



GRAND HAVEN WOMAN'S CLUB

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NEWSLETTER

September
2026

2026-2027 GHWC BOARD

President	Gail Naworal
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President's Message

Gail Naworal



Greetings!

This is going to be an exciting year for Woman's club. Several members have been busy this summer planning events and fundraisers for the 2026-27 year. Some new ones (Bingo) and some familiar ones (Nine and Dine).

Our first meeting is Monday September 28th 11:00 The speaker(s) for the meeting will be us! The Board and committee chairs will introduce themselves and describe their role. We'll look at upcoming events and activities and members will have time to sign up for areas of interest. As you read this newsletter you can start thinking about what "speaks to you".

We have many new members. I hope this will be an opportunity for everyone to see how they can participate and contribute to our wonderful club and to our community. We have something for everyone.





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First Vice President's Message Debbie Roush

I hope you all had a wonderful summer, and are looking forward to getting back to the work and fun of our great GHWC.

Our president, Gail Naworal, is going to kick off our first meeting with a review of who we are and what we do. This will be a wonderful review for our new members, and a great reminder for all of us.

In October, we are excited to have Laura Klipa from Intracoastal Bank joining us for - "Shield Your Success: Fraud Prevention Starts with Partnership." This will be an informative and helpful guide for us as we navigate fraud.

November's guest will share information on one of the organizations we support: Habitat for Humanity.

I look forward to seeing you all soon.



Second Vice President's Message Carol Walker

FUNDRAISING REPORT

Welcome Back for another great club year! Our Fundraising Committee, Chairs and Sponsorship Group have all been busy over the summer planning our events for the year. We have a wonderful line-up for the year so mark your calendars:

November 6 – Bingo, Grand Haven Room – 11AM - 2PM
December 8 – Holiday Open House, Debbie Roush's Home – 6 - 8PM

January 22 – Day of Games, Palm Coast Community Center – 10:30AM – 1:30PM

February 12-13 – Book Sale, Grand Haven Room – 4 – 7PM; 10AM – 1PM

February 27 – Mallet Madness – Creekside – 9 AM – 4 PM
March 13 – Denim & Diamonds – Grand Haven Golf Club – 5:30 – 10PM

April 17 – Nine & Dine – Grand Haven Golf Club – 2PM – 8 PM

May 1 – Kentucky Derby & Casino Night – Grand Haven Golf Club – 4 – 9 PM

Our Chairs will be seeking your assistance with volunteering and obtaining gift cards, lotto cards, cash, items for silent auctions and sponsor names for all events. Stay tuned!

At the meeting, we will have two fundraising tables – one with more details about all of the events and a separate table to sign-up and pay for Bingo. We are limited to 112 players in the Grand Haven Room so be sure to get your name in early! It will be a SELL OUT!

Thank you all for your involvement in support of our local community!



Environment Committee Cheryl Dresnok, Chair

Environment Committee Members – Don't Forget!

Informal get-together September 16 at 10am at Cheryl Dresnok's home at 9

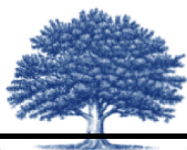
Turkey Oak Lane, Wild Oaks

Purpose: To meet and greet, to share ideas for our committee, to eat cookies and drink iced tea

If you have not sent an RSVP yet, please do so asap!

If you would like to join the Environment Committee, contact Cheryl Dresnok at

cdresnok@gmail.com – we would love to have you!



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Notices Chair &

Website's Administrator

Roi Parris



My name is Roi Parris and I will be the Notices Chair as well as the Website's Administrator for the next couple years.

As Notices Chair, I will be sending email blasts to all our active members with announcements and information that is provided by the GHWC Board. As the Website Administrator, I update the website with information that pertains to our club and that our members find useful.

- RSVP of the monthly luncheons
- Updates to the calendar and events
- Posting photos, newsletters & pie charts
- Reporting of volunteer time and donations
- Updates to the member electronic directory
- Etc., etc.

