



# Grand Haven Woman's Club



## NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2023

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### IMPORTANT ACTIVITIES AND DATES:

March 3-4	Book sale
March 18	Cocktails & Tapas
April 4	Learn and Grow

Check E-Blasts or website for details.

### BOARD AND GENERAL MEETINGS

All meetings begin at 11:00 a.m.

March 20  
April 17  
May 15

### *President's Update*

*March 8<sup>th</sup> is International Women's Day!* This is a global day celebrating social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women. IWD is over 100 years old, with the first gathering in 1911. It is not country, group or organization specific, it belongs to all groups collectively everywhere! This year's theme is #EmbraceEquity

The GFWC District 6 recognized our club with the *Angels in Disguise* award in several categories. The awards were for 2021 and will be placed in the display case at Creekside Amenities Center.

**1<sup>st</sup> place for Health & Wellness**

**3<sup>rd</sup> place for Fundraising, Membership and the President's project**

**Honorable mention for Education and Arts & Culture**

Thank you to all the hard working ladies for their efforts during some very challenging times!

A few reminders:

- ❖ Volunteer of the Year nominations are due prior to 3/15/2023. This is your opportunity to recognize your fellow club members for their efforts. Go to our website [GHWomansClub.org/VOY](http://GHWomansClub.org/VOY) (click this link or type it on your browser) to submit your nomination.
- ❖ Our annual membership renewal will launch in April. Payment information is available on our website [GHWomansClub.org/Membership-renewal](http://GHWomansClub.org/Membership-renewal).
- ❖ We know that our members have varied and interesting backgrounds, we would love it if you shared your skills and talents with us! Complete and submit the questionnaire on our website [GHWomansClub.org/memberskills](http://GHWomansClub.org/memberskills).
- ❖ I know that several of our members like to use their phone for accessing our website and this on occasion is not working as well as it should. I will be developing a mobile version of our website soon to improve that situation. More details to come soon!

Our first ever Croquet Tournament event exceeded our expectations! [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.

Looking forward to seeing you at our next meeting on **March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023.**



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## *1st Vice President News Awilda Hamilton*

Our March speaker is LaTonya Daniel, Executive Director, Florida Space Coast Chapter, American Red Cross of Central Florida. This organization's humanitarian mission connects us to people and communities across the region, nation, and around the world. Mrs. Daniel will share ways the American Red Cross mission is fulfilled locally by responding to a variety of needs in a variety of ways. Her presentation titled "Today's American Red Cross: Connecting People to Resources and Restoring Hope" will showcase how she is reenergizing this historic Red Cross Chapter through creativity, innovation, and **LOVE!**



## *Grand Haven Woman's Club Charity Event - Mallet Madness Croquet for a Cause -*

If you missed it, February 25 & 26, a group of wonderful, generous residents were participating in the first GHWC Charity Croquet Event - Mallet Madness, and the Courts were Rock'n and the Balls were Rolling.

We had 32 players, and spectators who participated in and watched the games. There was an early morning coffee/donut reception sponsored by Dunkin', lunches sponsored by Jimmy Johns, and a Meet N Greet catered by the Waterside Cafe, Saturday afternoon. Appetizers and Raffle Baskets were the main topic at the Meet N Greet with many wonderful prizes from a Hammock Beach Golf and Spa package, Massage/Facial Gift Certificates from Massage Envy to a Norman Rockwell 1932 Croquet Print.

The winners of the event were:

- **1st Place** – Nancy Crouch & Macey White
- **2nd Place** – Dorothy and Dana Silliman
- **Giving it their Best Shot** – Jane Stanton & Cathy Gile

Congratulations to the winners and all that participated in this event.

*"Reaching Out and Lifting Up"*





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## *Mallet Madness continued:*

You're probably wondering, how did we get here and why a croquet charity event? A year and a half ago, Maureen Pellegrini came to me and asked about putting on a charity croquet event for the Grand Haven Woman's Club. Maureen has been the fundraising chair for the tennis events in the past and wanted to do something different and incorporate other Grand Haven amenities. At the time the community only had one court available, so I had to pass, but told her the community was expecting to get two more courts in the winter of 2021, and we could start thinking about an event then.

With that said, here we are, a community that has generously come together to support this wonderful organization and help so many in our community and county. The Mallet Madness event netted \$10,606.12.

Thirteen In-Kind Sponsors donated lunches, shirts, items and prizes for the raffle baskets that were valued at \$5,200.

I want to say thank you to my Mallet Madness Committee and Volunteers and all the Sponsors, players and all who donated.

Without you it would not have been the success it was.

Keep the Balls Rolling.

