

NEWSLETTER



MAY 2023

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Membership Renewals

GHWC Membership Co-Chairs, Marilyn McNamara and Cheryl Dresnok

Membership Renewals will begin on **May 1, 2023** and should be paid no later than June 30, 2023. This year the dues will remain \$40.00.

Beginning on May 1st, please submit your dues (\$40.00) for the 2023-24 club year on the website at: ghwomansclub.org (click on the "renew membership" box on the left of the home screen). Remember the password is GHWC2022.

If you prefer to pay by check, please bring your **check for \$40, made payable to GHWC** to the meeting on May 15th and look for the Membership table after you check in. You may also mail a check, after May 1st, made payable to GHWC to: *Grand Haven Woman's Club P.O. Box 350684 Palm Coast, FL 32135*

We hope that you will renew your membership promptly and remain an active part of the Grand

President's Update Roi Parris

As our fiscal year comes to a close I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to all the ladies that made this year a success!

When we started our year back in September of 2022, many of us were apprehensive as to what lies ahead, hoping that COVID would ease its grip on us so we can resume our lives.

Our meetings and fundraising events have been very successful, our CSPs resumed their activities and we're closing the year much stronger than anticipated.

This year marks a turning point in our club's future. At our March meeting we had paper ballot voting, our members voted 67 to 5 to discontinue our club's affiliation with the General Federation of Women's Club. I want to thank the AdHoc committee for their hard work on this topic; I know it was not an easy task! The GHWC will maintain the current structure and the Community Service Programs will continue the great work they do in our community.

The mobile version of our website <u>GHWomansClub.org</u> is up and running. Remember that the website is your source for the most current information and don't forget to thank our sponsors (listed on our website) and patronize their business!

Looking forward to seeing you at our next meeting May 15th, 2023.

Membership Renewals cont.

If, for some reason, you do not wish to renew your membership, please send an email to <u>GHWCMembership@gmail.com</u>.

If you have any questions or have made any changes to your contact information this year, please send an email to GHWCMembership@gmail.com.

Thank you.





1st Vice President Awilda Hamilton

At our final meeting, until we meet again in September, we will RECOLLECT and REMEMBER as we start to FORECAST and FORESEE what's next! Note that our program guests will do the same!

We will celebrate the selection and <u>accomplishments</u> of our two (2) scholarship recipients. Maya Palacios, Flagler Palm Coast High School and Isabella Tietje, Matanzas High School will offer their thanks and share <u>future plans</u>. In addition, Teresa Rizzo, Executive Director, Flagler County Education Foundation will provide <u>reflections</u> of successes from the <u>past school year</u> and <u>glimpses</u> into the <u>future</u>.

Your presence and participation has helped us to reach for the stars and grab more than star dust! See YOU on May 15th!

Corresponding News

GHWC Corresponding Secretary, Denise Burren

Hello to all our Dear GHWC Members. As our year is coming to an end, I would like to remind you all that even though we will not be meeting, I will be here to receive any notices regarding the sending out of cards for those of us who would need a little cheering up, a get well note or to send our deepest sympathies. Please drop me an email at: <u>colector50@gmail.com</u> letting me know who I need to send a note to. Hope you are all looking forward to fun things to do this Spring and Summer!

Your GHWC Corresponding Secretary

Kudos and many thanks to Jeanette Jung for going the extra mile by sewing 22 bears for Camp Boggy Creek.

Margaret Brugman, GFWC President's Project Chair for Camp Boggy Creek delivered the bears and 20 blankets made by Material Girl members to the camp.









Health and Wellness

Health and Wellness Chair, Adele Large

Donations for the Food Pantry, Family Life Center and the Giving Store will be collected at the May meeting. Please note that this will be the last collection until the September meeting.

The Giving Store will hold their 2023 Spring Rummage Sale on May 19th, 8 a.m.- 3 p.m. and May 20th, 8 a.m.- 1 p.m. The event is being held at Cattleman's Hall at the Flagler County Fairgrounds.

Thank you to all the volunteers at Our Father's Table. We will continue to assist throughout the summer.

Calling all nursesWhy?

Grand Haven Woman's Club member and volunteer at the Flagler County Historical Society, Fran Anderson is looking for help in gathering resources on the *"History of Nursing."*

Collecting information will include looking for historical artifacts, photos and nursing anecdotes. Nurses do not need to have practiced in Flagler County to participate.

Please contact Fran as she prepares for an initial gathering of interested residents.

Fran can be reached at the Flagler County Historical Society at 386-437-0600.

Thank you! Thank you!

Linda Smith, Pop Tabs coordinator

Thank you to everyone who saved Pop Tabs for the 2022-2023 school year and dropped them off at the monthly collection site after the Grand Haven Woman's Club Meetings each month. This year I delivered a total of 16 pounds of Pop Tabs (they sure add up) to Bunnell Elementary School. The Pop Tabs were sent to a Trademark Metals Recycling location on behalf of Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Florida. They were thrilled!

When our monthly meetings begin in September I will be collecting them again each month. Until then, keep saving tabs. If you are unable to drop them off please contact me at <u>omalynn7@gmail.com</u> and I'll pick them up.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Sibole Lorrie	May	1	
Debbie Slazinik	May	1	
Carol Culpepper	May	5	
Cornelia Manfre	May	5	
Holly White	May	6	
Jan Jackson	May	8	
Susan Gregory	May	11	
Jan Bearce	May	14	
Marilyn McNamara	May	17	
Beverly Fox	May	20	
Marie Lanier	May	21	
Patricia "Patsy" Campbell	May	27	

The message below is a testament that our efforts in our community make a difference. Thank you Material Girls for all that you do!

