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GRAND HAVEN WOMAN'S CLUB

www.GHWomansClub.org

President's Message

Happy New Year! I hope that each of you had a wonderful holiday season. I wish each of you the best in 2021! Hopefully, in the months ahead Covid-19 cases will decrease and we can all get back to our daily lives. The board of directors plans to meet and discuss the possibility of an outdoor event in which CSP's and other board members can give a brief update on their work within our community. More information regarding this event will be provided at a later date. The Annual Gift Campaign continues to collect donations from our members. To date, 95 members have made contributions to the campaign bringing the total to \$12, 165.00. Thank you to all members who have made contributions. Due, to events that have been cancelled this year, we are in need of our members to reach out and make a donation to the Annual Gift Campaign. I encourage you to help support the many organizations that our club supports (Family Life Center, Flagler Schools, Advent Health, Alpha, Giving Store, Our Father's Table, Flagler Humane Society and Grace Community Food Pantry). As a membership, we need to continue to make a difference and provide support to those in need. If you are still interested in donating, you can go to our webpage and make your donation or mail your donation to Kim Lhota, 18 Grandview Dr., Palm Coast, FL 32137.

The General Federation of Woman's Club in Florida is conducting a survey regarding membership. Please take a few minutes and complete the survey. Go to Facebook, type in GFWC FL and complete the short survey.

I am in the category of people who make New Year's resolutions and never follow through with them. However, going into the new year 2021, with every part of my being, I want to make John F Kennedy's statement my New Year's resolution. So, every day this year, I am going to stop and think of one person who has made a difference in my life and thank them. By this simple act of kindness, it will make a difference!

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Stay safe and well,

Kim Lhota
President,
GHWC



First Vice President and Website Development

WISHING A HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR TO EVERYONE!

Hope and pray that every day of 2021 is filled with peace, joy and happiness for all.

As we embark into the New Year, I want to express my gratitude to all the GHWC members for their efforts and contributions. It has not been easy, but we managed to raise funds for our local charities that need our support this year more than ever!

Most of my efforts this past year have been concentrated in the maintenance of our website. I want to thank everyone for their support and feedback. The improvements that we made are intended to simplify things and provide timely information to our members.

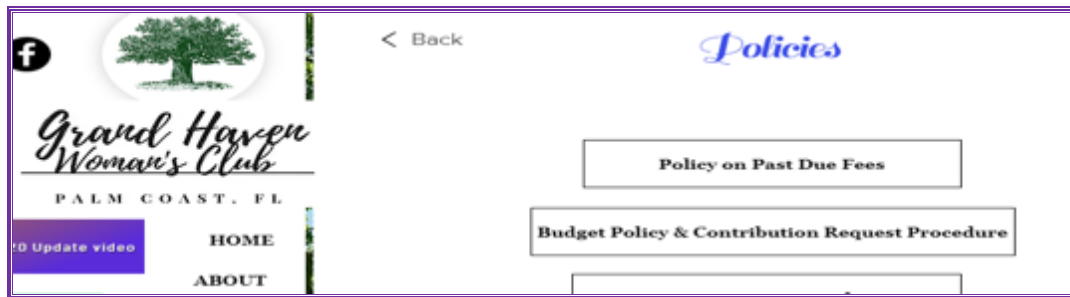
This year we implemented a new policy and a new procedure.

The new policy pertains to past due fees. To review this policy, click on MEMBERS, then POLICIES, then *Policy on Past Due Fees*.

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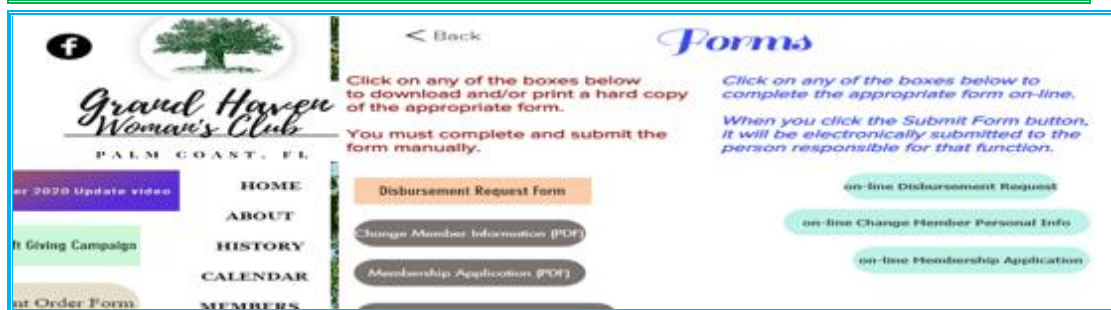