I do my best to update the information on a timely basis, however, if you notice that something is outdated, please let me know.

If you have questions or concerns regarding any of the above, please reach out to me:

GHWC.Info.mgt@gmail.com

Marcie Leonard



It's that time of year again!

October is breast cancer awareness month

and Advent Health

will be having their annual Pink Army 5K walk & 1 mile pet - friendly walk. The event is rain or shine.

The date : **Sunday**

Oct.4, 2026

The place :

Advent Health 60 Memorial Medical Pkwy

The Time :

Registration 6:30am (if you don't do in advance)

Pre-RaceFestivities 7:15

Pink

5K begins 7:45

1 mile

pet frindly walk 8:00

GHWC member, Marcie Leonard invites all GHWC members and all Grand Haven residents to participate and join her team the " Bosom Buddies" . You can do so by registering at PINK5K.com

and use the passcode Grand Haven. The cost is \$40 and you will also receive a Pink Army shirt. Breakfast after the race at The Landing Strip is a fun way to wind down.

For questions please contact Marcie at marcie0802@aol.com or 914-474-8383



MATERIAL GIRLS 2026 MEETINGS DATES

Co-Chairs, Lucie Lachance and Michelle Kreiss Keating

DATE: Wednesday, September 23

TIME: 1 p.m.

LOCATION: 15 Sand Pine Drive
Michelle's House

DATE: Thursday, October 29

TIME: 1 p.m.

LOCATION: Village Center

DATE: Thursday, November 19

TIME: 1 p.m.

LOCATION: Village Center

DATE: Thursday, December 10

TIME: 1 p.m.

LOCATION: 19 North Park Lane
Roi's House

Mark your calendars with the above dates.

Please text Lucie, 603-203-7636 or Michelle,

301-758-0538 if you plan on attending or if you have any



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Happy Birthday

Chiesa Nancy	6
Foggia Paula	6
Sandusky Evelyn	7
Lyons Bonnie	10
Zawatski Mary Lou	10
Lachance Lucie	11
Latish Andrea	11
Lhota Kim	11
Mahan Jimmie	11
Cudak Bridget	19
Dresnok Cheryl	19
Frankel Iris	22
BerkevRuth	24
Litwack Ronit	24
McBride Laura	25
Carlsen Janet	27
Kreiss Keating Michelle	30
MartinsJacinta	30
Unger Jacki	30
Banko Khanh-Lien	30



Membership

Leslie Vannucci-Caruthers & Nancy Carlton
Co-Chairs

We are delighted to share that as of this writing, 186 members have renewed their membership. If you have been a member and have not paid your \$40 renewal dues, please do so today. The drectory will go to print by September 5, so no time to waste.

Leslievannucci@gmail.com

Ncarlton096@gmail.com

Civic Engagement

Civic Engagement chri, Lucie LaChance



If you are interested in participating in or leading a Civic Engagement and Outreach activity, please be sure to sign up at the September 28th meeting. In my absence, Denise Gallo has agreed to be at our table to answer as many questions as she can.

Please consider attending an organizational meeting for the Civic Engagement and Outreach CSP on Thursday, October 8th at 10 am at my home – 21 Deerfield Ct.

It is never too early to request cards for our annual Holiday Cards for the Military. Please remember to avoid glitter or anything that can be removed from the card. More detailed information will be provided in October e-blasts. You can drop off any cards you may have at the September 28th meeting. Please recycle/reuse the envelopes.

Thank you in advance from the Pacific Northwest. I welcome your input by email at lucieglachance@gmail.com. You can also text/call 603-203-7636.

GHWCBook Club

Suzanne O'Meally

Book club begins September 9 at Andrea Byrnes's home at 1:00. Our season starts with The Widow by John Grisham. Please RSVP to Andrea if you plan to attend andreaByrne1611@gmail.com.

