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Grand Haven Woman's Club

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President's Message

As I reflect over the past two years as president, one would never imagine what lied ahead for the Board of Directors and its members due to the pandemic that consumed our lives beginning Spring, 2020. With so many unknowns, the number one priority of the GHWC Board of Directors was the health and safety of our members, friends and family. Decisions were made regarding meetings and events on a meeting/event basis. Our board of directors learned to "Zoom", meet and socially distance ourselves at board meetings and wear masks. Somehow, through this time our Board of Directors were engaged, offered insight on how to proceed with events/projects and continue with our donations/volunteer opportunities. I could not be prouder of the work that our board and members did in our community during these trying times for all. As time passed, our community began to improve and allow the woman's club to have our first in-person meeting in October, 2022. Safeguards were in place so members could

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feel comfortable about attending meetings. Since, the fall of 2022, events/projects have been re-scheduled due to cases of Covid increasing during the winter months. With that said, our Board of Directors and members of committees continued to meet and adjust.

During, the past two years there have been many accomplishments of our membership. The following is a glimpse of our end of the year summary that was submitted to the state federation:

2021

62 Projects = 11,706 Volunteer Hours

\$32,379.72 donated monies to organizations within Palm Coast and Flagler County

2022:

Project Information not available at this time

As of 5/16/22 : Total contributions for the year minus reserves: \$69,972.71

Total contribution distributions : \$41,600.00

In addition, the by-laws were revised and changes were made to several areas. Job descriptions were "tweaked" to align with the changes within the by-laws. State awards were given in the spring of 2021, our club was awarded:

First Place: Arts and Culture

First Place: Fund- Raising

Our fund raisers continued to generate monies for those organizations that our club supports. A new fund raiser "Artfully Yours" was a welcomed event for all. Cheers to 16 Years was a celebration of our club's accomplishments the past 16 years. Even though many events were postponed and rescheduled our members continued to participate and support.

It amazes me the generosity of our members and how much work our members do to "Connect and Make a Difference" in our community. It has been an honor to serve as President the past two years. Never did I imagine that I would be known as the "Virtual President"! There are so many people that I want to thank for their guidance and support the past two years. A special thank you to the Board of Directors. This has been the most wonderful group of ladies to work with during my time as president. Thank you to the many members who participated in events, volunteered and made monetary donations to our many events/projects. A special thank you to my husband, John who has been great support the past two years. I wish Roi and her Board of Directors the best as they continue to "Connect and Make a Difference".

As of June 1st I can be reached by email at lhotal.kim@gmail.com or ghwc.past.president@gmail.com

Stay safe and well,

Kim

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Special Collection for Ukraine

At the general meeting on May 16th, members donated money for the children of Ukraine. The monies collected will be sent to UNICEF, USA which supports the humanitarian response for Ukraine and is providing essential services to vulnerable children and families affected by the conflict. Donating to these efforts will help ensure children in Ukraine have access to clean water, nutrition, health care, education and safe conditions. An unofficial amount of \$1142.00 will be sent to UNICEF. Thank you to all who donated to this cause.

First Vice President and Website Development

It was my pleasure to serve as the VP of the GHWC for the last couple years. It was a very challenging period and we all did our best under very difficult circumstances.

I want to thank everyone for their generosity with their time and treasure! All our events were very successful, we raised more than 55K and we were able to allocate additional funds to the organizations we support. Job well done by everyone!

I'm honored and humbled to be the club's president. The new Board is ready to welcome everyone back to our monthly meetings and events. I pray that the upcoming year will be much better and that we will be able to reconvene again and enjoy everyone's company while doing what we do best, helping those in need in our community.

I wanted to mention that the website access is increasing, as of early May 2022 it was up 64% from the same time last year. I will be posting next year's calendar in a few days, also Board information, member directory, etc., will be posted as soon as they become available. I will keep tweaking the website based on feedback that I receive from everyone. Continue using it as your resource for up-to-date information. If you need assistance with the website or have suggestions for improvements, please let me know. I'm open to all suggestions and feedback.

One more thing, please take the time over the summer months to summarize the volunteer hours that you have spent on different projects and report them. I know it's not your favorite thing to do, but do the best you can. It is imperative that we report the time we devote to the club's activities, since this information is reported to the State and they in turn report to the National.

Looking forward to seeing everyone soon!

Have a safe summer!

