

GRAND HAVEN WOMAN'S CLUB

Post Office Box 350684 Palm Coast, FL 32135

OCTOBER 2025

meetings and lunch.

Member Directory Review

Past President, Roi Parris

Did you get a new email address or phone number? Or perhaps you moved?

Please take a look at the electronic member directory on our website and let us know of any changes or corrections that we should make. Click/tap the MEMBERS ONLY button on the main page, then click the green bar to go to the next page where the directory is listed. You will need the new password GHWC2025-26. Click the "Member e-directory as of" button and review your personal data for accuracy. You can communicate changes to Roi Parris by clicking the CONTACT US button. Thank you!

Education

Education and Libraries Chair, Jacki Unger

Welcome back to the start of our new calendar year. The Education committee has had an incredible show of support with The Stuff Bus. This past July we received \$6803.00 of donated school supplies! We had 14 volunteers and logged in 32 volunteer hours for the event. Thank you to everyone who has donated supplies as well as their time to make this event a huge success.

This year we are looking for reading pals and mentors for our schools. If you think you would like to spend time reading to a student please contact Patsy Campbell. If you are interested in becoming a mentor please contact me and I will be happy to steer you in the right direction. Looking forward to a successful year. Thank you!

President's Update

Awilda Hamilton

Greetings!

The GHWC Board of Directors,



includes the Executive Committee (elected officers), Chairs of Community Service Programs (CSP), and Standing Committees, have been actively addressing ongoing club needs and planning for the new year throughout the summer. We recently kicked off our first meeting with enthusiastic updates from the CSP chairs, utilizing technology to present information via PowerPoint slides. We plan to continue providing information from each CSP in this format, allowing you to easily view and note activities during

We hope you will notice our intentional efforts to provide GHWC information and various ways to become engaged. Please visit our **website**, **GHWomansClub.org**, for official minutes, financial reports, event notices, forms, photos, the directory, and much more. Take a moment to read our **newsletters**, which are written to keep you updated. We also encourage you to ask others for information and sign up to serve on a **CSP**. The amount of time and energy you invest is entirely up to you.

We are off to a strong start, your critical engagement and commitment are essential in providing benefits to charitable organizations in our community.

Together We Can!

2025-2026 GHWC BOARD

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Fundraising Review

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The latest news, views, and announcements

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News Update

- By Patti Paukovich

Welcome back from your summer vacations but it's back to the business of Fundraising and time to roll up our sleeves. The Fundraising Committee has been very busy over the summer planning this year's exciting **Fun**draising events.

Many people ask what our club's purpose is – Fundraising is the lifeblood of any charitable organization and the Grand Haven Woman's Club is no different. The GHWC relies on its fundraising events, Sponsors, and members to help facilitate the club's goals and support our community's needs. Our wonderful club supports and contributes to the 28 charitable organizations in Flagler County.

We have a wonderful 2025-26 season planned, and we saw last year's season (2024-25) produce a lot of fun and profitable events. To recap last season, we had: Nov – Nine & Dine, Jan – Day of Games, Feb – Valentines Military Gala, May – Kentucky Derby and the Fitz Shows. With contributions along with our Annual Partner Sponsors, Book Sale, and the Annual Gift Campaign we were able to net over \$62,000., and distribute over \$52,000 to the charitable organizations we support.

To see our sponsors go to www.ghwomansclub.org/home under "Our Sponsors" and see the businesses who have donated. We appreciate all the businesses and members who contribute either monetary or in-kind donations. Thank you!

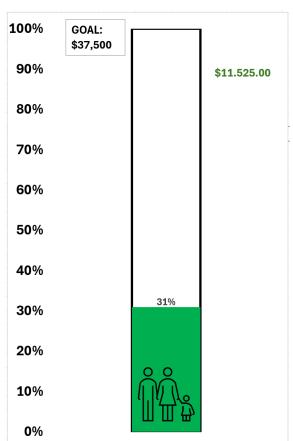


Upcoming 2025-26 Season





GHWC Fundraising Goals



Above is our goal gauge for the upcoming GHWC 2025-26 Fundraising season. The goal for this year is **\$ 37,500** and with this commitment we will be able to contribute to the 28 charities we support and possibly more.

