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Grand Haven Woman's Club

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President's Message

Spring has sprung In Grand Haven. After, a somewhat cooler winter, we have been enjoying beautiful sunshine and warm temperatures. This is a time to get outside take a stroll around our beautiful neighborhoods and enjoy our beaches!

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A special thank you to the nominating committee for doing an outstanding job presenting a slate of officers to the membership at the March meeting. Thank you to Chairperson, Lucy Crowley and her committee members: Nancy Carlton, Beth Havens, Cheryl Dresnock and Suzanne O'Meally. The 2022-2024 executive board will be:

President: Roi Parris
First Vice President: Awilda Hamilton
Second Vice President: Open position
Recording Secretary: Lucie LaChance
Corresponding Secretary: Denise Burren
Treasurers: Jenny Scott and Paula Gepner
Immediate Past President: Kim Lhota

The Art Auction.... OMG... Have you ever attended one of those over-the-top events? Well, Artfully Yours exceeded all expectations. Awilda Hamilton, chairperson of this event and her committee: Nancy Carlton, Jenny Scott, Paula Gepner and Linda Ackerman did an outstanding job putting this event together for our community. The food, art and guests made for a special evening for all. Mark Csik was the auctioneer ; did a great job! A special thank you to our sponsors for this event: Innovative Financial Solutions, Advent Health and Intracoastal Bank.

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A note from the Florida GFWC:

The Florida Women's Hall of Fame was created by Florida Statute in 1982 to honor women who, through their lives and efforts, made significant contributions to the improvement of life for women and all Florida citizens. They are pioneers who have broken down barriers, created new opportunities, and championed issues to better Florida and its people. These women are immortalized on the honorary wall in the halls of the Florida Capital.

There is no better example of a life well lived than that of May Mann Jennings. Once again, she will be in the Top 10 of the nominees for the Florida Women's Hall of Fame.

At our April meeting, Kathy Reichhard-Ellavsky our Civic Engagement chair will be providing information on how sign a petition in support of May Mann Jennings to be elected into the Florida Women's Hall of Fame. The signed letters will be sent to Governor Ron DeSantis office.

Enjoy our beautiful spring days! Stay safe and well,

Kim Lhota
President,
GHWC



First Vice President and Website Development

Listed below is information representing the efforts of our members over the last three years! Keep in mind that 2020 and 2021 were very difficult years, however, the GHWC members kept on working to raise the funds that were needed to support the various organizations in our community.

I want to thank all our members, volunteers and sponsors for their contributions!

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Contributions Summary Information			
	2021	2020	2019
Number of Projects:	62	77	109
Number of Volunteer Hours:	11,706	12,731	12,822
(equivalent employees)	5.9	6.4	6.4
Total Dollar Donations:	\$ 255,767	\$ 172,198	\$ 108,190

Contributions Summary Information is also listed on our website. This is the information that is submitted to the State and the National Federation of Women's Clubs. Thank you Laura O'Brien and Denise Gallo for summarizing it all.

Continue using our website GHWomansClub.org as your resource for up-to-date information. If you need assistance with the website or have suggestions for improvements, please let me know.

Roi Parris

First VP and Website Administrator

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Membership

Happy Spring GHWC Members!

Membership Renewal is now in full swing. Dues deadline is May 31st 2022.

If you haven't already, Please submit your dues for the 2022-23 club year,
You can pay through PayPal by going to the club website at:
ghwomansclub.org and clicking on the renew membership prompt,

Or by dropping a check in the mail, made out to
Grand Haven Womans Club (GHWC)
c/o Denise Burren
10 Grandview Drive
Palm Coast, FL 32137

If you choose to stop by my house, and I am not home, just leave it in the box by the front door,

Again, please consider remaining a member in this most important volunteer
group and let your friends know we are always looking for new members.
We do good things for so many in our community.

Thank you.
May you All be Happy and Well,

Denise Burren



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Fundraising

Dear Grand Haven Residents,

The Art Auction was a huge success. The event was upscale and elegant and Awilda Hamilton and her committee...Paula Geppner, Linda Akerman, Nancy Carlton and Jenny Scott who assisted Awilda in many ways were awesome. They raised over \$9,000 which is remarkable and thank you Awilda and your committee. Fabulous job!!

The Tennis Tournament held on Saturday, April 9th was quite successful for a morning event. Maureen Pellegrini and the volunteers the day of event truly helped make this event successful. The Income was \$3,768 and the Expenses were \$512 for a Total Profit of \$3,256. The feedback from the tennis players have been so encouraging and they really enjoyed themselves which makes everything worthwhile.

Please consider signing up for our future event "**Cheers to 16 Years Gala**" If you would like to organize a table or just participate please contact Carolyn Million at millioncb@yahoo.com or call her at 386-264-1680. You can also contact Paula Geppner to sign up for this event. Paula's email is: pkgeppner@gmail.com.

