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# Grand Haven Woman's Club

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## President's Message

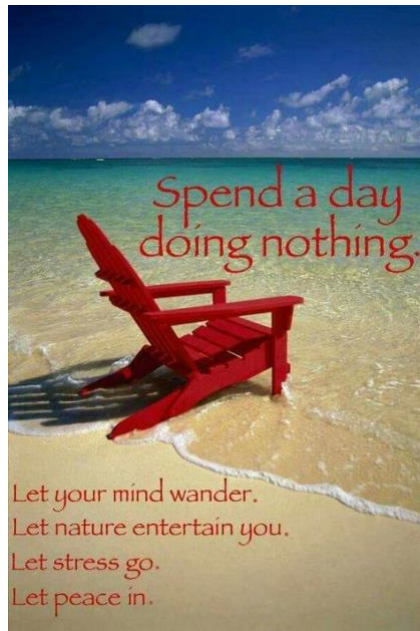
Happy June! I hope that each of you will enjoy the next few summer months and spend a day doing nothing!

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It is hard to believe that this club year is winding down. When I took office last May little did I know that I would become the “virtual president” to the membership. The Board of Directors of this club have stepped up to the challenge of this year and have made great strides to Connect and Make a Difference in our community. Even though we were not able to meet, our membership continued to support our many events and made contributions to those in need.

May 16<sup>th</sup> in Orlando was the annual Florida Federated Woman’s Club convention. I am pleased to announce that our club placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in Fund Raising 3<sup>rd</sup> in Health and Wellness. The leadership of Maureen Pellegrini and her fund-raising committee did an outstanding job raising funds to support the many organizations in our community. Annette Felahis and Patty Hartsfield Health and Wellness Chairs have done an outstanding job each month collecting donations and providing support to the Family Life Center, Grace Food Pantry and Our Father’s Table. Day of Games was a HUGE success. Lucy Crowley and Marcia Bugos did an outstanding job coordinating this event. I have heard so many positive comments about the day! Over \$5,000 was raised at this event. Please go to the webpage and look at the pictures of smiling faces and the over-the-top baskets!

Don’t forget to submit your annual membership dues. Please send your check to Membership Chair Denise Burren. Please make the check out to GHWC. The cost is \$40.00

Denise Burren, Membership Chair  
10 Grandview Dr.  
Palm Coast, FL 32137

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It is the hope to have general membership meeting in September. I will be working with the club and presenting the information to the board in August. General meetings may look a little different than previous years. I have asked the board to provide suggestions on meetings and if you have any suggestion on how to meet in a safe manner, please send me an email with your suggestion(s).

I have informed the board that I plan to limit the number of eblasts this summer. Unless, it is an emergency we will not be sending out eblasts until mid-August. We all need to have a break! Following, this virtual update, please be on the lookout for the final newsletter of this year.

I hope that each of you have a safe and wonderful summer with family and friends. Stay well and safe,

**Kim Lhota**  
**President,**  
**GHC**



First Vice President and Website Development

***How do you like our website?!?***

**[GHWomansClub.org](http://GHWomansClub.org)**

As our year comes to a close, I would like to thank everyone for their support and contributions during the year. It was because of you that we were able to raise the much needed funds to provide assistance to the various organizations in our community.

Our website is updated constantly with the latest information. It has been utilized extensively and has been a valuable resource for information about the various club events. Our members use it to check the calendar, register for events, peruse the pictures, watch our President's video update, etc., etc.

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During the last year (May 2020-2021) there has been a 25% increase of site visits over the previous year (1,964 visits) and in the last 90 days, the increase is 12% over the previous 90 day period (475 visits).

Many of our members are not very comfortable using the website and maybe having difficulty navigating to the various sections/pages. I will be delighted to help you; all you have to do is ask! *Please let me know how I can improve our website so it's easier to use for all our members!*

Here are some tips / hints that you may find useful:

- ✓ As soon as you type the website's name (GHWomansClub.org), you'll be directed to the HOME page. Occasionally, a 'news flash' screen will pop up to alert you of something new or important. Click the X to close the pop-up screen.
- ✓ Did you know that if you hover the mouse (place cursor) over text or icon and it changes color or if a hand is displayed, you can click on it and see more information?
- ✓ Click the buttons on the left side of the main page (some are colored) to access information regarding that topic or section
- ✓ Most pages have a < **Back** button, click it to navigate to the previous screen
- ✓ The MEMBERS page has tons of information, such as Policies, Procedures, By-Laws, Forms, Documents, etc. The password protected 'Members Only' section is intended for our active members, it has information such as the Electronic member directory, Budget information, Treasurer's Reports, Meeting minutes, etc.

If you need a hard copy of the Member Directory, please let us know (email me directly or click the Contact Us button on the website).

***Have a happy and safe summer!***

*Roi Parris  
First VP and Website Administrator  
GHWC.FirstVP@gmail.com*

### Education and Libraries

In recent months life has slowly returned to Grand Haven. The members of the GHWC along with the residents of Grand Haven have continued to generously support the Flagler Education Foundation through their donations of school supplies. This has been a yearly project and the Foundation is very appreciative of our support.