Our October 8 selection is A Founding Mother by Stephanie Dray.

If you haven't attended book club before but would love to be included, please let me know at byra19@aol.com or text at 571-334-0072.



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BINGO

Nov.6

Jacki Unger & Jenny Scott



Please contact Jenny (bjscott01@aol.com)

quickly if you wish to attend, because half of the tickets have already been sold!



Arts & Culture

A&C Chair, Reenee Hart

Welcome back to another year with the Grand Haven Women's Club. Arts and Culture has some amazing events planned we hope you can join us as we celebrate the art around us and the art within us. Our first big event focuses on autumn and while it's still warm here in Florida we are preparing for the time of year when we celebrate all things pumpkin.

Join us on Wednesday, October the 28th at 12:30 as the Salty Mermaid hosts another exciting event. This time we will paint and decoupage a pair of pumpkins. No art skill necessary and all supplies will be provided. However, if you would like to customize your masterpiece feel free to bring along any shells, ribbon, beads or other whimsies. Contact me for more information and the link to sign up. reenehart@me.com or 916-833-2923

Keep your calendars open for our December 3rd tour of the Stetson Mansion in DeLand when she is all decked out for Christmas. And I do mean ALL DECKED OUT! If you have not experienced this spectacular display it is a must see.

Some things to check out on your own in September: September 10th & 12th First Coast Opera present's Bach & Donizetti Something's Brewing. Dinner and Matinee shows available. Info at: <https://firstcoastopera.org>

Corresponding Secretary Marie Lanier



As your GHWC Corresponding Secretary, I have been on the job this summer, sending cards of comfort, encouragement and cheer to our members who could use a little extra sunshine.

I want to take this opportunity to say **THANK YOU** to all of you who have reached out to me when you knew of a member who was going through a difficult time, dealing with an illness, experiencing a loss, or simply needed to know that someone was thinking about her.

If you hear that someone is going through a difficult time—or perhaps celebrating a special milestone—please let me know. I would love the opportunity to send a little GHWC sunshine her way.

Please keep up the good work—and keep those caring messages coming! You can reach me at PaintingwithMarie@gmail.com or call or text to 631-457-3271.



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Education
Education Chairs, Gail Callahan,
Carol DeFries



STUFF Bus — What a Success!

A huge thank you to everyone who helped make this year's STUFF Bus School Supply Drive a success! Thanks to the generosity of our Grand Haven Woman's Club members and residents, we collected \$10,765 in donations to support Flagler County Schools.

We were grateful to have 19 volunteers help with the STUFF Bus on July 20th. Following the drive, 10 of our members volunteered to stuff 1,000 backpacks with school supplies for local students.

Four of our members also attended the Flagler County Back to School Jam, where they helped the Flagler County Education Foundation distribute school supplies to students and families. In total, our members contributed an impressive 104 volunteer hours to these events. Thank you to all our volunteers!! You are amazing!

Coming Up — Ways You Can Help

At our September 28th meeting, the Education Committee will be collecting new underwear and sports bras in all sizes to donate to the Flagler County Education Foundation for students in need. These essential items can make a meaningful difference for children and families in our community. A drop-off bin will be available at the Education Committee table on the day of the meeting.

We are also looking for mentoring volunteers for Take Stock in Children and Reading Pals. These programs provide wonderful opportunities to encourage, support, and inspire local students. Information about both programs will be available at our September meeting.

Interested in joining the Education Committee? We would love to have you! Please contact Gail Callahan or Carol DeFries with any questions. A sign-up sheet will also be available at the September meeting for anyone interested in getting involved.

Save the Date!

Mark your calendars for our Education Committee Book Sale Fundraiser — February 12 & 13, 2027!

Please start saving your gently used books now! More details about book donations and the sale will be coming soon.

Together, we can make a lasting difference in the lives of students throughout Flagler County. Thank you for supporting the Education Committee!