Please plan on signing up soon. This event was postponed due to Covid and we now have a new date of May 14th for everyone to celebrate. Hope to see everyone at this great event which honors our Grand Haven Woman's Club founding members **Past and Present**. It is going to be a wonderful time at the Grand Haven Golf Club.

The flier is attached with all the detailed information.



Thank you and Happy Easter,

Maureen Pellegrini,
Fundraising Chair

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*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, May 14th, 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

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

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Education and Libraries



I have so many people to thank this month so I'd like to start with the wonderful and creative ladies from the Material Girls. They have put together twenty beautiful and eye-catching bags for our Bag of Books project. These bags will be filled with books and given to students in the Flagler Schools. In order to generously fill these bags, a few more books for ages toddler through 5th grade are needed. Secondly, I'd like to thank all the volunteers that gave of their time and energy to help out at the Flagler Education Foundation's Annual Golf Tournament held at the Grand Haven Golf Club on April 9th. This is always a success due to the many volunteers from the GHWC.

Patsy Campbell

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



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Health and Wellness

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

Collection update.....

Our GHWC Members, GH Residents and Friends continue to generously contribute to the local charities actively supported by the HEALTH and WELLNESS COMMITTEE. During the month of March collections and donations were the following:

*The Grace Community Food Pantry received 412 pounds of food and \$390.00 in monetary donations.

*The Family Life Center was generously supplied with feminine hygiene products, cleaning supplies, and T/P and other paper products.

*Each Saturday, Our Father's Table provides 100+ hot meals to local homeless and indigent residents in Flagler County. Last month, Members of our H & W Team volunteered to prepare and plate meals on 2 Saturdays; Additional Team members worked with us each Saturday to organize and package meals for delivery.

*The Giving Store will be having its Spring Rummage Sale at Cattleman's Hall the 1st weekend in May. Our April 19th (3rd Tuesday in April) Collection Day will be your final opportunity to add items to the Rummage Sale!

Donations for our charities will be collected in the GH Golf Club parking lot from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on the third Tuesday of April and May. Look for our signs as you approach Golf Club, or please contact us if we can assist you with an alternate time to collect your donations.

Again, Thank You for your continued support and for your generosity...You have made a positive difference in our Flagler Community!

Warm regards,

Co-Chairs of Health and Wellness Program,

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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.**
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- **Team Feed Flagler:** This program brings churches and organizations together to make sure everyone has a hot Thanksgiving dinner or a place to



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come and have a meal. The 2021 Feed Flagler program was called the “Mustard Seed” The Pantry asked for donations of \$35.00 to sponsor a Flagler Family for Thanksgiving, but donations of any amount were 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.**

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- **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 GHWC’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 used clothing (women’s and children’s) and gift cards to “super stores” which sell clothing, medicines, and food.

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- **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.



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- **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.

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Warm regards,

Co-Chairs of Health and Wellness Program,

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THE GRAND HAVEN WOMANS CLUB SOCIAL COMMITTEE



WHERE: PIZZA PARTY AT FLAGLER BEACH (TO THE RIGHT OF THE PIER)

DATE: TUESDAY, MAY 10TH

TIME: 4 P.M. UNTIL

BRING YOUR OWN BEACH CHAIR AND A BEVERAGE OF YOUR CHOICE. WE WILL PLACE OUR CHAIRS IN A LARGE CIRCLE AND ENJOY OUR PIZZA.

WE WILL ORDER FROM ROCKY'S PIZZERIA RESTAURANT. THE COST IS APPROXIMATELY \$5 TO \$7 PER PERSON.

IT'S TIME FOR US TO GET OUT AND GET SOCIAL SO HOPE YOU CAN JOIN US!

PLEASE RSVP by SATURDAY, MAY 7TH TO
JEANINEHOROWITZ53@GMAIL.COM OR
BETH.S.WALD.RET@GMAIL.COM



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Material Girls

Using talents and resources to enrich the lives of others



Stuffing bears – that was the focus for the twelve ladies who gathered for the Material Girls' monthly meeting on Monday, April 11th at Roi Parris' home.



During the past few weeks, our members have sewn, quilted, crocheted, knitted baby blankets which along with the bears will be given to the families who participate in Flagler County's Women Infant and Children's (WIC) program in Bunnell.

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Our last meeting will be on May 9th at 1 p.m. at Michelle Kreiss Keating's home. We welcome anyone interested in supporting our efforts. Please be sure to read our newsletters which are posted on the club's website - ghwomansclub.org.

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

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Arts and Culture

On Wednesday, March 16th several GHWC members enjoyed a presentation by our own Kathy Reichard-Ellavsky at the Palm Coast Historical Museum. A movie narrated by Art Dycke documenting Palm Coast's early years.



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Thursday, April 21st_ will find GHWC members at the Flagler Beach Historical Museum where Mr. James Fisk will share interesting facts about Flagler Beach's history. He'll also introduce attendees to "Bessie", one of the turtles on the Palm Coast Arts Foundation Turtle Trail.



Lucie Lachance
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Arts & Culture Chair

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