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MARCH 2026 NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

Awilda Hamilton

March is **Women's History Month**, and it is the perfect time to celebrate the dedicated women of the **GRAND HAVEN WOMAN'S CLUB**.

What makes us successful? Quite simply, it is your continued support. Your commitment to our club is evident in so many ways: creating raffle baskets; contributing, sorting, and delivering donations of food, clothing, personal care and household goods; and providing school supplies and personal care items. You cook, mentor, sew, collect books, and create much needed items of comfort. You protect animals, advocate and solicit for our club initiatives, and so much more.

Nothing seems to be beyond our club's capacity, and that is truly amazing. Thank you for everything you do. **TOGETHER, WE CAN** do anything!

EDUCATION NEWS

Education and Library Chair, Jacki Unger

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank all of our 23 members who have been collecting and sorting books for the GHWC Book Sale on March 6th and 7th. A special thanks to our book sale chairs, Gail Naworal and Marcie Leonard for taking on this event. There are so many members that come together to make these things possible and it doesn't go unnoticed. We look forward to seeing you there, whether it's to volunteer or to shop! See you on March 6th and 7th at the Grand Haven room.

We are looking for volunteers for the Education Foundation Golf Tournament right here at the Grand Haven Golf Club. If you are interested in helping out on April 20th please contact me. This is always a fun event. Thank you.

CORRESPONDING NEWS

Corresponding Secretary, Suzanne O'Meally

"Together we can bring a little sunshine into each other's lives"

You continue doing a fantastic job contacting me when one of us needs a card! Remember, you are my eyes and ears. Falls, broken bones, hospital visits... in need of sunshine, thinking of you. A life accomplishment! A sympathy card for the passing of a member, their spouse or child. Please notify me at ghwc.corr.sec@gmail.com; byra19@aol.com or 571-334-0072.



Please Note: The April GHWC meeting will be held on the second Monday of the month, **April 13th**.

"Together We Can"



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HEALTH & WELLNESS

For Health & Wellness, Bonnie Lyons

The Alpha Women's Center in Flagler County will be the beneficiary of donations in March. Drop off donated items before and after the March 16th meeting in the clubhouse parking lot. The Alpha Women's Center offers support, compassion and resources, including ultrasounds and parenting classes for pregnant women and new moms who might otherwise think they are alone during this journey in their lives. Women participating in parenting classes earn Baby Bucs to be used in the Baby Boutique located at the center. In the past year the state of Florida has aided pregnancy centers such as Alpha by allocating funds so that women have the resources to help themselves through their pregnancies. Alpha has benefited from this by being able to purchase diapers, wipes, etc. through this new funding. However, they are still in need of supplies for their baby boutique, this is where GHWC members can come to their aid.

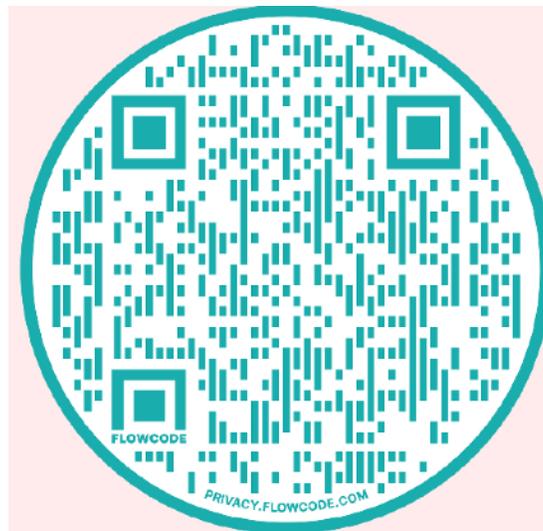
MARCH COLLECTION ITEMS INCLUDE:

1. GLASS baby bottles both 4oz and 8oz
2. Infant bathtubs
3. Infant hooded towels and washcloths

If you would like to provide Alpha with any additional items other than what is listed above, they are also in need of some higher ticket items such as strollers (not umbrella strollers), infant carseats and bouncy seats with trays that will accommodate small toys. Alpha now has a QR Code which takes you to their Amazon wish list website. You can order items from this site and it will be shipped directly to the center.