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The new Disbursement Request procedure and form will help the Treasurer expedite payments and reimbursements related to club expenses. The new procedure explains in detail how to submit the invoices for expenses by accessing the website GHWomansClub.org. The preferred method to process expenses is by using the new on-line form (see sample 1). The website option is still available (see sample 2).

1. Review the new procedure by clicking the MEMBERS button on the main page, then PROCEDURES, then *Disbursement Procedure* and the new form, click MEMBERS, then FORMS, then *Disbursement Request Form*



2. The website Disbursement Request process has remained the same. Review by clicking the MEMBERS button on the main page, then FORMS, then *on-line Disbursement Request Form*.

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The screenshot shows the Grand Haven Woman's Club website. On the left is a navigation menu with links: HOME, ABOUT, HISTORY, CALENDAR, MEMBERS, TIME REPORTING, NEWSLETTERS, PHOTOS & NEWS, EVENT REGISTRATION, and CONTACT US. The main content area is titled 'Debursement Request Form' and includes a warning: 'This form must be accompanied by a copy of the invoice for which you are requesting reimbursement. Contact the GHWC Treasurer prior to submitting this form to ensure that all requirements for reimbursement are met. Submitting this form does not guarantee reimbursement.' The form fields include: Payee* (text input), Amount* (USD 0.00), Address (Street Address Line 2, City, State, Postal / Zip Code), Email* (text input), Phone* (text input with mask ### ### ####), Expense Purpose* (text input), Account and/or Invoice (text input), Requested by (Name) (text input), and Date (MM/DD/YYYY with calendar icon). There is also a 'Special Instructions' field at the bottom.

Roi Parris
First VP and Website Administrator
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Environment

Some members of our environment group have been participating in our furniture refinishing project. Any refinished pieces received will be donated to the Flagler Humane Society Thrift Store. We have three pieces currently scheduled to be donated the beginning of February. 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 6314573271. Thank you all and stay well.

Marie Lanier
Environment Committee Chair

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Health and Wellness Committee

Thank you for everyone's kindness and generosity these past four months. This includes GHWC members, family, friends, and residents of Grand Haven. The Health and Wellness Committee has been able to help several charitable agencies in Flagler County due to your donations and monetary contributions. **Grace Community Food Bank** was given a total of \$4,410.00 and we brought 2,286 lbs. of food to their warehouse during the last 4 months of 2020. We helped to make FEED FLAGLER their most successful, hot Thanksgiving dinner for needy families in one of the worst years in history.

We collected \$200.00 for **The Giving Store** and have received "In Kind" donations totaling \$3,239.00 which will be used to raise funds during the next Rummage Sale. Cattlemen's Hall is being used as a Covid vaccination site at the present time, so the Rummage Sale is postponed for now. We are still collecting new items for **The Giving Store** and gently-used household items for the future Rummage Sale.

The Family Life Center was given \$670.00 and "In Kind" new donations (clothing, pajamas, robes ,shoes, undergarments, cleaning supplies, feminine hygiene products, bed sheet sets, shampoos, etc.) estimating \$1,350.00.

Since the beginning of September 2020, we have had approximately three committee members who have assisted each Saturday afternoon with the assembly and distribution of hot meals for approximately 40-50 families in need. This operation is called **Our Father's Table** and is located at the Palm Coast United Methodist Church. Some of the families are homeless and some are in low income housing. Designated church members act as drivers to bring the hot meals to the families. We have donated \$500.00 to this organization. Several **Health and Wellness** members have actually cooked these meals at their homes and brought them to the church to assemble and distribute. We have donated supplies for the homeless being served such as a wool, hand-woven sleeping mat with a carrying strap, Coleman camping lanterns, and Coleman sleeping bags with water- proof mats.

