENTUCKY DERBY CONTINUED:



"Mint Julip" our derby mascot.



Kentucky Derby guest speaker for the second year and past Derby winner Bill Boland and his wife Sandy.

"Together We Can"



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Environment Committee

Environment Co-Chair Ann Roffman

Flagler County is fortunate to have two beautiful state parks. Both are only a short drive from our own gorgeous Grand Haven community.

At the southern end of the county is **Gamble Rogers State Park**. This park is named after a folk singer that lived in St. Augustine. He died in the 1990s trying to save someone from drowning in the ocean in the vicinity of the park now named for him. This park offers numerous opportunities for the community to learn about and conserve our environment. Their “Friends of the Park” group is very active and offers various volunteer opportunities.

At the northern end of the county is **Washington Oaks State Park**. It certainly lives up to its name with many beautiful live oaks. It has a rich history and maintains beautiful garden areas. This park also has an active “Friends of the Park” group. They have numerous opportunities for volunteers throughout the year. One of their largest annual events is a celebration of Earth Day.

This year a few GHWC members volunteered to help with this event held on Saturday, April 26. There were numerous programs about our environment including kids activities. It was a wonderful way to experience a day in the park on a fabulous Florida April day. Some photos taken by our photographer Lucie Lachance are included with this article.

Please consider going on the websites for the Friends of one or both of these parks. You can sign up to receive their newsletter or you can join their group and get involved in preserving these beautiful areas for future generations to enjoy.

I hope some of you want to get involved. My responsibility on the environment committee is to find ways for our members to provide service. For members that sign up for our committee, I provide a monthly list of environment related activities in our area via email. If you are interested and currently are not receiving our information, please contact me to be placed on our list. For questions or more information, please feel free to contact me at: aaroffman@gmail.com or via text (386) 529-4482.



A few GHWC members, Lucy Crowley, Ann Roffman and Lucie Lachance participated in Earth Day 2025.





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ARTS & CULTURE HIGHLIGHTS - MAY LOCAL HAPPENINGS TO VISIT ON YOUR OWN SCHEDULE

Check these out!

May 10th

FLAMINGOS & TURTLES WINE GLASS PAINTING CLASS

\$45.00

Salty Mermaid-1456 Ocean Shore Blvd
Ormond Beach. 904-704-7449

May 9th – 25th

FLY BY NIGHT-MUSICAL LIMELIGHT THEATRE, INC.

11 Old Mission Avenue
St. Augustine, FL 32084
904-825-1164

Education Committee

Education and Libraries Chair, Jacki Unger

Please mark your calendar for Monday, July 7th for **The Stuff Bus** from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. The Education Committee will be in front of the Village Center collecting school supplies and basic items such as socks, backpacks, underwear, and sweat pants. If you have time to volunteer for a time slot that day your help would be appreciated. I will have a sign up sheet at our May meeting. For our members that travel over the summer and might not be here in July, we will be collecting at our May meeting in the parking lot. Please consider writing a check to the Education Foundation if that makes it easier. If you have any questions regarding **The Stuff Bus**, please feel free to contact me at brijac2@aol.com
Thank you for your continued support.

**Please remember to renew your
GHC Membership before May 31
so we can plan for next fall.**

Arts & Culture May 2025

Arts & Culture Co-Chairs, Cheryl Ringer and Jeanine Horowitz

We have truly enjoyed spending an exciting year to date attending local plays at the **Lime Light Theatre** in St. Augustine, **The City Repertory Theatre** right here in Palm Coast, **The Peabody** down in Daytona as well as the **Athens Theatre** in Deland. Let's not forget the **Morse Museum** in Winter Park, it was amazing to learn and see about the works of Louis Tiffany. Thanks to all of you who joined in to make our ventures out so much fun!

Our Arts and Culture Book Club will be having an organizational meeting for the September to May schedule. You are welcome to attend and bring your book ideas. Meeting is June 18, 1 p.m. at Cheryl's home, please rsvp to Ringhouse2014@gmail.com if you would like to attend.

