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Grand Haven Woman's Club

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President's Message



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March is Women's History Month. As a woman's club we have so many women from all parts of this country and world. We are blessed to have such a diverse group of ladies who connect and make a difference in our community. I have had numerous ladies in my personal and professional life who have had such an impact on my life. Evie S. was a school administrator who led her school with a leadership style of surrounding herself with teachers and support staff who shared her vision for a successful school. Diane P. was a minister who provided me guidance in my personal faith journey. My Mom, June who has always been a woman of strong faith and family values. In addition, there are so many women who I met through work and my personal life that have had an impact on my life. During, the month of March we celebrate the accomplishments of women past and present.

I want to thank Laura O'Brien for all her work in compiling the clubs work and donations the past year for our end of the year report. The following is a brief summary of our work:

Total Number of Projects: 62
Total Number of Volunteer Hours: 11,706
Total Dollars Donated: \$118,791
Total In-Kind Donations: \$136,976
Grand Total Dollars: \$255,767

Congratulations to all our members for your time and donations for our community. The entire report is located on our website. www.ghwomansclub.org

As spring is approaching, our club has numerous activities and events for our members/community to participate. I encourage you to go to our website and check out our calendar for dates and times of events.

Kim Lhota
President,
GHC





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GRAND HAVEN WOMAN'S CLUB



COMMUNITY EXPO

April 14, 2022

GRAND HAVEN GOLF CLUB

2:00-4:00

If you are new to Grand Haven or want to learn about volunteer opportunities

The following organizations will be participating :

Haven Family Fund
Family Life Center
Flagler Humane Society
Grace Food Pantry
Flagler Education Foundation
Flagler County Historical Society
AARP Tax Aide
Alpha Women's Center
The Flagler Auditorium
Palm Coast Arts Foundation
Friends of Gamble Rogers State Park
Our Father's Table
Palm Coast Historical Society
Advent Health Palm Coast
Advent Health Foundation Palm Coast
Habitat for Humanity
Flagler County Sheriff Department
United Way

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Membership

Hello GHWC Membership

I am so Happy and sure that you are too, that Covid has finally quieted down and things are picking up. In person meetings are getting underway. We hope to see more of you attending before this year is concluded in May.

We have had a small but steady stream of New Members since September and I am Happy to say membership is up to 196.

Speaking of Membership, I want to remind everyone that Membership renewals for next year will begin in April 2022. The dues are \$40.00. That can be paid in two ways starting this April.

1. You can pay with a charge card through the clubs PayPal account, Go to

GHWomansclub.org . There scroll to Membership Renewal and follow the directions for payment.

2. You can send a Check made out to GHWC Renewal to me at:

GHWC

c/o Denise Burren

10 Grandview Drive

Palm Coast, FL 32137

Please wait until April to remit you payments, this is just a heads up.

Any questions, Please contact me at: Colector50@gmail.com

Hoping all of you are well as we move into this beautiful Springtime of the Year.

Denise Burren

Membership Chair

Fundraising

Dear Grand Haven Residents,

Please consider signing up for our future event "**Cheers to 16 Years Gala**" If you would like to organize a table or just participate please contact Carolyn Million at millioncb@yahoo.com or call her at 386-264-1680. You can also contact Paula Geppner to sign up for this event. Paula's email is: pkgeppner@gmail.com.

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Please plan on signing up soon. This event was postponed due to Covid and we now have a new date of May 14th for everyone to celebrate. Hope to see everyone at this great event which honors our Grand Haven Woman's Club founding members **Past and Present**. It is going to be a wonderful time at the Grand Haven Golf Club.

The flier is attached with all the detailed information.

If anyone is attending Cheers to 16 Years Gala, would like to place a bid for the Sea Island stay and golf, please do so by emailing either Carolyn Million or Maureen Pellegrini. The bids for the Sea Island trip for two days with golf is starting at \$1,200.

There will be a Live Auction at the Gala but we can start the bidding now.

Warm Regards,

Maureen Pellegrini
Fundraising Chair



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Please Join Us!

Artfully YOURS 2022 Art Auction



The Grand Haven Woman's Club is proud to present its inaugural art auction,

Artfully YOURS!

This event will feature a wide variety of mediums and pieces including paintings, sculptures, glasswork and more from local and nationally recognized artists (many from Grand Haven).

Monday, March 28, 2022

Grand Haven Golf Clubhouse

Art Bids starting at \$300

Silent & Live Auctions from 4—6 PM

Event includes heavy hors d'oeuvres, signature cocktail
and cash bar

Tickets \$25/person available at GHWomansclub.org

For more information about this event,
contact GHArtLady@gmail.com

Special Thanks to our Sponsors



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SOME OF THE CHARITIES THE WOMAN'S CLUB SUPPORTS
ARE: Flagler County Education Foundation, Family Life
Center, Feed Flagler/Grace Community Food Pantry, Flagler
Free Clinic and Palm Coast Volunteer Fire Rescue

**COME PLAY IN OUR CHARITY TENNIS
TOURNAMENT – ALL ABILITY LEVELS ARE
WELCOME! (LIMITED TO 56 PLAYERS – FIRST
COME, FIRST SERVE)**

HOSTED BY GRAND HAVEN WOMAN'S CLUB

SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 2022

START TIME: 8:30 AM, Amount \$50.00

**BOXED LUNCH WILL BE SERVED AROUND THE POOL AREA OR
TO TAKE HOME ALONG WITH A LIVE AUCTION ITEM.**

**NON-PLAYERS, COME EARLY AND JOIN US FOR LUNCH AND CHEER ON YOUR PLAYERS – BOXED LUNCH
\$12. THERE WILL BE NO LUNCHES PURCHASED THE DAY OF THE TENNIS TOURNAMENT.**

Guests may purchase tickets by April 3rd only!