Below is Alpha's QR code:

Thank you for your generosity in supporting the Alpha Women's Center. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at (610)420-7422.





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ARTS & CULTURE HIGHLIGHTS - MARCH 2026

Check these out locally on your own!

March 6th

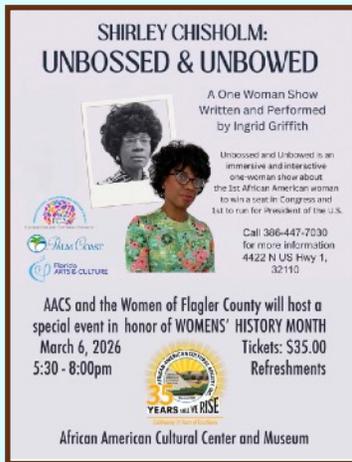
SHIRLEY CHISHOLM – UNBOSSSED AND UNBOUND

5:30 – 8PM - \$35.00

AFRICAN AMERICAN CULTURE

4422 N. US 1

386-447-7030



March 15th

THE MAGIC FLUTE presented by First Coast Opera

7:30 PM \$35.00

LEWIS AUDITORIUM at Flagler College

14 Granada Street

St. Augustine, FL

904-819-6413

Experience Mozart's enchanting opera!

March 29th

ART IN THE PARK

12PM TO 5 PM FREE EVENT

JAMES WELDON JOHNSON PARK

135 W. Monroe Street

Jacksonville, FL

ART IN THE PARK - Cont.

Witness artists of all ages create stunning chalk art in the annual competition, featuring live music, food trucks, and family-friendly activities.

Arts & Culture

Arts & Culture Chairs, Cheryl Ringer and Jeanine Horowitz

Hope we can welcome March with warmer weather! We will have two fun activities this month.

Our schedule for activities in March includes the following:

March 20 – FRIDAY- 1PM – Light Up Sea Glass Tree

Pricing from \$35.00 - \$70.00

Salty Mermaid

1556 Ocean Shore Blvd,

Ormond Beach 904-704-7449

Reservations made on line. Contact Cheryl for information.

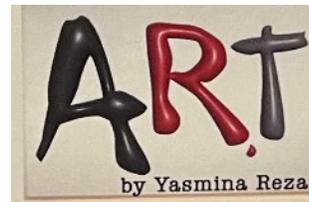
Ghwc.arts.culture@gmail.com

March 29 – SUNDAY Matinee 3PM – ART by Yasmina Reza

Tickets \$27.00 Checks made out to Jeanine Horowitz

City Repertory Theatre in Palm Coast

386-585-9415



A hilarious look at friendship and taste.

If you did not already sign up at our last meeting, please contact JeanineHorowitz53@gmail.com

We have many new members in GHWC so if you are interested in joining the **Arts and Culture** group or our **BOOK CLUB** please be sure to let us know. We have sign up tables at our meetings monthly.



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Health & Wellness

For Health & Wellness, Kristina Bracciale

Health & Wellness's Kristin Bracciale is leading the April collection effort for The Family Life Center. You can text/call her at 508-667-5129 or by email at braccialek@gmail.com.

Too often, survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault feel broken and abandoned. You can help The Family Life Center "LIFT and SUPPORT survivors with a donation of NEW bras and panties. Your gift will provide a fresh start and proof that someone cares.

Small and medium size new sports bras are most needed. However, you can also donate new bras (S, M, L, XL) and new panties (S, M, X, XL) Hipster and bikini style panties are more popular than briefs.

There will be a bin at the April 13th GHWC meeting to receive your donations. Once we see how many we have, we will package them in pretty, fun bundles!

