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Grand Haven Woman's Club

P A L M C O A S T , F L



President's Message



As I reflect over the past year I am amazed at the accomplishments of our club. From, monthly food and in-kind donations to assist Our Father's Table, Grace Food Pantry and the Family Life Center, dog/cat food donations for the Humane Society, book donations for the Bag of Books Campaign and making over 500 Christmas stockings for children in need in our community. Our

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members have done an outstanding job participating in the numerous fund-raising events to provide monetary support to these organizations. I want to thank each of you for your support to our club and our community.

The Annual Giving Campaign has been a huge success. As of December 6th, we have received \$8,940.00. I want to thank all the members who have donated. Please know that you may continue to make your donation through the on-line tab on our website or mail your donation to: Kim Lhota, 18 Grandview Dr., Palm Coast, FL 32137. The monies received will provide assistance to the many organizations that the woman's club support in Flagler County.

The Community Expo will be on January 27th from 2:00-4:00 at the club house. At this time, the following organizations will be attending:

Haven Family Fund
Family Life Center
Flagler Humane Society
Grace Food Pantry
Flagler Education Foundation
Flagler County Historical Society
AARP Tax Aide
Alpha Women's Center
The Flagler Auditorium
Palm Coast Arts Foundation
Friends of Gamble Rogers State Park
Our Father's Table
Palm Coast Historical Society
Habitat for Humanity
Advent Health Foundation of Palm Coast
Advent Health of Palm Coast

I encourage members to come and support the expo. This is an opportunity for new residents of Grand Haven to connect with the various organizations within our community. If you know a new resident, please invite them to attend.

The 16 Year Gala celebration will be on February 5th. The Gala will honor the founding members of the woman's club and highlight the many successes over the years. Carolyn Million and her committee are planning this over-the-top evening for our members.

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This spring there will be a lot of opportunities to “Connect and Make a Difference” ! The annual book sale will be taking place March 4th and 5th, Art Auction on March 28th, tennis tournament on April 9th, and the installation of new officers on May 16th.

I want to wish all a Merry Christmas, Happy Hannukah, Happy Kwanza and Happy New Year! . I hope each of you will take time to reflect on your blessings and enjoy time with family and friends during this holiday season.

Kim Lhota
President,
GHWC



GRAND HAVEN WOMAN’S CLUB

COMMUNITY EXPO

JANUARY 27, 2022

GRAND HAVEN GOLF CLUB

2:00-4:00

Over 30 Flagler County/Palm Coast organizations providing information about volunteer opportunities within their organization. This event is open to all Grand Haven residents.

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Fundraising



*The Grand Haven Woman's Club
Presents
Cheers to 16 Years Gala*

*Join us for a fun evening
Of Dinner and Dancing
Celebrating Past and Present*

*Saturday, February 5th, 2022
Grand Haven Clubhouse
Cocktail Attire*

*6:00 to 7:00 Cocktails/Cash Bar
\$65 per person
Choice of Beef or Mahi-Mahi
Complimentary Glass of Champagne*

*For further information on tickets,
please contact: Carolyn Million
386-264-1680
millioncb@yahoo.com*

Social Distancing and wearing masks will be governed by CDC guidelines

Maureen Pellegrini
Fundraising Chair

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WE GIVE THANKS

The GRAND HAVEN WOMAN'S CLUB thanks the following companies who are partnering with us this year.

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EVENT SPONSORS



Coldwell Banker, Courtesy of Patty Stauffer, Realtor



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Education and Libraries

Books, Books, Books! They can take us to far-off places, they can teach us new experiences and they are truly a gift to share. I hope at this busy time of the year you can take time to enjoy a new author, share some old novels with a neighbor or if you're lucky enough spend some time reading to your grandchildren.

The GHWC will once again with the help of the Material Girls continue our "Bag of Books" program for the students in Flagler schools. While you're out shopping look for some great books at Ollie's, Kohl's or Target. These books brought so much joy to so many last year that it's a tradition we'd like to continue yearly.

Don't forget the Book Fair coming up in March!

Patsy Campbell

Health and Wellness

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

As 2021 draws to a close, we want to thank the members of Grand Haven Woman's Club, our neighbors, and our friends for your generosity in supporting Grace Community Food Pantry (Weekly Food Drives, Feed Flagler and Fed By Grace Backpacks Programs), Family Life Center, The Giving Store and Our Father's Table. Your donations have helped these organizations provide support to many families in Flagler County struggling through difficult times. Your kindness and generosity have made a positive difference to so many in our community and have been greatly appreciated. We sincerely "Thank you" and wish you a happy, healthy, and prosperous 2022!

In January we will continue to host monthly donation collections on the third Tuesday of each month from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm in the parking lot of the the Grand Haven Golf Club. (Please let us know if we can work with you to collect your donations at another time.)

Warm regards,

Patty Hartsfield and Annette Felahis, Co-Chairs of Health and Wellness
770-310-9343 and 404-313-7999

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WHAT DO THESE CHARITIES DO WITH OUR DONATIONS? In the following paragraphs, we have outlined the Missions and needs of each of the Flagler Organizations receiving your donations. Please take a few minutes to review this information. Thank you!