Roi Parris



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Membership

Happy Almost Summer Everyone!!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who were so kind and helpful these past two years when it came to membership. That includes all the members. Whether I had to beg for a renewal or you were right on time, it was a fun two years meeting and talking to you all.

I will be transferring this position over to the very competent hands of Marilyn McNamara and Cheryl Dresnok at the end of May. I would like to give them a complete roster, so (some things never change) I am asking those who have not as yet renewed or if you are not planning on doing so to let me know either way.

I'm getting my list ready for the phone calls and would like to make it a very small list with your help.

May 31st is the deadline.

Dues are \$40.00

Paypay: go to ghwomansclub.org and scroll to renew membership follow the prompt.

Or by Check: Check made out to

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

May you all have a Happy Healthy and Safe Summer and hope to see you all in September doing good things through GHWC.

Hugs,

Denise Burren



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Fundraising

FUNDRAISING EVENTS FOR 2021-2022

Nine and Dine held on October 30, 2022 Income was \$14,410. Expenses were: \$6,524 for a Profit of \$7,885.76

Art Auction was a huge success with Awilda Hamilton and her committee. It was held on March 28, 2022. Income was over \$9,000 which is remarkable and thank you Awilda and your committee. Fabulous job!

Tennis Tournament was held on April 9th and was quite successful for a morning event. The Income was \$3,766 and the Expenses were \$512 for a Total Profit of \$3,256.

Day of Games was a success and enjoyed by many women on Monday, April 25th. Thank you to those who made baskets and they were the best baskets and very much appreciated. Thanks to Marcia Bugos who was able to pull this event off without Lucy Crowley who fell and broke her neck. It was a success. The Income was \$6,065 and the Expenses were \$2,305 which included \$150 for setup of the room and increase in lunch by \$2.00. Total Profit was \$3,761 almost \$4,000 which was excellent.

Cocktails and Tapas was held at the home of Kathy and Jeff Lynn and it was a perfect evening and a lovely setting on the intracoastal waterway. This Cocktail and Tapas was one of the best that Jacki Unger and Sandi Walker chaired. They did a marvelous job with the help of their committee which consisted of Frannie McMullen, Beth Wald and Jeanine Horowitz. Mark Csik the auctioneer did a marvelous job and we had many generous people volunteering to make food which was delicious. Thanks to all who helped or purchased silent or live auction items. Brian Unger gave us a shot in the arm when he bid on the gift cards and then gave them back to have Mark auction them individually. What a bonus and it takes a Village to organize this event. Kudos to Sandi, Jacki and their committee. They raised \$7,287.58 which is excellent. Thank you! The musician and bartender were very helpful.

Lastly, we have the Cheers to 16 Years Gala being held on Saturday, May 14 with about 100 in attendance. It was a great success. Amelia Fulmer from Flagler Auditorium will be our Master of Ceremony. John Subers will try and to get the bid higher on our Sea Island Two Night Stay and Round of Golf for Grand Auction Item. We made \$2,900 on the live auction item Hoping to report the total profit soon.

Warm Regards,

Maureen Pellegrini

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Education and Libraries

Emma Zverinsky (Flagler Palm Coast High School) and Zuri Estberg (Matanzas High School) are the recipients of our annual GHWC scholarships. Both were honored and thrilled to receive this scholarship. These girls worked hard and dedicated themselves to be high achievers in the classroom and in their community. The Flagler Education Foundation Selection Committee selected these girls on our behalf after carefully going over each application. We wish Emma and Zuri the best of luck in their future endeavors.



The Bag of Books project is complete and the bags are ready to be distributed to students. This year's response was overwhelming and with the extra books we were also able to help a nursery school in Bunnell.

As my time as Education chairman draws to an end, I'd like to thank everyone for their generosity and help throughout the years.

Patsy Campbell

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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 the new Corresponding Secretary, Denise Burren, with the information via email or phone call: colector50@gmail.com or 631-300-8763.

Thanks for being a Gem of a Friend.

Peggy Smith

Health and Wellness

During the last two years we have served as the co-chairs of the Health and Wellness Committee. What a two-year Covid whirlwind, it has been!

"Drastic times call for drastic measures" and that is the approach we took to collecting donations for our Flagler County charities! Since we could not hold our GHWC luncheons each month, members of the Health and Wellness Team set up donation sites and collected donations in the parking lot of GHGC from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on the third Tuesday of every month. The support and generosity of our GHWC members and our GH neighbors exceeded our expectations and proved to be very lucrative for our designated charities.