Health & Wellness

Health & Wellness Co-Chairs, Lucie Lachance and Eileen Marotto

This month, numbers tell some of the story. In February, H&W's collection of canned goods for *Grace Community Food Pantry* totaled **300 lbs.** which is valued at **\$630** for in-kind. You donated **63** bags of wide egg noodles to *Our Father's Table* for an in-kind value of **\$175**. Bev Fox reported the in-kind value of the donations to *The Giving Store* was **\$1024** for items collected between December 26th and February 26th.

Dedicated Donations – March and April

Please donate canned fruit and/or boxed cookies and crackers for this month's collection for Grace Community Food Pantry.

If you like to plan ahead, in APRIL please provide breakfast items such as boxed/bagged cereal, peanut butter, raisins and/or Nutri-Grain bars.

Refer to *Bonnie Lyons'* article in this newsletter for details about H&W's collection this month for Alpha Women's Center. You can also read about Kristina Bracciale's efforts regarding April's collection for The Family Life Center.

Eileen Marotto and I extend our thanks to GHWC members and Grand Haven residents who donate to any of the worthy causes GHWC's Health and Wellness Program supports.

Thank you!

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emarotto@msn.com

Lucie Lachance
603-203-7636
lucieglachance@gmail.com



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ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Environment Committee Chair, Ann Roffman

On Wednesday, February 25, a group of ten of us visited the beach pavilion at Gamble Rogers State Park for a presentation on the Marineland Right Whale Project. We anticipated an educational program, but we were pleasantly surprised by an even more engaging experience. Terran McGinnis, the project coordinator, provided a dynamic presentation that left us feeling like experts within the hour.

Right whales are an extremely endangered species. While conservation efforts are helping, more needs to be done. Ms. McGinnis explained how technology in the crab and lobster fishing industries is making an impact, and how mapping shipping routes is helping to reduce vessel encounters. The hope is that these programs will eventually restore the Right whale population to much greater levels.

How can we help? Females and their offspring are typically in our ocean waters from mid-November to mid-April. It is vital to monitor the population so scientists can understand the effectiveness of conservation efforts. If you see a Right whale while at the beach, please call 888-97-WHALE (888-979-4253).

I encourage you to save this number in your phone and call if you spot a whale. Your sighting will be confirmed by a drone, which identifies the specific whale you saw. For more information, or to learn how to become a trained shore-based spotter, please visit www.MarinelandRightWhale.org.

UPCOMING ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE EVENTS:

March 3 - 10-11 a.m. Nature Talk on Wild Oaks Eagles Nest by resident eagle expert, Gretchen Butler Creekside Amenities Center - no cost - near capacity; check with aaroffman@gmail.com before coming unless you have previously registered.

April 3 - 10-11 a.m. - Washington Oaks Garden Walk - Cost is admission to park \$5; no cost if member of Friends of Washington Oaks

April 23 - 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Adult Day at Whitney Lab cost \$20

April 25 - 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Earth Day 2026 Washington Oaks State Park - Serve as volunteer; no cost for volunteers; two shifts available.

More details available at March 16 meeting, April general newsletter, March & April environment committee newsletter or by contacting Ann Roffman aaroffman@gmail.com.



NEW CHILDREN'S BOOKS NEEDED

Material Girl Chairs, Lucie Lachance and Michelle Kreiss Keating

GHWC's Material Girls will be providing handmade "book" bags for Ms. Ziolkowski's pre-K special needs classroom at Bunnell Elementary School. Bags filled with books will be distributed to students before leaving for summer break.

New, Kindergarten - First grade books will be collected at the March 16th and April 13th GHWC's meetings or contact Lucie (603-203-7636) or Michelle (301-758-0538) for book drop offs.



The latest news, views, and announcements

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- By Fundraising Chair, Patti Paukovich



What is a Shotgun Start in Golf?

Article Credit: River Edge Golf LLC.