Grace Community Food Pantry sponsors these programs:

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

- **The Grace Community Food Pantry** continues to serve about 5000 cars a month on Saturdays and Sundays. Each weekend families from all over Flagler form a long line of cars along US-1 in Bunnell to wait and receive groceries from Grace Pantry for the next week. **DONATIONS:** We accept cash donations and checks made to the order of Grace Community Food Pantry. (The Pantry purchases food from Second Harvest for approximately 18 cents a pound. Your monetary donations go a long way in feeding Flagler Families. 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.
- **"The Fed by Grace Backpack Program"** began in 2013. Each Wednesday the Pantry delivers bags filled with 6-8 pounds of food to schools designated by the school district. These schools provide a backpack of food to participating students on Fridays, so the students have food for the weekend. **DONATIONS:** 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 hot Thanksgiving dinner or a place to come and have a meal. This year's Feed Flagler program is called the "Mustard Seed" The Pantry is asking for donations of \$35.00 to sponsor a Flagler Family for Thanksgiving, but donations of any amount will be greatly appreciated. Cash donations and checks written to Grace Community Food Pantry with "FEED FLAGLER" noted on the memo line will support this annual campaign.
- **Family Life Center** Mission of The Family Life Center is to provide essential support services to individuals and families to help end domestic violence and sexual violence in Flagler County. In October The GFWC's Material Girls donated 15 hand-made stuffed bears to the children under the care of the Family Life Center. **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, etc.), socks, underwear, pajamas, gently

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used clothing (women's and children's) and gift cards to "super stores" which sell clothing, medicines, and food.

- **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 Store allows local 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. Last year due to covid The Giving Store had to cancel many of its fundraising event but was able to alter this traditional holiday event in order to enable children to get gifts for their family members.

DONATIONS: The Giving Store is accepting monetary donations of any amount, as well as any new or gently used items which can be given to family members of any age (infants to grandparents, male and female). Any surplus items donated will be included in their future Rummage Sales.

- **Our Father's Table** Our Father's Table is sponsored by Palm Coast United Methodist Church. Every Saturday at 4:00pm, Volunteers provide a free "Meals on Wheels" service to Palm Coast Residents who are homeless or struggling to feed their families.
DONATIONS: The following are needed by Our Father's Table:
1 Monetary donations and canned foods with pop-top lid meals.
2. Volunteers to assist on Saturday afternoons in assembling meals.
3. Volunteers to sign up to cook a meal for 80+ people. (This is a great way to cook with a friend or friends. The Health and Wellness Committee currently has teams of 2 to 4 people who are assisting in this effort. The Church provides the main ingredients for the meal.)

Again, we want to express our gratitude and appreciation to GHWC members, our friends, and neighbors in Grand Haven and in Flagler County for the support you provide for these local organizations.

Warm regards,

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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

Volunteer of the Year

The GHWC Volunteer of the Year (VOY) committee has been convened for the 2021-22 Club year. The purpose of this committee is to select a GHWC member who has made a significant contribution to GHWC and the Flagler County community during the current club year. The committee will be convened each year to perform this function.

The VOY Criteria/Process and the VOY Nomination Form can be accessed and submitted via the GHWC website (www.ghwomansclub.org) by clicking the **VOY button** on the Home Page. Please review the Criteria/Process and complete the Nomination Form to submit a recommendation

Submissions can also be sent to Marilyn McNamara, VOY Committee Chair, as follows and are due by **February 1, 2022**:

Via Email ghwc.voy@gmail.com

Postal Mail 20 Grandview
Palm Coast FL 32137

Any questions can be submitted to the VOY email address: ghwc.voy@gmail.com

Marilyn McNamara
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Art and Culture

On Thursday, December 9th, ten of our members enjoyed lunch at the River Grill in Ormond Beach before heading to the News-Journal Center in Daytona to view the Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune exhibit.

At the News Journal, greeters welcomed us with great big smiles and we were treated to Trader Joe's chocolate covered almonds.

A short video provided an overview of Dr. Bethune's accomplishments and also introduced master sculptor, Nilda Comas who created this masterpiece. Visitors could then do a self-guided tour to read about the various stages that led to this magnificent statue. There was also detailed information about Dr. Bethune's influence and achievements in education and governance.

After a short visit to Mayesville, S.C., Dr. Bethune's home town. Dr. Bethune's statue will be placed in the US Capitol Statuary Hall in Washington D.C.

Exceptional, awesome, touching, inspiring, magnificent – just a few adjectives to describe this work of art!



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Denise Burren, Annette Felahis, Kim Lhota, Beth Havens, Jeanette Jung, Linda Russell, Patty Hartsfield, Michelle Kreiss Keating, Carol Smith – photographer Lucie Lachance

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Material Girls

Using talents and resources to enrich the lives of others

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
May this season bring you joy and peace!**

As the year comes to an end, the Material Girls can be proud of their accomplishments.

Our varied projects touch many lives:

~~patients who are receiving treatment for cancer or surgery welcome the warmth of lap throws and soft chemo caps;

~~families in need welcome amenity bags filled with basics provided by the Health and Wellness team;

~~seniors welcome simple gifts such as tissue holders and origami bags,

~~moms and dads appreciate new blankets, hats, booties and bibs for their babies;

~~children enjoy playing with their new teddy bears while waiting for family members who are receiving care in the emergency room.

~~This year more than 500 children will have a brighter Christmas when they get a new quilted Christmas stocking, made by the Material Girls, filled with items provided by the Christmas Come True foundation.

We seldom have the opportunity to see the joy expressed by those who receive these gifts. At a recent teddy bears delivery to the Flagler County Women, Infants, Children (WIC) office, I had the privilege of seeing a young mom select a teddy bear for her little boy, Michael. The smile on her face and her soft exclamation warmed my heart.

Let's continue to Connect...and make a difference!

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