Patti Paukovich

## *Neighbor 2 Neighbor Program - N2N*

Once again we would like to thank our ambassadors for the volunteered time they have given in support of the N2N program. For those of you unfamiliar with this program, N2N is a welcoming program for new Grand Haven residents. New neighbors are contacted by an ambassador through email, and then a packet with much useful information is delivered to them. In 2022, 98 new residents were contacted. We know that reaching out to our new neighbors in a personal way is greatly appreciated by them.



***Congratulations to all the Winners!!!***

## *N2N continued:*

It's also a wonderful way to introduce them to the GHWC and tell them all the terrific things we are doing for the Flagler Community. 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, and Hidden Lakes. 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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## *Health and Wellness*

Thank you to Sandy Hollenbeck for coordinating the Diabetes Program with the Diabetes Alliance.

The program provided participants with a pre-diabetes risk test and free blood screenings. Great information on how lifestyle choices affect not only diabetes but the heart. That is important because diabetes increases cardiac risk 2 to 4 times. Information on lifestyle choices is helpful to all members not just those with known diabetes to help prevent these diseases. To learn more the next program will be held in November.

Thank you to all members for your monthly donations. So proud to be able to take our monthly donations to the food pantry. We collected 268 pounds of food last month. The Food Pantry, Family Life Center and the Giving Store are always so grateful for the donations. Keep up the good work.

Adele Large

## *Arts and Culture*

Hi Ladies

As usual our group's feet are barely touching the ground and there's more planned ahead. Please contact me at [ghwc.arts.culture@gmail.com](mailto:ghwc.arts.culture@gmail.com) if you have interest in any of our upcoming activities.

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**March 19- from 1-4 pm - join us for a proper British Tea Party** at the Gallery of Local Artists (GOLA) in Flagler. There will also be music, artists to meet and some artsy vendor tables. \$15 per person. Checks written out to GOLA should be dropped off to me by March 6. My address is 3 N. Park Circle.

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**March 24 - 1 pm. Enjoy a showing of the movie, Under The Tuscan Sun** and some flavorful Italian



## *Art and Culture continued:*

to set the mood. This event will be hosted by member, MJ Elwood.

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### **April 12- 10 a.m.**

Come with us and visit the historic Holden House in Bunnell. If interested email [lucieglachance@gmail.com](mailto:lucieglachance@gmail.com) or text Lucie at 603-203-7636.

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### **April 14- 1 pm - Lets Make a**

**Beachy Wreath with Maryann Collinson.** The cost is \$60 to make wreath with your choice of ribbon. Classes are limited to 10 makers. Additional classes will be formed as needed.

I hope our activities excite and appeal to you! To join us, please contact me at the email above for more details.

Hugs to All,

Marie Lanier

Your Arts and Culture Chair





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## *Invitation to visit Flagler County Historical Society*

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. Fran Anderson emphasizes that there is a lot to see on the first floors of the Holden House and the Annex. 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 10:00 a.m. The 60- to 90-minute tour will start at 10:15 a.m.

Lunch will follow at Terranova Restaurant at 208 No. State St. (Route 1) in Bunnell.

Visit the society's website: [flaglercountyhistoricalsociety.com](http://flaglercountyhistoricalsociety.com). The site provides lots of interesting information to help you decide if you would like to attend.

If you're interested please let me know by emailing me at [lucieglachance@gmail.com](mailto:lucieglachance@gmail.com). You can also text me at 603-203-7636. A sign-up sheet will be available at the GHWC meeting on Monday, 3/20/23.

## *VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR*

The purpose of this committee is to select a GHWC member who has made a significant contribution to GHWC and the Flagler County community during the current club year.

The VOY Criteria/Process and the VOY Nomination Form can be accessed and submitted via the GHWC website ([www.ghwomansclub.org](http://www.ghwomansclub.org)) by clicking the VOY button on the Home Page. Please review the Criteria/Process and complete the Nomination Form to submit a recommendation

Submissions can also be sent to Marilyn McNamara, VOY Committee Chair, as follows and are due by March 15, 2023:

Via Email [ghwc.voy@gmail.com](mailto:ghwc.voy@gmail.com)  
Postal Mail 20 Grandview  
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Any questions can be submitted to the VOY email address: [ghwc.voy@gmail.com](mailto:ghwc.voy@gmail.com)

## **HAPPYMARCH BIRTHDAY!!!**

Dona Manuck	1	Pat Driscoll	11	Jenny Scott	23
Marcia Kesner	4	Jackie Rodgers	11	Nancy Beneducci	31
Catherine Whitby	6	Patti Paukovich	17	Patty Stauffer	31
Diane Johnson	7	Carol Smith	21		
Peg Pettingell	9	Sheryl Marvin	23		





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L to R: President Roi Parris, Cathy DiDonato, Selma Paul, Kathleen Donner, Sue Guy, and Carol Culpepper.

Missing: Missie Carrey

## ***MEET OUR NEW MEMBERS!***

What a great month this was for our club – we gained six new members! I was able to catch up with four of them to introduce them to you: Cathy DiDonato, Selma Paul, Sue Guy, and Missie Parrey.