Staging a shotgun start tournament is a great way to get a group of golfers onto a course at one time. Regardless of what the name implies, you aren't required to participate; it's nothing like a shotgun wedding! In a nutshell (or a shotgun shell), the tournaments are exciting, fair, and expeditious.

And, for anyone trying to equate the name to their driving, it has nothing to do with the trajectory and lack of patterns from errant tee shots. No matter what the tournament, your golf ball is still going where you hit it.

How A Shotgun Start Tournament Works

The tournament organizer and head golf pro usually define the parameters of play and the tee sheet, but you can expect to be assigned a cart and a starting hole when you arrive (early). Don't freak, but the carts are usually queued in reverse order with hole number 18 first in line. Usually, 10 to 15 minutes before tee time, the carts will be turned loose, and players head to their assigned hole.

Shotgun Start: Why is it used?

By starting each group on a different hole at the same time, the golf tournament can begin and end simultaneously, reducing the impact on regular customers who want to play a round of golf on the same day.

Standard professional golf tournament starting format (like PGA Tour events) has all players starting on the first hole with different start times, which means the last group finishes many hours after the first group. With a shotgun start format, small-tournament players can finish quickly and enjoy the rest of their day. Often, the tournament is a charity event that includes a meal and a trophy presentation. Starting everyone at once means the meal can be scheduled at a specific time, and nobody will have to wait or be late, making it a golf fan favorite!



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News about upcoming Events

Denim & Diamonds - Mar 21, 2026

EXCITING NEWS TOO GOOD TO MISS!

At the upcoming Denim & Diamonds fundraising event, March 21, the Champagne raffle grand prize is a *certified half carat diamond*. For a



\$10 donation, those in attendance will receive a glass of champagne and a ticket for the diamond raffle.

What, you can't attend this event? Well, the good news is that you can still purchase a raffle ticket in advance of the event for a chance to win this gorgeous diamond. There will also be a second prize (lab created diamond on a silver chain) and third prize (lovely travel folding jewelry bag).

If you are interested in purchasing raffle tickets, they will be on sale at the March 16 membership meeting. You will just place your name and phone number on the ticket and it will be added to the raffle bowl for the drawing at the event. Unable to attend the March 16 meeting? No problem, you can contact one of the following members to arrange your raffle ticket purchase:

- Carol Wolfe – 386-246-3194
- Sandy Hollenbeck – 386-986-3118
- Nancy Carlton – 407-421-7994

We want to thank GHWC member, Jacki Unger, for obtaining the donation of this diamond and the travel bag. All proceeds from this raffle and the entire event will benefit the many nonprofits we support in Flagler County.

GRAND HAVEN WOMEN'S CLUB NINE AND DINE GOLF TOURNAMENT "FAIR WAY IN FULL BLOOM "

The GHWC Nine and Dine committee is excited to announce the annual golf tournament being held on **April 11th, 2026**

Kim and her committee are asking for the following donations to make the tournament fun and exciting for all participants

- Scratch Off Lottery Tickets
- Bottles of Wine or Liquor for our new contest:

BOTTLE BONANZA!

Wine/Liquor donations can be brought to lunches, in February and March or contact Kim Lhota at:

Lhota.kim@gmail.com

Registration flyer is attached with the newsletter and can be found on the website.





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"FAIR WAY IN FULL BLOOM "continued

To add more fun to Nine & Dine, anyone can come out and try their putting skills at **Bottle Bonanza**. 2 putts for \$5 may win you your favorite bottle of wine or liquor.

Don't play golf but want to support your family and friends, come out for dinner for \$35.00.

Also, a few of our sponsors will be on site.

- PT Solutions (Physical Therapy evaluations)
- Sweet Melissa's Ice Cream (samples to be provided)

**It's not too late to sign up -
Deadline is March 27 and
tee time is April 11, 3pm**

GRAND HAVEN WOMAN'S CLUB PREMIER CRUISE EVENT!

