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GRAND HAVEN WOMAN'S CLUB

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President's Message

As summer has drawn to an end it is time to reflect over the past few months. I am very fortunate to have a home at Deep Creek Lake, MD. This past summer families came to our lake on the mountain to enjoy the fresh clean air and cooler temperatures from all over the area. It was so exciting to see family's hike, boat, and swim. Times returned to simpler times. I had the opportunity to speak to a neighbor with two teenage daughters at the lake this summer. Bill said, "it was the best summer ever". He continued to say "I got to spend quality time with my girls." Even in the troublesome times in our country there is a silver lining! I hope that many of you were able to spend quality time with family and friends.

The Board of Directors met on September 17th. Highlights from the meeting were:

- 2020-2021 Contribution Budget was approved by the membership
- GHWC has changed our banking to a local bank effective the end of September. Our account is now with Intracoastal
- CSP Chairs collected numerous donations for the Flagler Education Foundation and The Giving Store
- At our October 15th meeting, we plan to ZOOM! More information will be provided in an eblast explaining how you can watch our meetings each month!
- Donations for our October meeting will be for the Humane Society and Feed Flagler (Please read the Health and Wellness section of the newsletter to learn about the changes for donations for Feed Flagler this fall)
- Fund Raising committee is busy finalizing Nine and Dine. Make sure if you are interested in Day of Games you make a reservation. The event is filling up fast!
- First Social Activity will be Thursday, October 22nd. This will be a great time to come and meet the board and fellow members. We will be kicking off our "Cheers To 15 Years"! More details are within the newsletter

The Annual Giving Campaign is underway. I want to thank the many who have already made a donation to this campaign. Your generosity is providing our budget much needed funds to

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provide monetary assistance to many organizations within our community. There is such a need at this time in our schools and food pantries due to many out of work and struggling. Your monies are enabling the woman's club to continue to support these causes. On our website, is information about how you can contribute through mail or PayPal.

I encourage you to read our newsletter, participate in our ZOOM meeting and check out our web page. Eblasts will be sent on Monday's if necessary. The Board of Directors is learning and growing on how to best serve our membership through the Pandemic. The enthusiasm of our board is contagious and I so look forward to a time when we can meet and celebrate our club's accomplishments. I encourage all members to come out and support our fund-raising activities. Cheer the golfers at the club as they drive off to their tees on November 7th or volunteer to assist at one of our many activities.

I hope as this fall season is upon us, we take time to enjoy the cooler temperatures, family and friends.

Stay safe and well,

Kim Lhota

President,



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First Vice President and Website Development

The Grand Haven Woman's Club website GHWomansClub.org is constantly getting updated with new information and features and can be accessed on your computer or smart device!

During the challenging times that we're going thru, the website will be your source of up-to-date information.

Here are some new features:

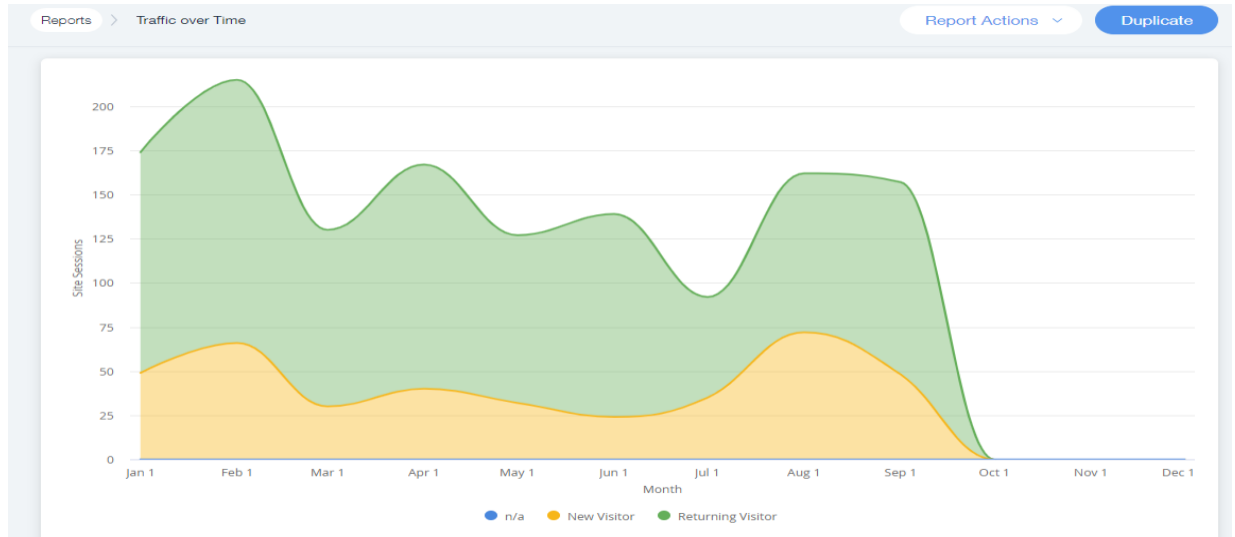
- The MEMBERS/DOCUMENTS page has been updated to include the **General Federation of Women's Club Manual**. This document contains tons of information about the club and the various Community Service Programs. The **YTD Volunteer Hours Pie Chart** listed on the same page is a great representation of the work that our members do for our community. This information is updated monthly.
- The ABOUT page includes a link to the Community Service Program sign-up form. Take a look at all the volunteer opportunities that are available, complete and submit the sign-up form. The CSP for that area will contact you.

