



# Grand Haven Woman's Club



## NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2023

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

### *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 1<sup>st</sup>, please submit your dues (\$40.00) for the 2023-24 club year on the website at: [ghwomansclub.org](http://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 15<sup>th</sup> and look for the Membership table after you check in.

You may also mail a check, after May 1<sup>st</sup>, 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 Haven Woman's Club.

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

Thank you.

### *President's Update*

*Roi Parris*

After an Ad Hoc committee's deliberations and discussion with our membership, the Grand Haven Woman's Club membership voted at its March 20<sup>th</sup> meeting to discontinue its affiliation with the General Federation of Women's Club, effective May 31, 2023, and function independently.

This was not an easy decision, and this subject was discussed often in prior years; especially when our operating budget experienced a deficit as has been the case in the last couple years.

The GFWC has been a valuable resource for the Grand Haven Woman's Club, especially in our early years as a club.

This is a new chapter for our club, so what will change? The short answer is not much. We will continue with the current structure and the CSPs will continue the great work they do in our community. We'll remove references to GFWC from our documents and website; also our by-laws will be updated to reflect our current status.

Our fundraising events for this fiscal year are over! Time for our fundraising committee to relax and start planning for next year! [Pictures](#) of all our events and activities are posted on our website.

I would like to remind you that the website [GHWomansClub.org](http://GHWomansClub.org) is your source for the most current information. Note that some features may not display correctly on your phone or tablet. In the next few months our website will be updated to include a mobile version. More details to come soon!

Looking forward to seeing you at our next meeting on **April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023**



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## **Annual Book Sale**

*Education Chair, Jennifer Ames*

In March, we had our annual book sale in the Grand Haven room at the Village Center. It was a very successful event. We collected thousands of books from the residents of Grand Haven. We filled the room with so many wonderful books, there was something for everyone. It was a lot of hard work and I am thankful to everyone that came out to help. There were over 50 boxes of books left over after the sale. Those books were donated to Habitat for Humanity in Bunnell, Palm Coast library and Goodwill. Thanks again to all the volunteers that came out to help and make it a success!

## ***1st Vice President***

*Awilda Hamilton*

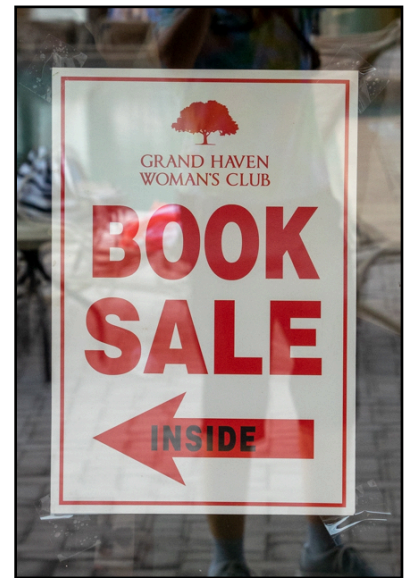
We are happy to confirm that we will have two guests from the GFWC present at our meeting on Monday, April 17th. Margaret Brugman, GFWC President's Project Chair for Camp Boggy Creek will address us and accept the bears and blankets made by the Material Girls. Sally Kramer, District 6 Director, will also attend and offer comments.

Please mark your calendars and plan to join us to provide a warm and enthusiastic GHWC welcome!

## **BOARD AND GENERAL MEETINGS**

General Meetings begin at 11:00 a.m.

**April 17 and May 15**



*"Reaching Out and Lifting Up"*





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## *Cocktails and Tapas 2023*

*Beth Wald*

On March 18<sup>th</sup> the GHWC Fundraising Committee held another hugely successful Cocktails and Tapas (C&T) event. The gracious hosts, Rochele and Wayne Harrison, opened their beautiful Wild Oaks home to more than 50 guests for a wonderful evening of charity, camaraderie, great food, relaxing music, and drinks aplenty.