As funding comes in from our events, annual campaign, book sale etc., the gauge will show our progress. **Stay tuned!**



News from our Event Leads



- Autumn Rhapsody - By Marie Lanier

Hi Ladies!!

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The Autumn Rhapsody needs you!

It's still not to late to be a Friend of The Rhapsody!

Your check for \$ 50 will help this "intimate little concert event" be a HUGE success.

PLEASE call or text Marie Lanier-631-457-3271.

Or email to: PaintingwithMarie@gmail.com

Want to help more? Lottery Scratch-offs for our event's

Lotto Tree would be

If the cherry on top!!! If

Go to the GHWC website and check out our videos from the Leads and see how they are promoting their events.

www.ghwomansclub.org.

GHWC MSC Cruise

By Maureen Pellegrini/Pam Walker

Attention all Cruise lovers! GHWC is hosting a 4-day cruise to the Bahamas on MSC ship the Seashore in April 2026. Cabins are still available. To hold your cabin, reservations are only \$99 (Deadline is Oct 18).

This is not your average cruise; The Yacht Club booking comes with luxury balcony suites, offers 24/7 butler service, reserved area seating at shows, fine dining at their specialty restaurants and much more. An elevated experience awaits you on a vacation that's a step above.

There will be a meet & greet cocktail reception in the Yacht Club lounge where the GHWC YC guests can mingle and start the cruise off right.

If you can't make the cruise but would still like to support **GHWC** you can become a **"Cruise Friend"** for a \$ 100.

For more information please contact:

Maureen Pellegrini –

maureenpellegrini@gmail.com or call

860-989-4148.







Show Preview from the GHWC Ticket Master

- By Marie Lanier

The line up for the upcoming season at the Gem of Palm Coast- "The Fitz".

I've reserved the shows below, but if approached by any of the gals with interest in a different show, I usually add and try to promote it.

Scheduled to date.

- ✓ Nov. 26- One Night of Queen
- ✓ Dec. 17- Christmas in Killarnev
- ✓ Jan. 8- The Texas Tenors
- ✓ Jan. 30- Magician "Reza"
- ✓ Feb. 7- Debby Boone
- ✓ Mar. 4- I Am ...He Said- Neil Diamond Tribute
- ✓ Mar. 12- Swan Lake Ballet
- ✓ Apr. 4-Celebrating Celine

I stop selling tickets for events one month before the Show date.

PLEASE call or text Marie Lanier-631-457-3271.

Or email to: PaintingwithMarie@gmail.com

Jan 23, 2026 - Day of Games

Stop by our table for the following:

Game sign up Basket sign up Friends of sign up

Summary

We have an exciting fundraising season coming up and we hope you can join us and participate either as a guest, sponsor or event volunteer.

We can always use volunteers, so don't be shy. All our event leads could use your help and your special skill sets, whether in organizing, hosting, creativity, etc.

If you are interested in any of the aspects of fundraising or have questions, you can contact me at dnp.paukovich805@gmail.com.

Take a moment read the articles and check out the videos on the website.

Have a wonderful day and

THANK YOU!





OCTOBER 5, 2025

As I write this note, sixteen folks have signed up for 5k walk & I-mile pet-friendly walk. It's only 17 days away!!!

There is still time for you to join the **Grand Haven Pink Warriors.** You can register at PINK5KCOM. You can also register at 386-986-2323. Fee is \$40.

Scheduled start times are 7:45 am for the 5K walk and 8:00 am for the I-mile pet-friendly walk. Prior to the race, festivities will include Survivors' Strut.

If you'd like a portrait of your pet, Lucie will be available before and after the walk for a photo-op.

If you have any questions please contact Sue or Lucie - sueguy61234@gmail.com; call/text 360-751-4916 lucieglachance@gmail.com; call/text 603-203-7636



Grand Haven Woman's Club invites all to join us for the ultimate fundraising cruise for our charities. Spread the word, and bring your spouse, partner, family, neighbors and friends on this fun, fundraising cruise.