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- Here are some interesting website analytics for this year.



Take some time to peruse the entire website and provide us your feedback!
Be safe and healthy!

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Environment

Hi Ladies. Marie Lanier here, Chairperson of the Environment Committee and I'm hoping this finds you all well and enjoying the slightly cooler weather.

If you're a current member of our E.C. I'd like to invite you to help enlarge our group by seeking out other GHWC members to join our bright band of gals. Women who may be like minded when it comes to concern for our community and environment.

Perhaps you're reading this and you're newly interested or you'd like more info on our group's activities. If so, please contact me at GHWC.environment@gmail.com
I'd love to discuss some of our innovative and exciting plans!

These unprecedented times may have limited our contact but there are still ways we can help and make contributions that will enhance our surroundings.

I'll be setting up small group meetings in October to get acquainted and discuss some of the projects we have lined up to educate and help make a difference. So , please don't hesitate to reach out for more info. I'd also love to explore some of the group's thoughts and ideas.

Remember that we are still in need of contributions of new dog related items for the basket we're assembling as our group's contribution for The Day of Games. Toys, treats, feeding dishes, bandanas, gift cards for grooming or PetSmart, brushes and combs are just a few suggestions. Please contact me at the email above or call/text me at 631-457-3271 to arrange for drop off.

On October 15 at the club house we'll also be collecting for the animal shelter. In addition there is a need for pantry items such as peanut butter, soups, tuna etc. Tables will be set up to accept your donations from 1-1:45 pm and from 4-4:30 pm.

I hope to meet many of you on that date and also look forward to sharing new ideas to help us make a positive impact!

On a personal note I'd like to extend my gratitude to so many of you who reached out with heartfelt good wishes and prayers for my grandson who underwent spinal surgery recently. He is doing wonderfully !!! My husband and I were so moved by your notes and emails. Many from folks we've yet to meet! This is a wonderful community!

Warmest Regards to all.

Marie Lanier.

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Bylaws and Protocol

This year the Bylaws Committee will be conducting a review of the GHWC Bylaws. Members of the committee are Laura O'Brien, Nancy Carlton, Lucy Crowley, Awilda Hamilton and myself. Our Bylaws were adopted in September, 2005 and since that time there have been many changes within the club and society. One change identified is the use of technology and how information is disseminated within the Club. As you review our bylaws, if you see something that you feel needs to be addressed, please contact me or one of our committee members. Thank you.

Sally Nord
Bylaws Chair

Health and Wellness Committee

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

Thank you to everyone who made contributions and donations during the September drive to support some of our local charities. The demand for assistance from these agencies has been overwhelming during this covid outbreak; they are working overtime to assist those in need in Flagler County. During each delivery of donations to the agencies, we were greeted with words of deep appreciation, broad smiles, and tears.

WHEN: Looking ahead, to coincide with our GHWC monthly Board Meetings, the HEALTH and WELLNESS COMMITTEE will continue to have collections on the 3rd Thursday in October, November and December 2020 at the times indicated below.

Thursday, October 15 from 12:00pm-1:30pm and 4:00pm-4:30pm

Thursday, November 19 from 12:00pm -1:30pm and 4:00pm-4:30pm

Thursday, December 17 from 12:00pm -1:30pm and 4:00pm-4:30pm.

WHERE:

Donations will be collected in the GHGC Parking lot. Look for us under the trees in the back right corner of the parking lot! (Please let us know if we can work with you to collect your donations on other dates.)