This year's C&T event featured guitar music and vocals by the gifted Matt Fowler. An amazing array of food and drinks was provided by some 24 GHWC members. Murray and Murray provided all the wine and other sponsors (too many to list here) also gave generously, offsetting our costs. Gift baskets and other donated items were sold at auction by our talented auctioneer Mark Csik, who volunteered his services and his much-appreciated comic relief.

Thanks also go to Patty Stauffer for providing all the signage and graphics support; Nancy Carlton for the name tags; and to Pat McMullen, Ron Horowitz, Brian Unger, and Jim Roberts for transporting tables between the Grand Haven Golf Club and the party venue. This year's C&T raised nearly \$6,000 for the many worthy charities we support. In keeping with that spirit, we donated all leftovers to Our Father's Table.



### APRIL BIRTHDAYS

<i>Sandy Hollenbeck</i>	2
<i>Marylee Giordano</i>	3
<i>Arlene Spencer</i>	3
<i>Pat Johnson</i>	4
<i>Marcia Bugos</i>	5
<i>Adele Large</i>	5
<i>Paula Geppner</i>	8
<i>Ophelia Beier</i>	9
<i>Sally Nord</i>	9
<i>Karen Raphael</i>	10
<i>Nancy Richards</i>	12
<i>Lynn Smith</i>	13
<i>Marti Hinman</i>	14
<i>Cindy Kimmel</i>	16
<i>Margie McMullen</i>	16
<i>Ruthanne Cirina</i>	19
<i>Debbie Douglas</i>	19
<i>Jeanine Horowitz</i>	20
<i>Cathy DiDonato</i>	23
<i>Jan Weida</i>	23
<i>Patrice Ambuter</i>	24
<i>Kathryn Chiddister</i>	28
<i>Harriet Kohen</i>	29

### *Thank you!*

*VOY Committee Chairperson, Marilyn McNamara*

The Volunteer of the Year Committee wants to thank all of those who nominated members. We had a number of excellent nominations which made our job very difficult. We look forward to our Volunteer of the Year being announced at the May meeting.



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## Health and Wellness

Health and Wellness Chair, Adele Large

### Save the Date

On Saturday, April 22, 2023, from 10AM to 2PM, the Flagler Beach Police Department in conjunction with the Drug Enforcement Administration will be participating in Prescription Drug Take Back Day. The front lobby of the Police Department will be open from 10AM to 2PM on April 22nd, and if you've got expired and/or unused prescription medications, please stop by so they can be disposed of safely. No needles or fluids accepted. NO questions asked when you drop off the medications.



Health and Wellness committee members packed lunches for Habitat for Humanity volunteers on March 20th. Thank you to Lori Csik for coordinating the meal.

### Arts and Culture Happenings

Arts and Culture Chair, Marie Lanier

Hi Ladies. We not so artsy gals have been enjoying lots of activities ( A Tea Party at The Gallery of Local Art and a movie viewing, to name a few) and there's lots more to mark on your calendar if you'd like to join in! See anything that interests you below?...Just contact me for more details at : [GHWC.arts.culture@gmail.com](mailto:GHWC.arts.culture@gmail.com)

**April 12**....join us at the historic Holden House in Bunnell. We will meet at 10 AM for a docent led tour. Lunch will follow at Highjackers.

If you're not familiar, here's some details.

The **Holden House**, located at 204 E. Moody Blvd. It was built in 1918 by Samuel Merwin Bortree as a wedding gift for his daughter Ethel Lura Bortree Holden and her husband Thomas Edward Holden. It is an excellent example of the Craftsman Bungalow architectural style. It is now a museum that features artifacts from Flagler County. It is also the headquarters for the Flagler County Historical Society.