Stuff Bus



Stuff Bus



Back Pack
Stuffing



School Jam



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Environment Committee

Environment Chair, Cgeryl Dresnok

Hi ladies, I hate to be the bearer of bad news, but September, the month we are living in right at this very moment, is the worst and most active month for hurricanes! Yes, the bad news is that we are in the midst of Hurricane Season, a season that runs from June 1 to November 30. Palm Coast has been impacted by eight hurricanes since 2010, with varying degrees of wind, flooding, and storm surge. We often get the outer bands of hurricanes, and those outer bands can tear up our palm trees, flood our streets, and destroy our homes.

We moved into our Palm Coast house in May 2014, loving our tropical lifestyle of palm trees and sunny days. We planted our yard, bought the furniture, and went to the beach. A little over two years later, Hurricane Matthew came to town. We were ordered to evacuate. Rule #1 – know your evacuation zone and tank up your car!

We pushed both of our 80 lb Golden Retrievers into our minivan, along with clothes, snacks and dog food and headed south in a violent rainstorm. We had heard that a hotel in Orlando welcomed people with dogs. We weren't the only ones who heard that – half of Florida showed up. The hotel's ice machine was empty, the candy machine was empty, the stores in Orlando were closed and boarded up because the storm was also in Orlando! We were starving in our hotel room, so we ate our snacks, our dogs gobbled their kibble, eyed our crackers and drooled. Rule #2 – when a hurricane is coming, have a 7-day supply of non-perishable food and a whole bunch of bottled water!

The storm moved on and we were able to get home the next day. Palm Coast was a mess, trees were down, branches and debris everywhere. But our street was flooding and we were horrified. Luckily, the water receded before making it up our driveway. Rule #3 – Clear drains and swales before the storm hits!

As luck would have it, a year later, Hurricane Irma hit Palm Coast. My husband could not take another trip to Orlando, trying to get the dogs to relieve themselves in ferocious rain and wind with a million other dogs trying to do the same, so we rode out the storm at home. Power was out for over a week, we slept on patio furniture because it was cooler outside than inside. We bathed in dirty pool water and ate lots of tuna fish sandwiches. Rule #4 – have a manual can opener ready when a storm is predicted!

There have been no more hurricanes since 2017, just some tropical storms. The weather people say below normal hurricane activity is predicted for 2026! The bad news is that weather can change in a heartbeat. Hurricanes can change direction or gain in strength. We are supposed to prepare at the start of hurricane season for a storm that may or may not come. Just make sure you pack ice, snacks, and plenty of dog food. If you don't, your dogs will absolutely eat your snacks.



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Health & Wellness Committee

Health & Wellness Chair, Kathy Murray

Health and Wellness looks forward to another year of supporting our friends and neighbors throughout greater Flagler County. Volunteers are needed to assist with Grace Food Pantry and Our Father's Table. It's a rewarding way to serve our community. Volunteer shifts are available for as many or as few hours as you can give.

At our September meeting we will collect donations of non-perishable protein-rich foods (tuna, canned chicken, peanut butter, etc.) to help address food insecurity in our community.

Also in September we will feature the Flagler Free Clinic. Please consider donating unopened, unexpired health and first-aid supplies. Vitamins, adhesive bandages, small bottles of Tylenol and Bactine spray are all regularly used at the Clinic.

Health and Wellness also reminds everyone to begin saving new and gently used items for the Giving Store rummage sale. Items in demand include coffee makers, mixers, toasters, electric fry pans and air fryers. We will collect these items in October.

Your donations and volunteer efforts combine to make a measurable difference for the organizations and individuals we support. Thank you for participating wherever you can. To volunteer please contact Kathy Murray at 352 727-0603.

GHWC recognizes the following Annual Partners in support of its mission



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It's Time, It's Time, It's Fitz Time!

Welcome back, ladies! A new GHWC season is beginning, and with it comes one of our favorite fundraising opportunities —

The Fitz Fundraiser

Our First 2 Shows are On Sale NOW!