Additionally, if you would like to work with us on the Health and Wellness Committee, please sign up at the GHWC website, sign up on one of our collection days or contact us directly.

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PLEASE take a few minutes to read the Missions and needs of each of the Flagler Organizations which are receiving your donation.

Warm regards,

Co-Chairs of Health and Wellness Program,

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Annette Felahis, afelahis@bellsouth.net, cell# 404-313-7999

Grace Community Food Pantry sponsors these programs:

Food

Food Pantry, Fed by Grace Backpack Program, Team Feed Flagler

The Grace Community Food Pantry is now seeing about 5000 cars a month on Saturday and Sunday. These lines are people from all parts of Flagler County who are in need. The need is so great because people and families are hurting with so many out of work. **DONATIONS:**

We accept cash donations and checks made to the order of Grace Community Food Pantry. (The Pantry purchases food from Second Harvest for about 18 cents a pound: The Pantry can get a lot of food for the buck.) 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. Every Wednesday The Pantry delivers 6-8 pound bags of food to schools designated by the school district. These schools provide backpack of food to participating students on Friday, 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.**

Team Feed Flagler This program brings churches and organizations together to make sure everyone has a Thanksgiving dinner or a place to come and have a meal. **DONATIONS:** This year the virus has forced us to change our approach to the Feeding Flagler Program. We will NOT be able to collect food and provide boxes of food and a turkey to those in need. However, we are partnering with Winn Dixie to provide a Thanksgiving meal to a family of four for a donation of \$25.00. Cash or checks in any amount are greatly appreciated. Please



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make Checks payable to Grace Community Food Pantry and note "Feed Flagler" in memo section of check.

Additionally, **Team Feed Flagler** will also be hosting sites to distribute "To Go Boxes" to those in need so they can take home a hot Thanksgiving meal. (No dine-in dinners will be hosted this year.

Family Life Center

The Mission of The Family Life Center is to provide essential support services to individuals and families to end domestic violence and sexual violence in Flagler County. **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.) and gift cards.

The Giving Store

For more than 25 years, during the holidays, Flagler Volunteer Services, and the Retired & Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) has 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. This year due to Covid-19 the Giving Store is in jeopardy.** Our agency has been forced to cancel all our fundraising events that provide the needed funds to conduct the Giving Store. This includes two Rummage Sales and our Giving Store Luncheon. We are reaching out to the public and local businesses in hopes of raising a minimum of \$7,500 to ensure that we can have a modified version of our store so that local children can still experience giving their family members a gift and learning the valuable lesson that it feels "better to give than to receive" during the holiday season. If we are unable to raise the \$7,500 by October 1, 2020 we will be forced to cancel the 2020 Giving Store. **DONATIONS:** The Giving Store is accepting monetary donations of any size as well as any new items which can be given to family members of any age. (infants to grandparents, male and female). Gently used donated Items will be included in future Rummage Sales.

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.

The following are needed by Our Father's Table:

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Volunteers to assist in assembling the prepared meal. Volunteers to sign up to cook a meal for 30 people. (This is a great way to cook with a friend or friends. The Church will provide the main ingredients for the meal.) **DONATIONS:** canned food with Pop top lids and unused Takeout food containers.

WANNA HELP??

If you would like to work with us on the Health and Wellness Committee, please sign up on the GHWC website, during one of our collection days or contact us directly.

Warm regards,

Co-Chairs of Health and Wellness Program,

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Education and Libraries

The GHWC has been working closely with the Flagler Education Foundation to promote and positively impact the community in various ways. Unfortunately, we were not able to complete some of our planned activities last year due to the virus. We did present two \$2,000 scholarships to students from the Flagler schools. They are: Serena Kravantka from Matanzas HS and Liying Wu from Flagler Palm Coast HS. We plan on continuing this tradition as our gift helps to provide these students with a stepping stone to their future. The GHWC is a major sponsor of **Stuff the Bus**. The Flagler Education Foundation operates this bus to help children have the basic items needed for school. This year we had a "drop off" table set up and accepted donations of school supplies, socks, jeans and monetary contributions. Many thanks to all for your generosity!

Another major vital program in the GHWC is **Take Stock in Children**. This program is a statewide mentoring program which gives low income at risk students the opportunity to achieve a successful education. As a volunteer you would be matched up with a student and would meet once a week to encourage and support them through your positive guidance. You could make a difference in a student's life!

Look for information about **Bag of Books**, **Daytona State College Foundation** and our **Book Sale** in next month's newsletter.

