



GRAND HAVEN WOMAN'S CLUB

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President's Update

Roi Parris

I hope you are all enjoying the gorgeous Fall weather that we're having! Before you know it Thanksgiving will be here, a special time for us all to count our blessings. *I would like to wish everyone a blessed Thanksgiving Holiday filled with the things that make you happy!*

The annual Grand Haven Woman's Club Gift Giving campaign is under way; I want to thank everyone for your generosity! As of 10/24/2023, we have raised \$7,015.00 or 47% of our \$15,000 goal. This is your opportunity to join the **Circle of Philanthropy** and help us help those in our community that count on our support. You will be able to make your tax deductible contribution on-line on our website or via regular mail.

Thank you all for responding to the special eblast that was sent out requesting pajama donations for the children in foster care in Flagler County sponsored by the Seawolf Privateers a non-profit 501C3 group, (<https://seawolfprivateers.org>) in conjunction with Guardians Ad Litem. We collected 28 pairs! The pajama drive received a lot of support from the local businesses; they collected 400 pairs of PJs!

A limited number of Yearbooks have been printed; please email me if you need one. It is also posted on our website (click/tap the **MEMBERS** button, then *Members Only*, then *Yearbook & Directory*) to download and print.

Our next meeting is **November 13th, 2023**. Looking forward to seeing everyone!

1st Vice President

Awilda Hamilton

I am so excited to announce November's special guest is **Maestro Paulo Torres!**

Torres is an internationally renowned violinist, conductor, and teacher who is currently a music minister at AdventHealth, Daytona Beach. Dr. Torres is on a leave of absence from his duties as a state symphony orchestra conductor and instructor for a school of music and fine arts, both in Brazil. Torres plays to bring comfort to the patients and staff at AdventHealth, and his position has become even more critical with the impact of COVID-19 pandemic. Torres says he has witnessed many instances of patient recovery through music that can only be described as miracles. To quote Dr. Torres, "**Music Touches the Heart, Heals the Soul and Makes You Whole.**" **After hearing him speak and perform, you will not only be ENLIGHTENED but also UPLIFTED!**



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Environment Committee

Environmental Chair, Beth Wald

At our invitation, University of Florida Whitney Laboratory Director, Dr. Mark Martindale was guest speaker at the Grand Haven Woman's Club monthly meeting in October. An engaging speaker with a great sense of humor, Dr. Martindale discussed the important work of Whitney Lab and shared information on the Lab's biological and environmental research efforts, and how that work contributes to developments in human medicine. He discussed the Lab's Sea Turtle Hospital and its K-12 educational programs. The GHWC proudly supports both endeavors. Some Environment Committee members will be visiting the Sea Turtle Hospital this month. Since the hospital is small, a second tour is tentatively planned for March to accommodate more GHWC members.

The Environment Committee is again supporting the Annual Festival of Wreaths silent auction to be held at the Windsor Assisted Living Facility in December, benefiting the Flagler Humane Society. If you have wreath making skills, please consider making a wreath for this wonderful fundraiser. You may drop your wreath off at 18 N Park Lane by November 22nd. Please be sure to attach a tag with your name, phone number and "GHWC."

If you see injured or baby wildlife in need, please contact Palm Coast resident Ms. Courtney Johnston, 386-569-8844, a certified wildlife rehabilitator. If you see a sea turtle on the beach or struggling in the surf, please call the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission at 888-404-3922.



Beth Wald's first sponsored turtle, "Colonel" released to the ocean on July 20th, 2023.

Health and Wellness

Health and Wellness Chair, Adele Large

Remember that we have 2 learning programs this month.

1. Diabetes Program: Nov 8 at 4 p.m. in the Grand Haven Room. RSVP if you plan to attend to Sandy Hollenbeck at SandyHollen01@gmail.com.
2. Visit to the simulation lab at Advent Hospital on Hwy. 100 to see how health care professionals are trained. The tour is Nov 15 from 10:30 to noon. Please rsvp by Nov 6 to GHWC.Health.Wellness@gmail.com.

We are looking for several members interested in working on a subcommittee of Health and Wellness on creative ideas for the Alpha Women's Center Baby Boutique. The baby boutique at Alpha allows Mother's receiving services at the center to shop using "Baby Bucks" earned by participating in parenting classes. If interested please contact Ann Roffman at aaroffman@gamil.com or text (386) 529-4482.

We continue to collect our monthly donations on meeting days for the Food Pantry, Family Life Center and the Giving Store. Currently, the Giving Store is looking for new items for the children to select as family holiday presents.

Thank you for your generous donations and hope to see you at one or both of the *Health and Wellness* programs.