On April 27<sup>th</sup>, I participated in the Flagler Education Foundation's "Drive and Surprise" event where I was paired with a staff member and we delivered two recipients their scholarships from

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the GHWC. We also placed a congratulatory sign in their front door indicating the benefactor's name. The winners are:

Polina Sokolova from FPCHS

Kaitlyn Gerhard from Matanzas HS

On May 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Education Foundation held its annual golf event here at Grand Haven and we had numerous volunteers from the GHWC help out. All proceeds from this event go directly to the needs of students in our community.

Next year we look forward to returning many of our activities: -reading volunteers in the classroom, Stuff the Bus, the Book Fair and Take Stock in Children.

Look for more information to follow in September!

**Patsy Campbell**

## Health and Wellness

### SUMMARY OF CONTRIBUTIONS for SEPTEMBER 2020 - MAY 2021

This year has been terribly difficult for the whole country. The Families in need in Flagler County have suffered greatly during this time, and the numbers of those needing assistance have increased dramatically.

GHWC has taken innovative steps to help meet these increased demands. Since we have not been able to hold our monthly luncheon meetings due to covid restrictions, we have been conducting monthly collections in the GHGC parking lot on the third Thursday of each month. These collection days have also coincided with the monthly GHWC Board Meetings.

These "Parking Lot" collections have been very productive in collecting donations for the Flagler charities supported by the Health and Wellness Committee. This has ONLY been made possible due to the GENEROSITY of the GHWC members, GH residents and friends.

The GHWC works as a combined unit of committees, and we ALL work together to support the needy families in Flagler County. The Health and Wellness Committee would like to share the positive results of these monetary/in-kind donations which are listed in the document below. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR GENEROSITY AND SUPPORT!!!

**Patty Hartsfield and Annette Felahis**

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## HEALTH & WELLNESS COMMITTEE'S COLLECTION TOTALS

### 2020-2021 REPORT of DONATIONS for FLAGLER COUNTY ORGANIZATIONS

	2020		2021	
	<u>MONETARY</u>	<u>IN-KIND</u>	<u>MONETARY</u>	<u>IN-KIND</u>
<u>FAMILY LIFE CENTER</u>	\$670.00	\$1,350.00	\$565.00	\$1,395.00
<u>THE GIVING STORE</u>	\$200.00	\$3,239.00	\$225.00	\$4,150.00
<u>OUR FATHER'S ABLE</u>	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$100.00	Volunteer Hrs.
(IN-KIND= Volunteers cooked meals, packaged meals for delivery, & donated comfort items sleeping bags and mats, tents, lanterns. Material Girls donated hand-made socks, hats, scarves, blankets, etc. for those in need.				
<u>GRACE COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY</u>	\$4,410.00	\$4,801.86	\$3,025.00	\$5,315.1
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(IN-KIND=Conversion of 4817.6 total lbs of food donated with a value of \$2.10 per lb.= \$10,116.96)



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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](mailto:peggyas1950@gmail.com) or 986-1745. Thanks for being a Gem of a Friend.

**Peggy Smith**

## Membership

I would like to thank all of you who responded to sending in your Renewal checks or paypal payments for the 2021-2022 club year. For those who have not as yet sent in their \$40 renewal dues, there is still time. Please make your check out to:

GHWC  
c/o Denise Burren  
10 Grandview Drive  
Palm Coast, FL 32137

Or make a Paypal payment through the clubs website:  
[GHwomansclub.org](http://GHwomansclub.org)

Also, if you do not plan to remain in the club, please drop me an email saying so. The club directory will be updated according to the roster, So it is important that we know one way or the other.

Enjoy Your Summer and stay Healthy. Here's to meeting again in September!!

**Denise Burren**

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## Environment

Hello All!

I hope this finds everyone enjoying their new found freedom! Our Environment Committee has been quite busy. The enthusiasm I've seen this month warms my heart and makes me so encouraged for our future activities. This month has been amazing. Our committee has raised approximately \$1000 for the Flagler Humane Society! This is through donations of food, bedding, towels and other necessities that the Shelter relies on. In addition there have been many cash and check donations! I am so proud of the GHWC, our community and my girls! Several in our committee participated in a "painting for paws" fund raising activity. We painted on canvas using the paint pouring technique. Our paintings, (20 of them, ) were donated to the shelter. Folks can view them and for a \$15 donation can take one home. In addition the Flagler Humane Society had a paint night on May 24. All of the cost of the paint for the event was covered through donations by several members of our committee. I volunteered as the class facilitator. The class yielded over \$700 for the Flagler Humane Society! ( did I mention we ROCK!!)

The Shelter's Spay-Ghetti event was attended by many of our members. Several items were donated for the event's silent auction, adding to our support for our amazing no-kill shelter.

So my friends, this has been a red letter month for us. I am looking forward to more activities with "my girls" When summer concludes.

Stay well, stay happy, stay active !

Fondly,

**Marie Lanier**

P. S. Canned dog food is needed all summer. Donations may be left by my door at 3 N. Park Circle - any time. I go to the shelter every Wednesday.

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