Anyone interested in joining this partnership with education can contact me at squeetie49@aol.com

Patsy Campbell

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Neighbor to Neighbor (N2N)

Ambassadors needed! We're happy to report that, in spite of the pandemic, N2N is going strong. For those of you unfamiliar with the program, N2N is a welcoming program for new Grand Haven residents. New neighbors are contacted by email and then a packet with much useful information is delivered. Since January, 75 new residents have been contacted. Due to Covid, the program was suspended for six weeks and we now have had to alter our mode of operation somewhat. At this point, we are doing no in-home visits and only dropping the packet off at the front door, often with an outdoor driveway chat. We can always use more Ambassadors, and would love to have any of you join the program. There are some Villages with no Ambassadors, so we greatly need some volunteers from these neighborhoods. The Villages with no Ambassadors are The Reserve, Village Oaks, Hidden Lake, and South Lake. Being an N2N Ambassador is not a huge time commitment and it is a wonderful way to meet your new neighbors. If you are interested in joining the program or would like further information, please contact one of us.

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Sally Nord

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Volunteer Time Reporting

We are nearing the end of our calendar year 2020 reporting cycle. While this has been quite a year of challenges, you have all demonstrated the passion of your hearts with continued volunteer efforts.

I would like to summarize some helpful information as we wrap up this year:

- The Time Reporting page on the website is your tool for recording hours and donations.
- The Time Reporting page now contains ***Time Reporting Helpful Hints*** and ***Time Reporting Handbook***. Both handy reference materials.
- As you accumulate hours/donations, please note that leadership and members have slightly different responsibilities.

Leadership:

Record and enter hours/donations for any committee meeting or committee activity, by selecting the appropriate Program/Project from the drop-down menu on the website for your CSP.

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Members:

Record and enter hours/donations for any volunteer activity in which you participate that is outside of a committee, by selecting the appropriate Program/Project from the drop-down menu on the website for your CSP.

- Note the following as it applies to donations:
 - **Any** donation you make to a non-profit organization counts. It can be recorded under the CSP category in which it falls.
 - For example, if you have *donated a turtle* to the Palm Coast Arts Foundation for the turtle trail, on the Time Reporting page, you would:
 1. Select Arts & Culture,
 2. From the dropdown menu of projects, select PCAF (Palm Coast Arts Foundation),
 3. Enter the dollar value of your donation in the IN-KIND Donation Value box.
 - If you *painted a turtle* for the turtle trail, on the Time Reporting page, you would:
 1. Select Arts & Culture,
 2. From the dropdown menu of projects, select PCAF (Palm Coast Arts Foundation),
 3. Enter your hours and enter any non-reimbursed amounts in the IN-KIND Donation Value box.
 - Consider any other similar donations you may have made during this year.

As always, do not be shy about asking any questions at all. Your feedback only helps to improve the process and the communication. Thank you for all you are doing for our community!!!

Laura O'Brien
Immediate Past President
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Civic Engagement and Outreach Committee

The Civic Engagement Committee held its first meeting on Monday, September 21. Ten GHWC members have expressed an interest in exploring the four “broad strokes” of the Committee which include Citizenship, Crime Prevention and Safety, Homelessness, and support for Military Personnel and Veterans.

“Holiday Cards For Troops” is an outreach effort for overseas Military Personnel initiated several years ago by Marilyn Gingles. She has agreed to coordinate this effort again this year with the help of Fran Anderson, the wife of a retired Veteran. Within the next few weeks they will be soliciting donations of Holiday Greeting Cards to be used for this program. Stay tuned for details.

Retired Navy Nurse Colonel Mary Lou Keener is researching the number of female veterans in Flagler County and will assess whether or not they have any unmet needs unique to women for which the GHWC might be able to provide assistance. Anyone with interest or insight on this issue is welcome to participate.

As one of our Citizenship initiatives the GHWC is encouraging each of you to contact Governor Ron DeSantis to select May Mann Jennings to the Florida Women’s Hall of Fame in 2020. She is a former First Lady of Florida and past Present of the Florida Federation of Women’s Clubs from 1918-1920. As a prominent Suffragist May was instrumental in the campaign to Win The Vote for women which resulted in the passage of the 19th Amendment in August 1920.

Emails may be sent to: appointments@eog.myflorida.com

Phone: 850-717-9243

Three women will be selected from the ten nominees by the end of October. Please reach out soon!

Also included in our focus on Citizenship is the 50th Anniversary of the Founding of Palm Coast on October 29, 1970. For more information about our City’s history please visit the PC Historical Society website at <http://palmcoasthistory.org>.