ONLY \$99.00 PER PERSON TO REGISTER AND RESERVE YOUR CABIN FOR THIS SAILING OPPORTUNITY!

DEADLINE FOR CABIN RESERVATION IS OCTOBER 18, 2025.

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND RESERVATION FORM CONTACT: PAM WALKER — www.walkeradventures.com pam@walkeradventures.com

- CRUISE LINE/SHIP: MSC SEASHORE CHECKOUT THE SHIP: WWW.MSCCRUISEUSA.COM
- DATE: APRIL 26-30, 2026
- PORT OF DEPARTURE: CAPE CANAVERAL
- Destination: Nassau & Ocean Cay Marine Reserve (MSC private island)
- CABINS AVAILABLE: YACHT CLUB CABINS
 - O (YACHT CLUB PACKAGE INCLUDES: BALCONY, 24 HOUR BUTLER SERVICE, PREMIUM EXTRA DRINK & WI-FI PACKAGE, SHIP WIDE VIP TREATMENT, DEDICATED RESTAURANTS, THERMAL SPA ACCESS, PRIVATE SOLARIUM, COCKTAIL PARTY FOR GHWC GUESTS.)

 PACKAGE IS ALL INCLUSIVE WITH TAXES AND SERVICES INCLUDED. CABINS CAN ACCOMMODATE 2 QUEEN OR KING BEDS.



ARTS & CULTURE HIGHLIGHTS -OCTOBER 2025

CHECK THESE OUT!

OCTOBER 4TH -9AM – 2PM VFW AUXILIARY'S ARTS & CRAFT FESTIVAL

47 Old Kings Road N. Palm Coast

OCTOBER 18TH-5PM \$30.

CENTER

MOTOWN & MOS PRODUCTIONTHE FITZGERALD PERFORMING ARTS

500 E. Hwy. 100 Palm Coast 386-437-7547



OCTOBER 18TH - 11AM. \$44.52

WATERCOLOR & MIXED MEDIA BIRCH TREE PAINTING CLASS

SALTY MERMAID-1456 Ocean Shore Blvd Ormond Beach 904-704-7449

OCTOBER 23-NOVEMBER 9

OUR TOWN

LIMELIGHT THEATRE, INC.

11 Old Mission Avenue

St. Augustine, FL 32084. 904-825-1164

Arts & Culture

Arts & Culture Chairs, Cheryl Ringer and Jeanine Horowitz



Welcome Back! We had a great summer keeping everyone busy.

We went to St. Augustine to the Limelight Theatre and enjoyed the play **Hair Spray!** And what a show it was, the amazing young talent had us singing in our seats!

As promised we brought about 20 ladies to Sherry's here in PC to decorate **COWGIRL HATS**....have a look at our pictures, so many creative ladies among us! Then we wore those very hats to **LINE**

DANCING lessons in early August where nearly 50 ladies took our feet to the dance floor. So much fun that the Village Center plans to continue monthly line dancing lessons. Keep an eye out for their notices.

Upcoming Adventures!

NOVEMBER 14TH – 2-5PM – Gallery of Local Arts – Flagler Beach

WATERCOLOR PAINT CLASS FOR HOLIDAY CARDS

NOVEMBER 16TH – SUNDAY MATINEE

City Repertory Theatre - PC

AROUND THE WORLD IN 80 DAYS

DECEMBER 7TH – SUNDAY MATINEE

IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE – A LIVE RADIO PLAY

JANUARY 29TH 1-4 PM AT VILLAGE CENTER

MOSAIC CRAFT PARTY

Please contact us if you want to sign up for any of these events **ASAP**.

Ghwc.arts.culture@gmail.com



ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Environment Committee Chair, Ann Roffman

I want to thank environment committee member's Alice Brogan, Gail Cosgrove, and Carol Walker who worked with me during the summer to help determine the focus of our committee for 2025-26. The organizations supported by our budget are Flagler Humane Society, Friends of both Flagler County State Parks, Gamble Rogers and Washington Oaks, programs at Whitney Lab, and Flagler Sea Turtle Patrol.