For those of you who missed the luncheon this month, Jeanine and I plan to continue to share activities we are working on throughout the summer. So be on the lookout for more Arts and Cultural activities, and things happening around for you to enjoy on your own.

Have a wonderful Summer!

Corresponding Secretary Committee

Corresponding Secretary Chair, Suzanne O'Meally

"It never hurts to keep looking for sunshine" Eyeore

We continue doing wonderfully thinking of each other. But now with the end of the 2024-25 year some of us don't get together as often. Please remember to let me know when you hear of a friend's hospital visit, illness, or broken limbs. If anyone needs a "thinking of you" card or there is a death in the family I would still love to send a card. A small word of kindness can help make someone's day. See you in September.

Please contact Suzanne at 571-334-0072 or ghwc.corr.sec@gmail.com. Thank you.



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Health & Wellness Committee

May Collection

Health & Wellness Co-Chairs, Lucie Lachance and Eileen Marotto

*May's focused collection will benefit the Family Life Center. Fifty of our members will be bringing back amenity bags filled with toiletries and necessities for folks who seek help and shelter. We are also requesting **laundry detergent and toilet paper** – items that are always needed.*

As summer nears and the GHWC program year comes to an end, Eileen and I thank each and everyone of you for your support.

Eileen and her team will continue to volunteer at Our Father's Table throughout the summer providing help in packing meals for more than 200 needy families each week.

Collections will be put on hold for the summer and will resume at the September 19th meeting. Should you decide to clean out a closet, empty a cupboard or clear out a shelf over the summer, please consider setting these items aside as donations. Eileen and I can distribute your donated items among these organizations: Flagler Free Clinic, Alpha Women's Center, Family Life Center, the Rummage Sale/Giving Store, and Grace Community Food Pantry.

In the fall, **Bev Fox** will be the 'pop tabs lady' – so be sure to keep collecting those tabs throughout the summer; **Bonnie Lyons** will lead efforts for Alpha Women's Center and **Kristina Bracciale** will continue her work with the Family Life Center.

Together We Can!!!



Our Environment Committee celebrated its last field trip of the year with a picnic lunch and tour at Princess Place.

Environment Committee

Environment Co-Chair Cheryl Dresnok

An enjoyable time was had by eleven members of the Environment Committee on May 2nd. After a leisurely picnic lunch on the grounds of Princess Place Preserve, located a few miles North of Matanzas High School, GHWC members toured the Princess Place Lodge, led by a park ranger and visited the artisan swimming pool and livery. Free tours of the lodge are offered every Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 2 p.m. For a fun and relaxing afternoon I highly recommend it!



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AdventHealth Foundation's Pink Army Committee met on April 30th to plan the **Sunday, October 5, 2025 Pink Army 5K & 1-Mile Pet Friendly Walk.**

Sue Guy and Lucie Lachance would like to get a GHWC team together for the walk. We will call our team:

Grand Haven Pink Warriors



Please let us know if you're interested in joining us. We'll have more information regarding registration details this summer.

Sue Guy – sueguy61234@gmail.com
call/text 360-751-4916

Lucie Lachance – lucieglachance@gmail.com
call/text 603-203-7636



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Fundraising Chair, Patti Paukovich

Summer is almost here and soon we'll be off on our adventures. Whether staying close to home or traveling the country or the globe we'll be enjoying ourselves no doubt.

The last Fundraiser for 2024-25 was The Kentucky Derby held on May 3rd. Event organizers MaryJo Elwood and Kristina Bracciale did a fabulous job organizing. We should soon have data on proceeds from this extravaganza.

Currently, with funds coming in from other sources and activities we're almost at/or over \$50,000, well over our planned budget of \$35,150. We were able to take some of the CSP's suggestions to increase the allocation to some of the charities and organizations we support. What the Derby brings in we'll add that to next year's contribution income.

I want to give a **BIG - THANK YOU** to all the Event Leads/Co-Leads, committee members, volunteers with helping and supporting these Fundraising Events, because without them and the GHWC members we couldn't do this wonderful work that we do. Please give yourselves a pat on the back and a **BIG** round of applause.