**April 14.** 1 pm. Make a Wreath with Marianne Collinson. Class is \$60.

Additional classes will be added as needed, so reach out if you're interested even if this particular date doesn't work for you. This is a fun and useful artistic skill for your own decorating needs or special gift

"Reaching Out and Lifting Up"

~~~Invitation~~~

### to visit Flagler County Historical Society

Lucie Lachance

In 2022, many of you had the opportunity to visit the historical society museums in Palm Coast and Flagler Beach. This year we will follow-up as promised with a visit to the Flagler County Historical Society at 204 East Moody Boulevard in Bunnell. The visit will include two docent-led tours (if numbers warrant) of the Holden House and Annex. Please note that there is no elevator on the premises. Benches are available for those who may need to wait.

Please mark your calendars for **Wednesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>**. Participants are asked to meet at the Holden House parking lot at 10 a.m. The 60-90 minute tours start at 10:15 a.m.

**\*\*\*Please note this change\*\*\***

Lunch at Highjackers Restaurant, located at 202 Airport Rd. The change in venue is due to a March 12<sup>th</sup> fire at Terranova.

If interested please email me at [lucieglachance@gmail.com](mailto:lucieglachance@gmail.com) or text me at 603-203-7636. A sign-up sheet will be available at the GHWC meeting on April 17th.





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## *Arts and Culture Happenings continued*

*Arts and Culture Chair, Marie Lanier*

**April 17** ( our GHWC luncheon day) is the cut off date for ordering your GHWC shirts. Short sleeved or 3/4 sleeved shirts are \$35 and come in an assortment of colors. If you need an order form, please reach out to me and I can email one to you or you can swing by my home and pick one up ( 3 N. Park Circle. **Order forms will also be available at the luncheon. Payment is by check only made out to GHWC.**

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**April 25.** Our Arts and Culture movie day is becoming a popular event. Our last one , where we viewed Under The Tuscan Sun, was a huge success.

Think about joining us for our next feature on **April 25 at 1 PM pm...The Monuments Men**. This is the story of a group of men and women who put their lives in danger to save precious works of art from destruction by the Nazis. It is thanks to them that many of the works of Rembrandt , Manet and Vermeer to name a few, are still available for us to enjoy. The movie stars George Clooney, Matt Damon and many more.

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**April 27...** 10:30 AM. it's book club day! Our selection this month is The Little Paris Bookshop by Nina George.

*"On a beautifully restored barge on the Seine, Jean Perdu runs a bookshop; or rather a 'literary apothecary', for this bookseller possesses a rare gift for sensing which books will soothe the troubled souls of his customers. "*

*Join us for lively discussion, treats and camaraderie!*

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*Lots to do Ladies. Please reach out to me for more info on any of the above.*

*Hugs to All,*



***Under The Tuscan Sun attendees***



***Tea Party Hat Winner, Laura McBride***





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## **MEET OUR NEW MEMBERS!**

*Membership Co-Chair, Cheryl Dresnok*

Our club keeps growing! I am going to introduce you to two new members this month: Evelyn Sandusky and Kathleen Donner.

**Evelyn Sandusky** is our newest member, having just joined GHWC in March. She has had a home in the Front Street Village for five years where she lives with her partner and her dog. Evelyn has another home near Ocean City, Maryland and prior to that, she lived in Baltimore County, Maryland. Evelyn's former work was in Human Resources but that was then and this is now!

Now – Evelyn's favorite thing to do "is just relaxing and sitting by my pool." Who could blame her? Palm Coast/Grand Haven worked its magic once again! What attracted Evelyn to this area? She said, "The beautiful scenery and being close to the beach. I also have a good friend who lives here."