GHWC 2023-2024 MEETING DATES

13 November	2023
11 December	2023

January 22, 2024 - Day of Games!

19 February	2024
18 March	2024
15 April	2024
20 May	2024



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Fundraising Committee Update

Fundraising Chair, Laura Mcbride

Our events are beginning to start rolling out with the Nine and Dine Golf Tournament happening Saturday, November 4th. Thanks to Paula Geppner and Carolyn Million for organizing such a fun and well attended event!

Our next event will be Day of Games, and ticket sales are already underway. This event sells out every year, so please contact Lucy Crowley if you're interested in obtaining a table. She will be at our next two general meetings selling tickets.

We are also working diligently on three more events for the year. They are the Tennis Tournament which is back by popular demand, the Pickleball Fest which is a new event for us and the Kentucky Derby Party and Casino Night which is in the early planning stages.

Letters went out last month for solicitation for our Annual Giving Fund. Please consider making a generous donation toward this fund.

The last item I want to mention is the fundraiser we are holding throughout the year through the Flagler Auditorium. The GHWC sold 41 tickets for the 'One Night in Memphis' show. Each ticket sold through GHWC includes a contribution to our club plus the tickets are at a reduced rate. This program has been a win for everyone, so we're going to keep it going with tickets being offered for 'Human Nature: Back to the Sound of Motown' being held on January 26, 2024 at 7 p.m. If you are interested in purchasing tickets, please contact Marie Lanier ASAP as tickets are going fast!



Don't forget to pick-up holiday cards for the troops!

CARDS FOR THE TROOPS

Civic Engagement Committee

Cards are being collected for the troops this holiday season. Be sure to bring your signed cards to the next Grand Haven Woman's Club meeting on November 13th. Cards should be signed, "from the Grand Haven Woman's Club."



"Reaching Out and Lifting Up"



One of the cute dogs who attended the "Pink on Parade" this October at AdventHealth. Bandana was donated by the Material Girls.



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L to R: Roi Parris, Maureen Pellegrini, Marie Lanier and Denise Burren
Fun was had by all at the stained glass making class held at GOLA.



Shell and turtles made at the GOLA stained glass making class.

Arts and Culture

Arts and Culture Chair, Marie Lanier

What a month our committee has had!! Book Club, Movie Day , Stained Glass Classes....And there's so much more happening in the month ahead.

You may have heard that Arts and Culture's first fund raiser was a great success. We sold 41 tickets for the Flagler Auditorium event "One Christmas Night in Memphis"

Now , we are doing it again! Tickets are available for another Flagler Auditorium show!!

"Human Nature: **Back to The Sound of Motown**" presented by **Smokey Robinson** tickets are now available. The show is Jan. 26 at 7 pm but the **cutoff** for ticket sales is **Dec. 15**.

Tickets are \$54 each and going quickly. If you'd like to attend, please drop a check off to me (3 N. Park Circle) made **payable to GHWC**. You may call or text me at 631-457-3271 for more details or to check on availability.

La Creperie Kafe cooking demo and tasting is **Nov. 9 th** at 2:30. This event is \$25 and only **2 seats** remain. Please reach out to me asap for details and availability. You may call or text me at 631-457-3271 or email me at

ghwc.arts.culture@gmail.com

Nov. 30th at noon is our next Movie Day. Our feature is the Academy Award nominated film "**Hidden Figures**."

This is a free event. Please contact me at the number or email above to join the attendee list as soon as possible as space is limited.

Please be sure to attend **The Arts and Crafts Fair** right here in our Grand Haven Room benefiting **The Haven Family Fund on Nov. 4** from 10 am. to 2 p.m. Over 30 Grand Haven crafters will be displaying their unique items. Great for your holiday gift giving!! Please stop by and say hi and shop!!

Coming up soon: Create a Tea Party hat and an author book signing event. More details next month.



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Material Girls

Material Girls Chairs, Lucie Lachance and Michelle Kreiss Keating

The first Material Girls Meeting for the 2023-24 Club year was held on October 23rd. What a blast as well as a fun time for everyone stuffing bears and pillows! And boy have folks been busy bees. The quilts, crocheted and knitted chemo blankets, bibs - sewn, knitted and crocheted, baby hats and booties as well as stockings for Christmas Come Tree - OH MY! All the time spent making these beautiful hand-made items are a blessing to many in our community!

Thank you to everyone who has donated completed projects. Another big thank you for all the donated yarn, fabric, ribbons, knitting needles, crochet hooks, batting and stuffing. These items are greatly appreciated. Many of you have approached Lucie and me trying to find a place to donate "crafty" items you no longer need. We are happy to take these items off your hands. We'll donate any items the Material Girls are unable to use.