**LOCATION: GRAND HAVEN VILLAGE TENNIS COURTS, BRIAN COUNTS WILL BE IN
CHARGE OF THE GROUPINGS**

**CONTACT FOR TICKETS: MAUREEN PELLEGRINI, EMAIL: maureenpellegrini@gmail.com or
cell phone: 860-989-4148. All checks need to be made out to the Grand Haven Woman's Club.**

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BASIC RULES FOR THE TENNIS TOURNAMENT

- Each player must select a partner of their choice (men with men, woman with woman) for doubles play.
- Each doubles team (2 players) will be assigned into one of two levels for both the Men's and Woman's division determined by the players combined level of play.
- There will be (3) rounds of play. All seven courts will be used for a total of 28 players (14 teams) per round. Each round will consist of a total of 9 no ad games.
- Top winners for each division will be determined by the highest number of games won for the combined rounds. There will be a 1st and 2nd prize for each division.
- Please make all checks payable to Grand Haven Woman's Club and mail to Maureen Pellegrini, 104 Lagare Street, Palm Coast, Florida 32137.
- Time and Date of the Tennis Tournament is April 9th and it starts promptly at 8:30 am until 12:30 pm, followed by lunch around the Pool Area or to take Home. We welcome guests and spectators to join us for lunch. Thank you! Cost of the Lunch is \$12 and please mail check to Maureen Pellegrini. No lunch tickets purchased the day of the tournament. Must purchase tickets by April 3rd.

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**The GRAND HAVEN WOMAN'S CLUB thanks the following companies
who are partnering with us this year.**

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Grand Haven Woman's Club Member Publishes Book



GHWC member Beth Havens wrote a book last year and had it self-published. It is now available in both paperback and ebook versions. The name of the book is Family Secrets. There are several sites on which you can find her book (see below), read a short synopsis, a brief excerpt, and the author's bio. One of her daughters-in-law sketched the illustration for the cover. It is a fun fictionalized version of a personal experience. Please consider purchasing one of the versions. And if not, if you would at least click on it, that will indicate interest in the book to the distributors who will likely keep it on their websites. Thanks for taking a look!

<https://booklocker.com/12212>

<https://www.amazon.com/dp/B09TRJ61KW>

<https://www.barnesandnoble.com/w/family-secrets-beth-diane-havens/1140994662?ean=2940161118023>

<https://books.apple.com/us/book/id1612363091>

Education and Libraries

The Book Sale was a huge success thanks to the many volunteers that made it happen. Thank you to the neighborhood coordinators, unpackers, sellers and all the strong and willing ladies that distributed the leftover books to various thrift stores and libraries. The proceeds from this event go to the many organizations we support.

The Bag of Books project is next on the agenda. Please remember to purchase books for toddler through middle school ages to fill the bags for students in the Flagler schools.

The Flagler Education Foundation is having their annual golf fund raiser at the Grand Haven Golf Club on April 11th and are in need of our help. So many of us volunteered last year and it was a huge success and great fun for all. Please contact me if you are interested in giving some time for this worthy cause.

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 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

Health and Wellness

The first 2 months of 2022 have been very successful in terms of the collections and donations received for our local charities! GHWC will continue to hold monthly collection events on the third Tuesday of each month from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm in the parking lot of the Grand Haven Golf Club. Please mark these dates on your calendars..... March 15th, April 19th and May 17th. (Please let us know if we can work with you to collect your donations at another time.

We want to thank the members of Grand Haven Woman's Club, our neighbors, and our friends for your generosity in supporting Grace Community Food Pantry (Weekly Food Drives, "Feed Flagler" and "Fed by Grace Backpacks Program"), Family Life Center, The Giving Store, and Our Father's Table. Your donations have helped these organizations provide support to so many families in Flagler County struggling through difficult times. Your generosity is making such a positive difference in our community is greatly appreciated!