**Cathy DiDonato** just moved to the Southlake section of Grand Haven in April 2022. She is a part-time resident and still has a home in Long Island. Cathy lives with her husband Benny and their six year old Yellow Lab named Nico. She has worked as a legal secretary and paralegal.

It was the proximity to the beach, and the beauty of the old trees that drew Cathy and her husband to Palm Coast. She said, “We love the look of Grand Haven with its beautiful trees, golf course, and walking trails. We also like all the amenities that Grand Haven has to offer.” The best parts of living here, she added, is the beach and boating. Nothing bugs her about Grand Haven. “Not yet.” Let’s hope that continues, Cathy! Welcome to you and Benny!

**Selma Paul** is also a Southlake resident who goes back and forth to her other home in Lake Lanier, Georgia. She has lived here for two years with her husband Steve “when I can get him here!” she says. Selma and Steve don’t have any pets right now, but Selma said “I hope to have a doggie in the near future.” Selma is still working as a certified appraiser of art, antiques, jewelry, and other items. Even though she is a part-time resident, Selma was attracted to Palm Coast because of its lifestyle and affordability. Not one to sit around in a rocking chair, Selma’s favorite things to do in Grand Haven are riding bikes, water aerobics, garden, play pickleball, canasta, party with her peeps, and eat seafood! She loves the Oak trees in our neighborhood, but admits she is not crazy about their high maintenance. Selma would like her neighbors to know “I am happy to be here whenever I can be!” Welcome to you and Steve!





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## *Meet our new members continued:*

**Sue Guy** has lived in Grand Haven for over six years, having moved here from Washington state. She lives with her husband Wayne and a large Goldendoodle. Her work experiences include retail and secretarial work. Sue was drawn to Grand Haven when she came to visit and said, "We loved the community." She also loves all the daily activities but is not a fan of Southern States. Sue would like her neighbors to know "I am friendly and I love life!" What a great attitude! Welcome to you and Wayne!

**Missie Parrey** also lives in Southlake and has been here for just about four years. She and her husband Ernie and daughter Brielle moved here from New Jersey. They don't have any pets right now, but Missie is very busy working as a Registered Nurse and Health Educator for St. Johns County School District. Missie said she was attracted to Palm Coast/Grand Haven by "the amount of open space, the beautiful scenery, the beach, and our fabulous community." Her favorite things to do include going to the beach, playing golf, lounging on her lanai, "and meeting with my lovely neighbors for cocktail hour!" The only thing that bugs her is "our sidewalks!" Missie would like her neighbors to know "My family and I are looking forward to making new friends and establishing strong ties to our Grand Haven Community!" Welcome to Missie, Ernie, and Brielle!

Cheryl Dresnok  
Membership Co-Chair



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



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## FEBRUARY 2023 NEWSLETTER

### MEETING PLANS

During our February meeting we will continue stuffing/sewing bears and cancer care tie pillows. We are also in a frenzy to complete Boggy Creek bears as well as crocheted and knitted blankets for Camp Boggy Creek attendees. All blankets need to be completed by the end of March to ensure blankets are ready to donate in April.

### MEETING DATES - 1 p.m.

**Tuesday, February 28**

Michelle's house - 15 Sand Pine Drive

**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



Nurses from AdventHealth Palm Coast are thrilled to receive Material Girl abdominal pillows. Pillows are given to same day surgery patients.

This happy Mom and toddler appreciated receiving a bear while visiting the Flagler County WIC offices.



February 20, 2023



The Material Girls received a thank you letter from The Flagler County WIC staff extending their sincere appreciation for all the goodies we have provided for their babies and toddlers. "Your crafting skills, dedication and time is a blessing to all the mothers and babies who you serve. We are truly thankful for having your volunteer organization in our community."

## Congratulation Material Girls

On February 10th three members of the Grand Haven's Woman's Club attended the GFWC (General Federation of Women's Clubs Florida (GFWC) District 6 Arts and Crafts Show and Meeting in Cocoa, Florida. Since it was a show and tell meeting we brought a few items made by Material Girls. And lo' and behold two items received 1st place. These items will now be shown at the Florida Woman's Clubs annual meeting held in Orlando this coming April. Items displayed at this meeting have all been made by Woman's Clubs members throughout the state of Florida.

Of course we know how much all of our hard work is appreciated in our community but it sure is nice to see that others see value in all our hard work. Way to go Material Girls!!!



Denise, Ann and Marilyn tried their hand at making baby hats with knitting looms at the last meeting. Hats were completed and will be donated to WIC.

## Children's Books Needed

Consider purchasing children's books to help fill the mini origami bags being made for Ms. Jane Ziolkowski's kindergarten class. Bags/books will be donated to the class in Bunnell at the end of this school year.

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

Lucie and Michelle

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