**April 26 to April 30, 2026-
MSC Seashore**



Pamper yourself! Sail with us on the MSC Seashore and enjoy its 11 restaurants, 17 bars and lounges, showroom, theatre, a myriad of shops, a casino, and more.

Your cruise fare includes a \$100 per person donation to the charities of Grand Haven

Woman's Club. Grand Haven Woman's Club invites you to join us for great fun on this ultimate fundraising cruise for our charities

\$1899 per person sharing a double cabin.

Spread the word to your friends about this great opportunity for fun and community charity impact.

Sail from Port Canaveral to Nassau, then on to Ocean Cay Marine Reserve, and back to Port Canaveral for 4 days of fun. The Yacht Club Experience aboard MSC Seashore includes a Balcony cabin, Premium drink package, Premium Wi-Fi, and all taxes and port charges.

**ASK FOR YOUR REGISTRATION FORM AND CONTACT MAUREEN PELLEGRINI AT:
maureenpellegrini@gmail.com.**



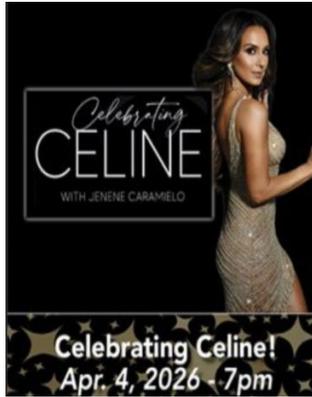
Can't make the cruise, then become an Emerald Sponsor for \$100. You will be recognized on our cruise brochure and acknowledge at the welcome aboard cocktail party.

For more information on the cruise or how to become a sponsor please contact Maureen Pellegrini.



Latest News from the GHWC Ticket Master

- By Marie Lanier



Reminder: March 4 is Last Call for Celine. Tickets are \$54

This is your final opportunity to purchase GHWC/Fitz tickets this season and help us reach our fundraising goal. Each ticket sold means \$20 for our supported organizations. Please consider inviting friends and family to join you and help us make this season a success.

Paintingwithmarie@gmail.com

Or you may call or text me at 631-457-3271 to reserve your tickets and arrange for check drop-off. Please note that separate checks made payable to GHWC are required for each show. Please be sure to put the show's name on the memo line of your check.

Thank You,
Marie Lanier
3 N. Park Circle

Call or Text: 631-457-3271

Email: paintingwithMarie@gmail.com

Last Minute Thoughts!

Event chairs are asking for the following:

Denim & Diamonds, Sandy Hollenbeck

Lotto Tickets & Gift Cards

Nine & Dine, Kim Lhota

Lotto Tickets and bottles of Wine/Liquor

GHWC MSC Cruise, Maureen Pellegrini

Become an Emerald Sponsor for \$100

All items can be brought to the March 16 luncheon!

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Sponsorships/Donations- Sponsors and donations are very important to our mission; without them and **you** we can't do the wonderful work we do.

While our sponsors are helping us, I would like to take a moment and ask you to reciprocate and support them as well if you need their services.

To see who our 2025-26 sponsors check out our new Business Sponsor Directory go to: www.ghwomansclub.org

THANK YOU!





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*Saturday,
March 21, 2026
Grand Haven
Clubhouse*

*The Grand Haven Woman's Club
presents*

Denim & Diamonds

6 PM—Champagne & Cash Bar

7 PM—Dinner & Music

*\$90/person—plated dinner, choice of
Petite Filet, Chicken Saltimbocca, Salmon*

*DJ and Line Dance Instructor will provide
entertainment—open to the community*

*To make your reservations, please contact
Carol Wolfe at CarolRWolfe@aol.com*



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GHWC Nine & Dine

SATURDAY, APRIL 11TH, 2026

**3:00PM
SHOTGUN START**
2:00PM REGISTRATION &
DRIVING RANGE OPENS

**SCRAMBLE
FORMAT**

**REGISTRATION
DEADLINE:**
MARCH 27TH, 2026

**REGISTRATION
FORMS**
AVAILABLE ON GHWC
WEBSITE & AT THE
GHGC GOLF SHOP

OPEN TO ALL GOLFERS & NON-GOLFERS
\$80.00 PER PLAYER

INCLUDES:

- DONATION TO GHWC
- 9 HOLES OF GOLF
- RANGE TIME
- DINNER TO FOLLOW PLAY
- AWARDS AND PRIZES!