GHWC Material Girls have generously donated numerous washcloths, scarves, hats, blankets, and bedspreads .Last Saturday, 1/16/21, after **Our Father's Table**, we were able to stop by Church of the Rock to donate several of these beautifully, woven scarves to the cold weather homeless shelter.

In summary, we would like to say THANK YOU to everyone for helping bring some happiness and comfort to the needy in Flagler County during a desperate year.

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Education and Libraries

In this month's newsletter I'd like to take a little time and talk about **Take Stock in Children(TSIC)**. The GHWC works closely with the Flagler Education Foundation to supply volunteers as mentors to deserving students. This program has helped thousands of students with guidance and mentoring assistance on the road to graduation, college and beyond with the tools necessary to achieve these goals. The volunteer meets with the student once a week during the school year to encourage and support the student in various ways. The Education Foundation will guide you through this experience. We all have so much to give so won't you consider sharing a little bit of your time and experience to make a difference in someone's life? If you're interested in becoming a volunteer, please feel free to contact Patsy Campbell @squeetie49@aol.com. I will continue to collect donations of school supplies, jeans, socks and monetary donations on 11/19 before and after our monthly meeting. Many thanks to all who have continued to support the students and families of Flagler County.

Patsy Campbell

Volunteer Time Reporting

While 2020 has certainly been a challenging year, GHWC members have continued admirable support of local charitable organizations as evidenced by the hours and financial donations reported. You are all to be commended!!

Reporting for the 2020 cycle ended on January 10, 2021. The 2020 annual reports are being prepared and will be sent to District and State by 1/30/2021.

The Time Reporting team's continuous analysis throughout the year has resulted in the following recommendations:

- Projects with zero hours/monies reported have been deleted from the CSP Program/Project drop down menu. Reporting can still be done using the project OTHER and completing the ACTIVITY DETAILS box.

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Following is a list of projects with zero hours reported:

- Arts & Culture: Flagler County Art League, Flagler Playhouse,
- Civic Engagement & Outreach: *NONE*
- Domestic Violence & Prevention: Prevent Child Abuse America (GAL7),
- Education & Libraries: School Tours, Wadsworth Elementary, Whispering Meadows Ranch,
- Environment: Marineland,
- Fundraising: Bling T-shirts,
- Health & Wellness: Hope to Help Foundation,
- Leadership: Leadership Positions Non-Federation Organizations, and
- Membership: Membership Survey.

The following new projects will be added:

- Arts & Culture: *NONE*,
- Domestic Violence & Prevention: *NONE*,
- Civic Engagement & Outreach: *NONE*
- Education & Libraries: School Volunteer,
- Environment: Clean Up Programs, Pet Care Volunteer,
- Fundraising: *NONE*,
- Health & Wellness: *NONE*,
- Leadership: *NONE*, and
- Membership: *NONE*.

Once completed, the Annual Reports will be added to the website for membership viewing. Wishing everyone a 2021 filled with great promise and health!!!As always, feel free to contact me with any questions.

Laura O'Brien

Immediate Past President

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Civic Engagement and Outreach Committee

The GHWC Civic Engagement Committee welcomes you to attend the following upcoming presentations either online or in person:

Thursday, January 28 from 5:30 - 7 pm.

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Join the Zoom induction of Bunnell Suffragist Alice Scott Abbott to the Florida Women's Hall of Fame. Log in information is available at www.flaglercounty-fl.aauw.net or on AAUW Flagler's Facebook page.

Saturday, February 6 from 10 - 11 am.

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Join Flagler County Judge Andrea Totten discuss Women's Rights and the Struggle to Win The Vote. Hosted jointly the Palm Coast Historical Society and the American Association of University Women/Flagler. Meet at the PC Community Center. Should the Covid-19 pandemic require us to switch to an online presentation details will be posted on the www.palmcoasthistory.com website or the City of Palm Coast Historical Society Facebook page.