What bugs Evelyn about living here? "How crazy the drivers are on the streets." Uh, yes, we have probably all noticed that as well. What would Evelyn like her new neighbors to know about her? She answered, "I look forward to making new friends and participating in activities." No sweat, Evelyn, that's what Grand Haven is all about! Welcome to the neighborhood!

**Kathleen Donner** attended her first meeting as a member of GHWC in February, her picture was in the March newsletter, and we get to meet her in the April newsletter! Kathleen is a part-time resident of Grand Haven who lives with her partner, Brian, on Marlin, near the front gate when she is in Florida, and she lives in Toms River, New Jersey the rest of the time. She has lived in Grand Haven since 2020.

Kathleen was widowed in 2006 when she lived in Lewes, Delaware. She then moved to New Jersey, but was friends with Jeanine Horowitz, one of our GHWC members. Kathleen said, "During Covid, my friend Jeanine and I talked often. She was in Grand Haven and I was in New Jersey. I was going crazy in my

house, and she was biking, going to exercise classes outdoors, eating in restaurants outdoors, and basically enjoying life. I told her to find me a house!" Kathleen adds, "I never regretted my decision."

Kathleen and her partner, Brian, moved to Grand Haven together. "We have made this our second home, coming back and forth from New Jersey."

Kathleen was a teacher of the handicapped, an Early Childhood Specialist, and a Supervisor for a Board of Education for districts in NJ. She said she misses teaching, but not the commute! No more commuting in Palm Coast for this lady. She said, "We enjoy the beaches that are free. We like to bike and walk the intracoastal. We like the proximity of Palm Coast to other areas of Florida." Kathleen also likes the fact that Grand Haven is an established community, not a start-up. She is not so crazy about the Oak trees that line the streets "leaving a mess on the driveway and the roots destroy our sidewalks." She adds, "If that is all we have to complain about, we are lucky!"

Kathleen's final words to me, "I told my friend Jeanine now that she introduced us to Palm Coast and Grand Haven, please shush. Let's keep it our secret paradise!" Lots of people feel exactly the same way, Kathleen! Welcome to paradise!



*L to R: Cheryl Dresnok, Membership Co-Chair, Evelyn Sandusky, Marilyn McNamara, Membership Co-Chair*





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



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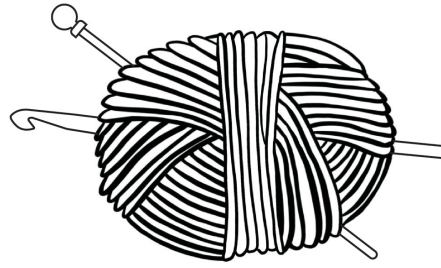
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## GRAND HAVEN WOMAN'S CLUB **MATERIAL GIRLS**

### MARCH 2023 NEWSLETTER



*Denise finishes sewing a bear at one of the Material Girl's meetings.*

#### **MEETING DATES - 1 p.m.**

##### **Tuesday, March 21**

Alice's House - 16 N Village Drive

##### **Thursday, April 20**

Lucie's House - 21 Deerfield Court

##### **Monday, May 8**

Michelle's house - 15 Sand Pine Drive

(Last meeting before summer break)

Please be sure and send a quick text or email to Lucie or Michelle if you plan on attending the March meeting. Thank you!

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## **B** is for blanket!

March is all about the blankets. It's time to finish up on our Camp Boggy Creek crocheted and knitted blankets this month. These blankets will be gifted to sick children attending Camp Boggy Creek located in Central Florida.

Along with the blankets we expect to have Twenty 3-D Boggy Creek Bears ready for donation in early April. Ladies you have done a fabulous job working on the current Boggy Creek project while faithfully keeping up with ongoing Material Girls sewing, crocheting and knitting projects. Attendees of our monthly stuffing, hand stitching of pillows and comfort bear

meetings don't realize how productive our time together has been. Each month Lucie and I deliver at a minimum 20 abdominal pillows, cancer tie pillows, comfort bears in addition to crocheted/knitted washcloths, baby hats, booties and bibs. We also drop off lap blankets for chemotherapy patients.

In addition we have individuals getting a head start on completing quilted stockings for "Christmas Come True", working on our mending project and sewing pillows and bears in preparation for our monthly meetings.

Keep up the great work! Looking forward to seeing everyone in March.

Lucie and Michelle