Lucie dropped items off after our October meeting to Dr. Sai's office at AdventHealth on Hwy 100 and to the children at WIC. Both Lucie and me were able to meet the head nurse at the new AdventHealth Parkway Hospital surgery center and gifted her with 15 abdominal pillows.

Please join us for our next meeting on Tuesday, November 14th - **ALL ARE WELCOME!** Drop Lucie or I a quick note to let us know you are coming so we have enough seats for everyone.

Lucie and Michelle

Lucie Lachance, lucieglachance@gmail.com; 603-203-7636
Michelle Kreiss Keating, Michelle_Kreisskeating@verizon.net; 301-758-0538



Stockings, bibs, baby hats and quilts to be donated to "Christmas Come True" and WIC.



The Women, Infants, and Children County Health Department, (WIC) Employees are excited to receive items for their clients.





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Left to Right: Debbie Roush, Claire Moore, Roi Parris, President of GHWC, Paulette Burau, Cheryl Dresnok, Co-Chair of Membership

Meet Our New Members!

GHWC Membership Co-Chair Cheryl Dresnok

October was another great month for our club - we now have 178 members! I am happy to be able to introduce three new members of the Grand Haven Woman's Club: Debbie Roush, Claire Moore, and Paulette Burau.

Debbie Roush moved to The Bluffs neighborhood in Grand Haven two and a half years ago with her husband Steve and their two dogs, Darwin and Angus. Darwin is an Aussie Doodle and Angus is a Gordon Setter. Debbie moved here from Hebron, Kentucky, which is located just outside Cincinnati, Ohio. She worked as a realtor and a mortgage broker. How on earth did the Roush family get to Palm Coast from Kentucky? Debbie said, "We were very lucky. We looked from Ponte Vedra to Ormond Beach! There were only four homes available at the time we needed to buy." Once they discovered Grand Haven, Debbie said, "We loved it!" Debbie plays pickleball, bocce, MTM, Canasta, and Mahjong and said she wouldn't change a thing about the neighborhood. She would like her neighbors to know this about her: "I am a very proud mother of two sons, two daughters-in-law, and five grandchildren!" Welcome Debbie!

Claire Moore lives in the Front Street Village and has lived there for only six months! She moved here from Roanoke, Virginia with her husband Larry. In her former life, Claire worked as a Registered Nurse. Claire's daughter and son-in-law live in Palm Coast so Claire and her husband moved to Palm Coast to be close to them. She said, "When we pulled into the main gate with our realtor last November, we fell in love with the beauty of Grand Haven!" Now that they are real life Floridians, Claire's favorite things to do are enjoy the ocean and beach, and she added, "I also love to read, I love history, and anything having to do with flowers." She is a little frustrated in how difficult it is to find medical doctors and that you sometimes must leave Palm Coast to see a doctor. Hopefully that situation will improve now that we have a new hospital in town! Welcome Claire!

Paulette Burau has lived in The Crossings neighborhood of Grand Haven for four years, having moved to Palm Coast from Chicago. She lives with her sister-in-law and daughter plus two dogs and a cat. Paulette has worked as a Team Leader and Teacher's Assistant. How did she wind up moving from the big city of Chicago to a town of palm trees and ocean breezes? Paulette's brother is the reason. She said, "My brother directed me here because I wanted a gated community." Her favorite things to do in Grand Haven are all the physical activities. What bugs her about living here is "the pigs." Surprise, surprise! Paulette would like her neighbors to know, "I would not mind meeting someone!" Good luck and welcome Paulette!



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FOUNDING MEMBERS - SO PLEASED TO MEET YOU!

Membership Co-Chair Cheryl Dresnok

The year was 2005 when the Grand Haven Woman’s Club held its very first meeting. Twenty-two ladies were at that meeting. They were the Founding Members of our club. Today, five of those ladies are still members of GHWC, offering their experience, guidance, and providing a historical perspective to us of how our club began. It is my honor to introduce these five Founding Members to you.



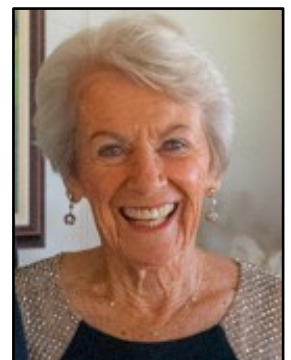
Sally Nord

Sally Nord and her husband Bill lived in Chicago before they moved to Florida. Sally got her master’s degree from the University of Wisconsin and worked as a School Social Worker at the same high school for 32 years. She says, “Chicago is a beautiful city and we loved living there and enjoying the many activities that Chicago provided.” They wanted a different lifestyle when they retired, looking for more year-round activities. Sally’s mom had retired to St. Augustine already, so Sally said, “We had been coming to this part of Florida for many years. It seemed a perfect fit! We found Grand Haven in 2000 and moved here in 2005.”