WHAT DO THESE CHARITIES DO WITH OUR DONATIONS? In the following paragraphs, we have outlined the Missions and needs of each of the Flagler Organizations receiving your donations. Please take a few minutes to review this information. Thank you!
Grace Community Food Pantry sponsors these programs:

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

- **The Grace Community Food Pantry** continues to serve about 5000 cars a month on Saturdays and Sundays. Each weekend families from all over Flagler form a long line of cars along US-1 in Bunnell to wait and receive groceries from Grace Pantry for the next week. **DONATIONS:** We accept cash donations and checks made to the order of Grace Community Food Pantry. (The Pantry purchases food from Second Harvest for

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approximately 18 cents a pound. Your monetary donations go a long way in feeding Flagler Families. 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. Each Wednesday the Pantry delivers bags filled with 6-8 pounds of food to schools designated by the school district. These schools provide a backpack of food to participating students on Fridays, 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 hot Thanksgiving dinner or a place to come and have a meal. The 2021 Feed Flagler program was called the "Mustard Seed" The Pantry asked for donations of \$35.00 to sponsor a Flagler Family for Thanksgiving, but donations of any amount were greatly appreciated. Cash donations and checks written to Grace Community Food Pantry with "FEED FLAGLER" noted on the memo line will support this annual campaign.

- **Family Life Center** Mission of The Family Life Center is to provide essential support services to individuals and families to help end domestic violence and sexual violence in Flagler County. In October The GHWC's Material Girls donated 15 hand-made stuffed bears to the children under the care of the Family Life Center.

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.), socks, underwear, pajamas, gently used clothing (women's and children's) and gift cards to "super stores" which sell clothing, medicines, and food.

- **The Giving Store** For more than 25 years, during the holidays, Flagler Volunteer Services and the Retired & Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) have 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. Last year due to covid The Giving Store had to cancel many of its fundraising event but was able to alter this traditional holiday event in order to enable

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children to get gifts for their family members.

DONATIONS: The Giving Store is accepting monetary donations of any amount, as well as any new or gently used items which can be given to family members of any age (infants to grandparents, male and female). Any surplus items donated will be included in their future Rummage Sales.

- **Our Father's Table**

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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.

DONATIONS: The following are needed by Our Father's Table:

- 1 Monetary donations and canned foods with pop-top lid meals.
2. Volunteers to assist on Saturday afternoons in assembling meals.

3. Volunteers to sign up to cook a meal for 80+ people. (This is a great way to cook with a friend or friends. The Health and Wellness Committee currently has teams of 2 to 4 people who are assisting in this effort. The Church provides the main ingredients for the meal.)

Again, we

want to express our gratitude and appreciation to GHWC members, our friends, and neighbors in Grand Haven and in Flagler County for the support you provide for these local organizations.

Warm regards,

Co-Chairs of Health and Wellness Program,

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



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Civic Engagement

Events

Monday, March 14 @ 4 pm In-person at the PCHS Museum in Holland Park "Museum Monday" - Former ITT employee and Exit Realty broker Ric Giumenta will - share his memories of marketing Palm Coast during the early days of development.

Wednesday, March 16 @ 1:30 pm GHWC group visit to the PCHS Museum Arts & Culture Chair Lucie LaChance is organizing a tour of the museum. Kathy R-E will provide an overview of the exhibits with a focus on "Garfield." Visit will include viewing a 30 minute DVD narrated by historian Art Dycke on the development of Palm Coast from 1969 - 1985.

Saturday, March 19 @ 10:00 am - In-person at the PC Community Center PCHS Speaker Event with support from Florida Humanities
Dr. Andrew Frank from Florida State University
"Making Chief Osceola" - Learn what is fact vs. fiction about Chief Osceola who played a pivotal role in the Second Seminole War and died in US Military captivity in 1838.

Details available at www.palmcoasthistory.org

PCHS representatives will be attending "An Evening Of Arts & Culture" hosted by the Flagler County Cultural Council. Guest speakers from the FL Division of Arts and Culture and the St. Johns Cultural Council will share insights.

Tuesday, February 22 5:30 - 8:00 pm at the African American Cultural Society RSVP: 386-313-4229 or info@flaglerculture.org

Monday, February 21, 2022 5:30 - 8:00 pm at the African American Cultural Society RSVP: 386-313-4229 or info@flaglerculture.org

Kathy M. Reichard-Ellavsky



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Arts and Culture

Wednesday, March 16th will find several GHWC members enjoying a visit to the Palm Coast Historical Museum to hear a presentation by our own, Kathy Reichard-Ellavsky. They will also view a film, narrated by Art Dycke, documenting Palm Coast's early years. Members will be introduced to Palm Coast Arts Foundation's "Garfield" turtle as well.

Do you feel like you missed an interesting outing?

You are in luck! We have another outing scheduled. On Thursday, April 21st, you are invited to join fellow members for a visit to the Flagler Beach Historical Museum for a tour and presentation by Kathy Wilcox who is the director. We will also learn about another of the Palm Coast Arts Foundation's turtle - "Bessie". We'll enjoy lunch together at the Funky Pelican before our 2 p.m. visit.

Please get in touch with me if you'd like to come along or if you have questions.

Lucie Lachance

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Material Girls

Using talents and resources to enrich the lives of others

Did you know that you can access our newsletters on the GHWC website – www.ghwomansclub.org ? Michelle and I encourage you to take a few minutes to see what we've been up to during the last few months.

We are delighted to be meeting in person in a member's home on the second Monday of the month at 1 o'clock.

We welcome new members. So...if you like to crochet, knit, or sew, come join us! We can also use your help stuffing items such as comfort pillows and cutting fabric for various projects. Fabric and yarn donations are greatly appreciated.

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