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Social Activities Committee

GRAND HAVEN WOMAN'S CLUB WINE AND CHEESE MIXER



Come and meet the GHWB Board of Directors, CSP Chairs and
Standing Committee Chairs for 2020-2022

WHERE: Creekside Pool Area
DATE: October 22, 2020
TIME: 4 PM TO 5:30 PM

This will be a nice time to find out what our club does in our community and also sign up for any of the group activities that the Grand Haven Woman's' Club offers. We support many charities who are in need of our volunteer services.

Hope to see you there. Please RSVP to Jeanine Horowitz at Jeanine_horowitz53@gmail.com. We will be social distancing and wearing masks for this event.

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Fundraising

Below are a few of the events to start our year where social distancing per CDC Guidelines will be strictly implemented.

Nine & Dine – A nine-hole scramble format open to all men and women golfers and non-golfers. Event includes dinner, game day passes, ball drop, awards and prizes

Date – Saturday November 7, 2020

Time – 2:30 PM Shotgun Start

Location – Grand Haven Golf Course

For registration, flyer and sponsorship info www.grandhavenwomensclub.org

To register for Golf, Dinner Only or Sponsorship, please contact maureenpellegrini@gmail.com

Day of Games – A fun day of games, including lunch and raffles

Date – January 18, 2021

Location – Grand Haven Golf Club

Donation - \$35/person – if you are reserving a table, please indicate the names of all players at your table and what game you will play. Payment is required for all players plus lunch choice at time of reservation.

Limited this year to 100 players. Tables of 4 or 6, this year.

For more information, contact Marcia Bugos at mabugos@gmail.com

Cheers to 15 Years – A Fun Evening Celebrating Past and Present

Date – Saturday, February 6, 2021

Time – 6:00-7:00 pm Cocktails/Champagne/Cash Bar

Cocktail Attire – Dinner and Dancing

Location – Grand Haven Clubhouse

Donation: \$65.00/person – Four Course Plated Dinner: TBD

Save The Date. For more information on Tickets

Contact: Carolyn Million at millioncb@yahoo.com

Maureen Pellegrini

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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HONOR FIRST RESPONDERS & SUPPORT GHWC

Each ornament is etched in solid brass and made in the USA by a veteran owned company. **Net proceeds benefit GHWC charities**

To obtain this \$20 ornament, visit:

GHwomansclub.org to order or contact

Fran Chiodo, chiodof12@gmail.com, 386-447-5610





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Arts & Culture

(formerly known as Arts and Crafts)

It is my pleasure to serve as chair of the Arts & Culture Committee. As you can see the Grand Haven Woman's Club board has elected to change the name of this committee to expand its focus.

My name is Lucie Lachance. It is my intent in this my first experience leading a Grand Haven Woman's Club Committee to expand the club's support and outreach through interactions with organizations such as the Flagler County Art League, Palm Coast Arts Foundation, Flagler County Auditorium.

I've been involved with the Material Girls group for a few months and this year I also co-chair this group with Michelle Kreiss Keating. In a separate letter, Michelle highlights how this group of dedicated and talented women keeps busy year round knitting, crocheting, and sewing as they complete a variety of projects to support several community organizations.

Covid19 will definitely limit what we can do this year. Perhaps these next few months will provide the time we need to plan a couple of fun, 'cultural' activities to be held in the spring.

I can use help in determining what kinds of activities interest you, as members of the Grand Haven Woman's Club. Please contact me at lucieglachance@gmail.com or call me at 386-585-3570 to share your thoughts and ideas.

Looking forward to a productive year,

Lucie

Material Girls

Using talents and resources to enrich the lives of others

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The Material Girls started the 2020-2021 year with an outdoor drop-in event on September 22nd.

Those who stopped by the event were able to admire completed items, to choose yarn for future projects, to take copies of printed knitted and crochet patterns, to drop off knitted and crocheted hats, scarfs, blankets, origami bags, knitted baby hats, crocheted bath cloths, amenity bags and more!



A bonus was being able to see friends and neighbors for a short chat. It was a wonderful beginning to a new club year with an outpouring of folks giving of themselves and providing thoughtful and useful gifts to our community.

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Anyone interested in participating in the Material Girls - all skill levels are welcome. You don't have to knit, crochet or sew. We do need folks to stuff items, cut out fabric and facilitate distribution of completed items.



Be sure to contact us and we'll get you started!

Michelle & Lucie

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