Subject: Material Girls Abdominal Pillow

Message: I recently had major abdominal surgery at Advent Hospital in Town Center. When I woke from my surgery there was a little pillow in bed with me. It was about four days post surgery that I started to wonder where this pillow came from and I then noticed the label sewn into the corner. During the ten days I was in the hospital, my little pillow was by my side constantly. It was invaluable when I needed to change position or cough. Holding it to my abdomen absorbed a good deal of the pain. My little pillow had a black background with grey and white monuments and important buildings from across the United States. It also had a sprinkling of sparkles on it. Many of the building and monuments were

recognizable to me from my travels. I took it home with me and it is still by my side, comforting me. Thank you to the Material Girls for the thoughtful gift from the heart.



MEET OUR NEW MEMBERS!

Membership Co-Chair, Cheryl Dresnok

Our Grand Haven Woman's Club has gained five new members this month: Linda Britton, Andrea Byrne, Diane Fitzgerald, Peggy Lee, and Holly White. It is my great pleasure to introduce you to two of these delightful ladies.



L to R: Cheryl Dresnok, Membership Co-Chair, Andrea Byrne, Diana Fitzgerald, Linda Britton, Roi Parris, President of GHWC

Andrea Byrne just moved to Grand Haven in March 2023, so she is still adjusting to life in Florida, a big change from her previous life in Wall Township, New Jersey. Andrea lives in the Front Street section with her husband, James, plus two 18-year-old cats, and their dog. In her previous life, Andrea worked as a graphic artist and in high end retail.

Andrea said she was attracted to our neighborhood for the same reasons, so many of us were drawn to this area. She said, "I loved the tree lined streets and the quiet neighborhoods. Our home has a beautiful view, close to the beach." I asked her what her favorite thing to do now that she lives here, and she answered, "I love to take walks along the intracoastal."

Nothing bugs her about Grand Haven, she says, "Not yet!" Andrea would like her new neighbors and friends to know "I am looking to make new friends and participate in different activities. We don't have any prior friends or family in the immediate area." You are not alone in that, Andrea, so many of us moved here from out of the area, but luckily, it is very easy to make friends in Grand Haven. Welcome to you and your husband!

Linda Britton has lived in Grand Haven for eleven months, after moving here from Port Ludlow, Washington! Linda and her husband Tom moved to The Crossings with their long-hair dachshund named Lilikoi, also known as Lilly. Linda said, "We were attracted to Palm Coast and Grand Haven because of the weather and location of our children not too far away." Linda, you have probably noticed we have endless sunshine in this state, I hope you can adjust!

In her former life, Linda owned a quilt shop. I asked her what her favorite thing is to do now that she lives here. Linda said, "I enjoy sewing, gardening, and walking." You will have no problem pursuing any of those activities in our neighborhood, Linda!

There is nothing that bugs her about living here. I asked Linda what she would like her new neighbors to know about her. She answered, "I'm happy to be here!" We are glad you have decided to move here too! Welcome to you and Tom and Lilly!



Arts and Culture Happenings

Arts and Culture Chair, Marie Lanier

Hello Ladies

Our Arts and Culture Calendar has been in full bloom this April!

From our wreath making class to our Arts and Culture viewing of The Monuments Men to our A&C book club and our outing to see Barnum at The Flagler Playhouse. You can see our group of motivated and fun loving gals is always ready for the next adventure.

And, May has more in store. There is still time if you'd like to get on board. Perhaps you'd like to join us on May 22 for a patriotic wreath making class. Or, attend our last book club meeting for this season. Consider joining us on May 31 for a screening of the cult classic movie, Somewhere in Time, starring Christopher Reeve and Jane Seymour.

Please contact me at G<u>HWC.art.culture@gmail.com</u> for more info on our upcoming events. There's always room for new adventurers!!

The Ladies gather to watch "The Monuments Men."



Please see additional Arts and Culture photos on the Woman's Club website.

MJ, Suzanne, Marie and Denise



Be sure to check out the next movie day on May 31. The 1980 film "Somewhere in Time" will be viewed.



Patriotic Wreath making class will be held on May 22nd.

The Grand Haven Woman's Club would like to thank all the sponsors for all our events. Please let them know how much we appreciate their support.



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SUMMER BIRTHDAYS



Bettie Eubanks	June	1
Gail Cosgrove	June	2
Linda Flug	June	2
Jeanette Jung	June	4
Wendy Rogers	June	4
Karen Cousino	June	6
Linda Russell	June	8
Meredith Tulli	June	8
Marian Penzo	June	11
Rosalie Schlaufman	June	11
Pamela Creque	June	13
Mary Jo "MJ" Elwood	June	13
Patricia Malak	June	13
Pat Barton	June	19
Carolyn Million	June	21
Louise Dycke	June	23
Ann Roffman	June	24
Denise Burren	June	26
Jo Ann Voight	June	29

Sue Freytag	July	1
Patsy Moden	July	1
Ricki Leal	July	2
Jennifer Ames	July	3
Melanie Mathis	July	4
Denise Gallo	July	6
Awilda Hamilton	July	8
Barbara McCarthy	July	10
Eileen Marotto	July	11
Susan Rotella	July	11
Kathleen Donner	July	15
Sonia Loria	July	15
Andrea Byrnes	July	21
Jo Ann Sparks	July	23
Lucy Crowley	July	27
Suzanne Leader	July	27
Mary "Claire" Fiato	July	31
Sherry Tomlinson	July	31

Susan Guy	August	7
Patty Hartsfield	August	8
Mary Lou Keener	August	9
Diane Hurd	August	11
Missie Parrey	August	11
Kathleen "Kathy" Fuss	August	13
Sandi Walker	August	14
Louise Porter	August	15
Ann DeLucia	August	16
Annette Felahis	August	26
Nan Reid	August	26
Sharon Nelson	August	27