Saturday, February 20 from 1 - 11 am.

Join historian Roger Smith for his presentation entitled "Hope Of Freedom - Southern Blacks and the American Revolution." Hosted by the PC Historical Society at the PC Community Center. This program is currently scheduled to be an in-person event. Should plans change updates will be community online at the addresses listed above.

Thanks!

Kathy Reichard-Ellavsky
Civic Engagement Chair
c) 978-270-7366

Fundraising

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers that worked the Day of the Nine and Dine. Also many thanks to all the wonderful sponsors.

Very happy that our income minus total expenses resulted in a profit of \$6,245.06

MAUREEN PELLEGRINI

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

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**COME PLAY IN OUR CHARITY
TENNIS TOURNAMENT – ALL ABILITY LEVELS
ARE WELCOME! (LIMITED TO 56 PLAYERS –
FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE)**

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 LUNCHES 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 or cell
phone: 860-989-4148**

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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

Arts & Culture

Culture Focus

Our visit to the Flagler Beach Museum to see the Palm Coast Arts Foundation "Bessie", the turtle, and to hear about some of Flagler's history has been postponed to the spring of 2022. Can you believe that?!?!

Making sure that we are all safe and healthy is a priority. So...know that I'll keep you posted when the time comes to plan this adventure.

In the meantime, you can read Richard Smith's "A Land Remembered" or at least add it to your reading list. You'll have plenty of time to enjoy it!

If you have any questions, please be sure to contact me at lucieglachance@gmail.com.

Lucie

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Material Girls

Using talents and resources to enrich the lives of others

Despite the trials, social distancing, uncertainty and pain this past year has brought, Michelle and I are amazed at all the hours spent and the abundance of craft donations received by members and friends of the Material Girls.

In 2020, Material Girls donated almost three thousand hours knitting scarves, hats, washcloths, blankets, baby booties and hats, and chemo caps; those members with sewing machines crafted masks, cancer care kits, quilts, bears, pillow cases, amenity bags, and origami bags.



Many community organizations gratefully received these items and passed them on to those in need: Alpha Women's Center, Advent Health Emergency, Advent Health Cancer Care Center, Hope2Help, Soul Cafe at First United Methodist Church in Bunnell, Our Father's Table at First United Methodist Church in Palm Coast, Flagler County first responders, and the Family Life Center.

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Looking forward to 2021, Material Girls are teaming up with Patty Hartsfield and Annette Felahis of the Health & Wellness Committee to provide knitted scarves and blankets to families in need. We are also making origami bags to be used in the Education Committee's "Bags of Books" project led by Patsy Campbell.

Our social interactions are limited in this time of Covid, however, the dedication and generosity of the Material Girls will continue to make a difference in our community.



Please be sure to contact Michelle or me should you be interested in joining our group or donating craft materials such as yarn, thread, fabric, etc.

Michelle & Lucie

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Membership

Happy New Year GHWC Members! I Hope 2021 is finding You All Well!

I would like to remind you all that Membership Renewal will be starting in March. No action is need until then but I would like to take this moment to say that even though we have not been able to do our usual fundraising and meetings this year, it is so important to keep your membership current and active to keep GHWC moving forward when things do start to open up again.

Your dues helped to keep funding many of our worthy charities even in a small way, and kept our membership in the GHWC up to date. We are one of the largest clubs in Florida, which says a lot for our Grand Haven Community.

So, please, when the renewal letters go out in March, li would be very much appreciated if you could make your dues payment either on the GHWC PayPal link, or by check. More information to follow as March approaches.

Also, I would very much appreciate it if you are, or if you know of anyone moving away from Grand Haven who are, or you know are members of the Women's Club, please send me an email to state that fact.

Thanks to two members informing me of two recent moves, I can update their records which will make it easier for me to confirm that I do not need to repeatedly send them notices for renewal. Many times a move consumes our lives so much, things like this are overlooked.

Thank You All for Your Cooperation.

Peace and Health to You All

Denise Burren