During these two years, we have had an opportunity to meet many of our GH neighbors, work together with teams of Health and Wellness volunteers, and partner with those who work tirelessly within our local charities to provide the comfort and support needed by so many Flagler County residents. What a rewarding and enlightening two years it has been!

We would like to express our appreciation to our Health and Wellness Volunteers who have selflessly put forth efforts each month to support us in the following tasks:

1. **Grace Community Food Pantry:** Collecting, sorting, and delivering donated food and monetary contributions to the Pantry.
2. **Our Father's Table:** Volunteering to cook and plate meals to feed up to 130 and/or to meet at the United Methodist Church each Saturday afternoon to package prepared meals for delivery to homeless and in-need families.
3. **The Giving Store:** Receiving, cataloging, and delivering donated items to their designed storage sites and for being a GS team member at charity events.

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4. **Family Life Center**: collecting, sorting and delivering donated items and monetary contributions to the Center.

We thank GHWC Members for your support and generosity during these past two years and encourage you to continue to support those in our community who need a helping hand.

Our sincere appreciation,

Patty Hartsfield and Annette Felahis

(Co-Chairs of The Health and Wellness Committee/ September 2020 thru May 2022)

Volunteer of the Year

Congratulations to Maureen Pellegrini who was selected as Volunteer of the Year for the 2021-2022 Club year.



I would like to thank Laura O'Brien, Roi Parris, and Ann Roffman who served on the committee. We have so many amazing women in the GHWC many of whom were nominated, and it was a difficult choice for us.

Thank you,

Marilyn McNamara

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Neighbor2Neighbor

Official Summer is just around the corner. Sally Nord and I would like to take this time to thank all of our Neighbor-to-Neighbor Ambassadors for their hard work and dedication to the program. 2021 was a busy year with over 100 deliveries of the Welcome/Information Folder to new neighbors completed all over Grand Haven. This year should be no different.

Summer vacations are on the horizon, but the work of our welcome outreach continues year round. If you'll be leaving for cooler climates for any extended period of time, please drop us a line and let us know. We don't want to bother you while you're enjoying your vacation.

If you're not an Ambassador, we'd love to have you come on board. We have a few villages without ambassadors and are thankful for those who have volunteered to temporarily cover the vacancies. But as they say...many hands make light work and the more the merrier.

If you are interested in becoming an ambassador or have any questions about the program, feel free to contact either one of us for more information.

Again...many thanks to our ambassadors. It doesn't work without you!

Have a great summer, everyone!

Ruth Krauthamer (rkrauthamer@verizon.net)

Sally Nord (wmslnord@cfl.rr.com)

Material Girls

Using Talents and Resources to enhance the Lives of Others

Conversation and laughter, champagne, brownies, pound cake – oh and work!

The Material Girls closed out the club year at Michelle's house. Some worked on their own projects, others stuffed bears and pillows and still others prepared Christmas stockings for quilting!

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This past club year the Material Girls volunteered nearly 3000 hours and submitted in kind donations totalling \$1640. The group added to the GHWC coffers by selling tissue holders and receiving payment for mending.

Many organizations benefited: Flagler County's WIC program, Our Father's Table, Family Life Center, AdventHealth cancer and surgery patients, school children in Palm Coast and Bunnell, families participating in Christmas Come True program.

Michelle and I will continue to co-chair this group and we welcome Marie Lanier at the chair of Arts and Culture. We all look forward to another productive year.

Lucie & Michelle

As you continue to connect and make a difference please find time to do something special for yourself this summer!!

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Arts and Culture

Thursday, April 21st found GHWC members at the Flagler Beach Historical Museum where Mr. James Fisk shared interesting facts about Flagler Beach's history. He also introduced attendees to "Bessie", one of the turtles on the Palm Coast Arts Foundation Turtle Trail.



Tentative plans will see GHWC members visiting the Holden House in Bunnell to learn about the Flagler County's history. We may even get to participate in a bus tour – if COVID protocols allow. More information on this when club activities resume in September.

I have had fun spending time and learning with you during the past year. **Marie Lanier** has agreed to chair the Arts and Culture CSP for the coming two years. You can reach her at this email: ghwc.artsandculture@gmail.com

I will continue to plan some outings and help her with the many ideas she has. It should be an exciting year!

Enjoy your summer and keep connecting and making a difference in any way you can!

Lucie Lachance

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