Fun Fact: *Sally was the third president of the GHWC – she served 2009-2011!*

Louise Dycke grew up in Manchester NH, then got married to Arthur and lived in Ossining NY for 30 years. They have been married 61 years, and have three daughters, six grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. While raising her family, Louise earned a master’s degree in Nursing from Lehman College and spent her career doing Summer Camp Nursing, Public Health Nursing, and Mental Health Nursing. Louise said, “When our third daughter graduated from college and got jobs elsewhere, we decided to move to Florida in 1993. We lived for ten years in Marina Cove in Palm Coast but moved to Grand Haven in 2003.”

Fun Fact: *Louise’s husband Arthur is the Palm Coast Co-Historian!*



Louise Dycke



Nan Reid

Nan Reid and her husband Henry were married 54 years before she became widowed in 2020. Nan is an Alabama native who went to the University of Alabama for her engineering degree and her law degree. She worked as a liaison between the engineering and law departments at both AL Power Co and GA Power Co. She also worked as a Manufacturer’s Rep in the Gift and Apparel Industries in Atlanta. Nan and Henry moved from Atlanta to Palm Coast because Nan said, “Jack Nicklaus built our club in Atlanta where we were members. He suggested we look at Palm Coast where he was building the Grand Haven course!” They moved to Palm Coast in 1998.

Fun Fact: *Nan attended Queen Elizabeth’s coronation and ball in 1953!*



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CONTINUED: FOUNDING MEMBERS - SO PLEASED TO MEET YOU!



Sue Freytag

Sue Freytag spent most of her life in Illinois. She grew up there, went to college at the University of Illinois, then did graduate work at Illinois State. Sue taught fifth grade in the Bloomington School System. She also married Peter and had four children and they now have nine grandchildren! They spent their working years in Illinois, then moved to Palm Coast when it was time to retire. Sue said, “We were looking for a warmer climate to retire. My friends suggested we look at Palm Coast. They said it was a well-kept secret of a small town on the east coast of Florida. We came twice to look at it and moved to Grand Haven over 20 years ago.”

Fun Fact: *The new Freytag Health Plaza is named in honor of Sue and Peter!*

Lucy Crowley is a Marquette University graduate who taught first and third grades for 24 years. During those years, she married Jerry and they had two sons and five grandchildren. “I lived in Brookfield Wisconsin for most of my married life,” Lucy said. “After my husband retired, we decided we needed to escape the Wisconsin winters.” They wound up in Palm Coast. “We bought our lot in 1997 and moved into our house in 1998,” Lucy said. Widowed for the last eleven years, Lucy added, “I have been in this house for 25 years!”

Fun Fact: *Lucy is the President of Friends of Washington Oaks Gardens State Park!*



Lucy Crowley

Five extraordinary women who came together in 2005 from different parts of the country, still giving back to their community in so many ways.

Next month: How the Grand Haven Woman’s Club was created!

GHWC			
NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS			
GHWC Membership Co-Chair Marilyn McNamara			
Gloria Canino	November 1	Joyce Cruz	November 10
Maureen Pellegrini	November 1	Carol Burns	November 16
Leslie Vannucci	November 3	Cheryl Ringer	November 17
Beth Wald	November 3	Pamela Walker	November 17
Terry Ranieri	November 4	Dale Curran	November 19
Mary Coyle	November 9	Jane Leap	November 19
Linda Lake	November 9	Carol Wolfe	November 23



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**STETSON MANSION
CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR HOME TOUR
JOIN GRAND HAVEN WOMAN'S CLUB MEMBERS ON
JANUARY 8, 2024**



The Stetson Mansion is Florida's first luxury home and the grandest home ever built in Florida during the 19th century. Built in 1886 by famed hatmaker and philanthropist John B. Stetson, his winter retreat was the only richly detailed "Gilded Age" estate built in Florida.

Time: 10:15 am Christmas Spectacular Guided Tour

Where: 1031 Camphor Lane, Deland, FL

Cost: \$44.46 (includes booking fee and taxes)

Tickets are selling out fast so a prompt response is requested.

Please e-mail Jeaninehorowitz53@gmail.com if you are interested in obtaining a ticket.

**We hope you can join us for this spectacular event!
Jeanine Horowitz and Beth Wald, Social Committee Co-chairs**