The Michael Bublé Tribute

Who can resist the smooth musical stylings of Buble!!!Join me for an evening of great music!

November 20 at 7:00 PM

Tickets: \$55

Last day to purchase: October 10

Coming Up Next...

Earth, Wind & Fire Tribute

November 27 at 7:00 PM

Tickets: \$55

Last day to purchase: October 10

These are wonderful opportunities to enjoy an evening out while helping the GHWC to continue supporting the many organizations that benefit from our fundraising efforts. Remember that each ticket you purchase through our GHWC yields \$20 back to us to benefit our community

Ready to reserve your tickets? Please contact me:

PaintingwithMarie@gmail.com

631-457-3271

Checks should be made payable to The **GHWC**.

Separate checks for each show please.



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Treasurer's Report

Jenny Scott

GHWC Treasurer Report June 1, 2026 through May 31, 2027

	2026-27 Proposed Budget	Actual Income	Actual Expense
OPERATING & AFFILIATIONS			
Operating Cash Reserve	7,316.69	7,316.69	
INCOME - Operating & Affiliations			
Dues (\$40/member, or \$20/member after Jan 1st)	8,000.00	7,680.00	
New Member Admin Fee	0.00		
Donations	0.00		
TOTAL Income - Operating	8,000.00	7,680.00	
Total Funds Available for Operating	15,316.69	14,996.69	
EXPENSE - Operating & Affiliations			
Bank fees	0.00		
Check Presentation Ceremony	800.00		
Credit Card Fees	300.00		37.41
Insurance	2,037.00		2,036.80
Internet and Website	625.00		
Memorials	300.00		
Monthly Luncheon Expense	0.00		-25.00
Name Badges	0.00		-10.00
Postage/PO Box (\$130)	450.00		244.97
Printing and Supplies	900.00		
Program Expense	700.00		
State of Florida filing Fees	300.00		90.99
Transfer to Contributions Budget	0.00		
TOTAL Expense - Operating	6,412.00		2,375.17
OPERATING & AFFILIATIONS NET	8,904.69		12,621.52

CONTRIBUTIONS

Contributions Cash Reserve	22,643.20	22,643.20		22,643.20
	Budget	Gross Revenue	Expense	Net Income
INCOME - Fundraisers				
Nine and Dine	5,000.00			0.00
Annual Gift Campaign	10,000.00		156.00	-156.00
Day of Games	7,000.00			0.00
Book Sale	1,500.00			0.00
Bingo	5,000.00	350.00		350.00
Mallet Madness	3,000.00	500.00		500.00
Denim and Diamonds	5,000.00			0.00
Individual, Business Contributions	10,000.00	15.00		15.00
GHWC Tee Shirt Sales	0.00			0.00
Special Collections	0.00			0.00
Kentucky Derby	5,000.00			0.00
Fitzgerald Center for PA shows	3,000.00			0.00
Transfer from Operations Reserve	0.00			0.00
TOTAL Income - Fundraisers	54,500.00	865.00	156.00	709.00
Total Funds Available for Contributions	77,143.20			23,352.20
EXPENSE - Contributions				
Arts & Culture	Budget		Actual	
Fitzgerald Performing Arts Center	1,000.00			
Flagler Playhouse	1,000.00			
City Repertory Theater	1,000.00			
Kids Rock the Nation	1,500.00			
Palm Coast Community Chorus	1,100.00			
Material Girls				
Materials Expense	2,000.00			
Environment				
Flagler County Humane Society	3,000.00			
Flagler Turtle Patrol	500.00			
Friends of Washington Oaks State Park	500.00			
Friends of Gamble Rogers State Park	500.00			
UF Whitney Laboratory (K-12 Educ Programs)	2,000.00			
UF Whitney Laboratory (Sea Turtle Hospital)	1,000.00			
Education and Libraries				
Daytona State College Foundation	500.00			