Special Fundraising Announcement: *I want to reassure our members that funds and donations received for GHWC and fundraisers (after expenses are paid) go into the GHWC Contribution Income Account. Then 100% of the funds goes to the charities and organizations we support. If anyone has received a different impression, then we need to do a better job communicating to our members.*

***Membership dues are not part of the Contribution Income; your dues cover the operating expenses of the club only. ***

I also want to remind everyone to check out our Sponsors page on the website and at the end of the newsletter. Help support those who support us.

Thank you for your continued support.

Have a wonderful Summer!



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GRAND HAVEN WOMAN'S CLUB PREMIER CRUISE EVENT!

April 26 to April 30, 2026— MSC Seashore



Grand Haven Woman's Club invites you to join us for the ultimate fundraising cruise for our charities....and have great fun at the same time!

**ONLY \$99.00 PER PERSON TO REGISTER AND RESERVE YOUR CABIN
FOR THIS SAILING OPPORTUNITY!**

DEADLINE FOR CABIN RESERVATION IS OCTOBER 18, 2025.

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND RESERVATION FORM CONTACT:

PAM WALKER — WWW.WALKERADVENTURES.COM

- **CRUISE LINE/SHIP: MSC SEASHORE**
- **DATE: APRIL 26-30, 2026**
- **PORT OF DEPARTURE: CAPE CANAVERAL**
- **DESTINATION: NASSAU & OCEAN CAY MARINE RESERVE (MSC PRIVATE ISLAND)**
- **CABINS AVAILABLE: ~~25~~ 17 YACHT CLUB CABINS REMAINING**
 - **(BALCONY, 24 HOUR BUTLER SERVICE, PREMIUM EXTRA DRINK & WI-FI PACKAGE, SHIP WIDE VIP TREATMENT, DEDICATED RESTAURANTS, THERMAL SPA ACCESS, PRIVATE SOLARIUM, COCKTAIL PARTY FOR GHWC GUESTS.) PACKAGE IS ALL INCLUSIVE WITH TAXES AND SERVICES INCLUDED. CABINS CAN ACCOMMODATE 2 QUEEN OR KING BEDS.**
- **FINAL PAYMENT DUE: FEB 1, 2026**

The cruise is \$1899.00 per person, all-inclusive with taxes, services and GHWC donation included! Your reservation payment is applied to your invoice, and due by Feb 1, 2026. Spread the word, and bring your spouse, partner, family and friends on this fun, fundraising cruise. CHECKOUT THE SHIP: WWW.MSCCRUISESUSA.COM.



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Please complete and sign this form and return with deposit to Pam Walker to make sure you get the cabin of your choice. More information on the "Yacht Club" can be found on the GHWC website under Fundraising events.

P.S. If you are traveling with a friend, suites can accommodate two twin beds at your request.

NAMES as they appear on PASSPORTS/Date of Birth

1. _____/_____

2. _____/_____

CREDIT CARD # for deposit/CRV# _____/_____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/ZIP _____/_____

I understand I am depositing \$198 to reserve 1 cabin on the Grand Haven Woman's Club Cruise on April 26, 2026.

SIGNATURE

PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN IMMEDIATELY TO RESERVE YOUR SPACE!

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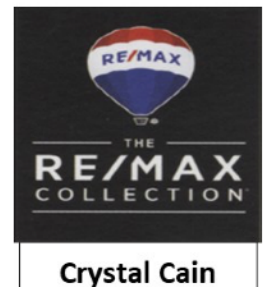
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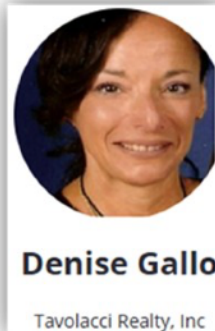




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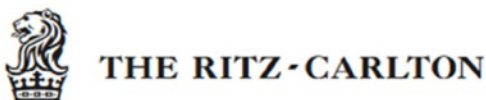


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