During this year there will be short presentations to learn more about each of these organizations. The first will be Tuesday **November 4** at 10:00 am at Creekside. It will feature representatives of the Friends of Gamble Rogers and North Peninsula State Park. This group of volunteers enhances the parks in a variety of ways which will be shared during this hour long event. Please make plans to attend. You can learn how to sponsor a sea turtle and as a thank you receive a cute stuffed sea turtle. They sponsor many other projects for the park that make this state park a very special place in Flagler County. I hope you want to learn about these projects and see how their efforts are enriching our community.



Sponsor a turtle and get a turtle!

Our first field trip will be to a new environmental park, St. Johns Botanical Garden. The date for this trip is Monday, **October 13**. Signups for this field trip will be sent to members of the environment committee very soon.

The first service project will be our continuing support of the Festival of Wreaths held each year at The Windsor of Palm Coast to raise funds for the



Flagler Humane Society. Start planning your wreaths now. Collection will be in November. Details will be sent to all club members in October.

Personally I love to learn about our beautiful Florida environment. It fascinates me. I hope you will get inspired to learn more through the committee activities. If you haven't signed up for the environment committee and you decided you are interested, email me at aaroffman@gmail.com and I will add you to our list.

Summary

Field Trip

St. Johns Botanical Gardens, Hastings, Fl, Monday, **October 13** - Signup sent to committee members very soon.

Short Seminar

Friends of Gamble Rogers and North Peninsula State Park, Tuesday, **November 4**, 10 am, Creekside Open to all members, signup details in October.

Service Project

Festival of Wreaths to benefit Flagler Humane Society. Details to all members in October. Collection of wreaths at my home in **November**.

Upcoming Short Seminar

Tuesday, **December 2**, 10 am, Creekside Veronica Reinhardt, master gardener & GHADC member, "Discovering the Secrets of Florida Friendly Landscaping."



Health & WellnessCommittee Chairs, Lucie Lachance and Eileen Marotto

Eileen and I welcome you to another GHWC program year. As co-chairs of the Health and Wellness CSP we oversee the monthly collections for a number of the organizations supported by GHWC.

The focus of the October 20th collection will benefit the <u>Grace</u> <u>Community Food Pantry</u>. We ask that you donate boxes/bags of dry pasta. Staff at the Pantry shared that their supply is nearly depleted.



You can drop off your donation after the monthly meeting at the entrance of the golf club parking lot. If that doesn't work for you, feel free to drop off your donation at Lucie's house – 21 Deerfield Ct.

THANK YOU *** MERCI *** DANKE *** GRACIAS *** Спасибо



CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

Corresponding Secretary, Suzanne O'Meally

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

Welcome to a new year of caring for each other. Over the summer, you did great letting me know about friends needing a kind word. With almost 200 members, I hope you continue to be my eyes and ears. Hospital visits, illness, broken bones! Anyone in need of a "thinking of you" card. A sympathy card on the passing of a member, spouse or child. Please notify me at ghwc.corr.sec@gmail.com or text at 571-334-0072

Save the Date!

Book Sale will be held March 6-7, 2026.

















You are invited to join the women of Grand Haven for a day of Fun, Food, and Festivities, celebrating the 20th Anniversary of the Gloria Sanchez Memorial Day of Games! Gather your fellow game players and enjoy Mahjong, Hand & Foot, Dominoes, and more. Proceeds benefit the Grand Haven Woman's Club.

There will be 20 baskets for raffle tickets, and Share/Share tickets will also be available—buffet lunch with homemade dessert bar included in the price. Don't miss out on this great event for a great cause, where we will also be honoring Lucy Crowley for her many years of service as the reservations specialist for this event!

Purchase tickets to register you and your friends at the October and November meetings, or by contacting Sandi Walker at sandiwalker14@gmail.com or Jenny Scott at bjscott01@aol.com or 630-272-8851.



WATCH and HELP US GROW!

Grand Haven Woman's Club 2024-25 Partner Sponsors







Event Sponsors















Event Sponsors continued