**GAME DAY PASSES
\$20 PER PLAYER**

INCLUDES:

- 1 MULLIGAN
- 1 FREE BALL TOSS
- 1 COMPLIMENTARY DRINK TICKET
- ENTRY INTO COURSE COMPETITIONS

**\$35 PER PERSON
DINNER ONLY**

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT THE CHAIR:
KIM LHOTA | LHOTA.KIM@GMAIL.COM



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Nine & Dine

Saturday,
April 11th, 2026
2:00pm Registration
3:00pm Shotgun Start

\$80⁰⁰ Per Player
Includes: Donation to Grand Haven Women's Club, 9 Holes of Golf, Range Time, Dinner to follow Golf, Awards and Prizes!

Awards Dinner
\$35 Per Non-Golfer
Includes: Buffet Dinner at Awards Presentation

Game Day Pass
\$20 Per Golfer
Includes: 1 mulligan, 1 free ball toss, 1 complimentary drink ticket, entry into course competitions

Deadline: March 27th, 2026

Player 1:	_____	Handicap: _____
Phone:	_____	
Email:	_____	
Player 2:	_____	Handicap: _____
Phone:	_____	
Email:	_____	
Player 3:	_____	Handicap: _____
Phone:	_____	
Email:	_____	
Player 4:	_____	Handicap: _____
Phone:	_____	
Email:	_____	
Non-Golfer 1:	_____	
Non-Golfer 2:	_____	

Make Checks Payable to
Grand Haven Woman's Club (GHWC)
Mail Registration Form & Checks to Paula Geppner at 58 Osprey Circle, Palm Coast FL 32137
Or drop off at the Grand Haven Golf Shop Desk

For more information contact chair:
Kim Lhota Lhota.kim@gmail.com



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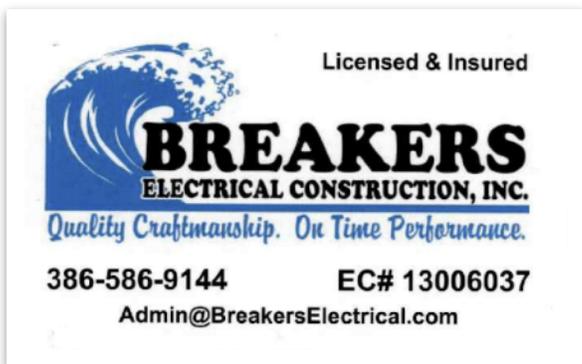
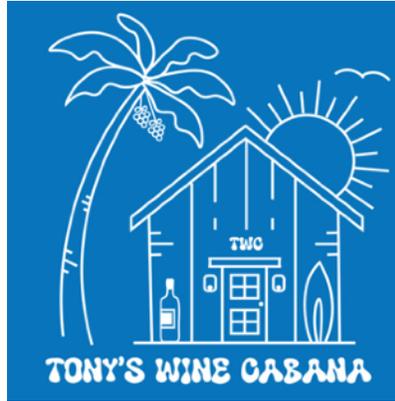
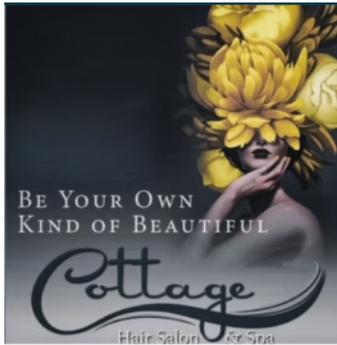


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