

GRAND HAVEN WOMAN'S CLUB

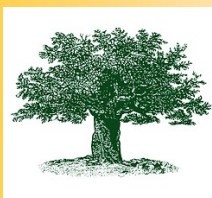
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President's Message

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2018 - 2020

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2nd VP, Nancy Carlton
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Recording Secretary, Jean Millirons
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COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

Arts & Crafts – TBD
Conservation – Cheryl Dresnok
Education – Kim Lhota (acting)
Home Life – Mary Coyle
International Outreach – Pamela Creque
Public Issues – Marilyn Gingles & JoAnn Sparks

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Membership – Roi Parris
Monthly Notices – Marilyn McNamara
Newsletter – Sheila Tebbano, Ed. D
Reporting – Karen E. Finder, Ed. D

SPECIAL COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Budget – Sandi Walker
Bylaws & Protocol – Nancy Richards & Sally Nord
Social – Karen Shay
Greeter – Ann Roffman

Ladies,

What a time this has turned out to be! We've cancelled membership meetings, committee meetings, events and volunteering in our community. The irony is that April 19 – 25 is National Volunteer Week (April 20 being Volunteer Recognition Day) during which time we honor the impact of volunteer service. However, I don't want you to underestimate the power volunteers have in taking on challenges. Whether online, at the office, or the local food bank – doing good comes in many forms, and we recognize and celebrate them all. These challenges are opportunities to be creative in service and you have risen-up to meet them.

In March, we were to elect new officers for the 2020 – 2022 term. While the election did not take place, your Board of Directors has approved a process for voting via email using the same notification process used for responding to the monthly luncheon invitation. More will be coming out later in April.

We are also welcoming a new member, Marcia Thornally, to the family of Grand Haven Woman's Club. While Marcia's official introduction is delayed, nonetheless, she is now a part of this vibrant group of women.

In the meantime, let's not forget our own needs. Consider these unusual set of circumstances as a gift of time to do long postponed activities. Engage in cleaning out closets (many surprises await), immerse yourself in a book you've been wanting to read, watch those old classic movies, talk to friends/neighbors on the phone, take virtual tours on YouTube, resume a needlework project and finally spend time outdoors even if it's just relaxing on the porch. The weather has been cooperative for outdoor activity so let's take advantage of another gift.

Remember how blessed we are to live in such a beautiful community. May we all share the experience of pleasant things right in our own back yards. Most of all, take time for yourselves to renew (including your membership in GHWC) and refresh. I can't think of a group who deserves a little down time than the ladies of GHWC.

*"Volunteers are not paid
-- not because they are
worthless, but because
they are priceless."*



Laura O'Brien, President
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Volunteering - because a better future begins with us.

As I reflect over the last year I have been so impressed with the quality of our speakers at our monthly meetings and Learn and Grow event. A special thank you to Holly Albanese, Flagler County Library, The Haven Fund, John Subers and Advent Health, Flagler Palm Coast Formality Singers and Dr. Nanavati. In addition, Celina Zimmerman who presented at our Learn and Grow event.

In, January the woman's club hosted the first Community Expo. Over twenty agencies and organizations provided information to our residents. This expo was a great event for new residents in our community.

There are so many organizations within our community that we provide support to through volunteering or in-kind donations. It is important for each of us to continue to support these organizations and thank them for all that they do in our community.



Kim Lhota, 1st Vice President

INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH

INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH DEPARTMENT

In March, the world came together to celebrate women nationwide. The International Women's Day date was moved to March 8 in 1913. The day aimed to help nations worldwide eliminate discrimination against women. It also focused on helping women gain full and equal participation in global development.

International Women's Day is a great celebration of women and their accomplishments. It is also a reminder that, "We do not need magic to transform our world. We carry all of the power we need inside ourselves already". J.K. Rowling.

Grand Haven Woman's Club members Pamela Creque, Aleksa Fleszar, Sonia Loria, and Eva Reznik celebrated International Woman's Day, with an international diverse group, living in Grand Haven. Celebrating, at the Grand Haven Golf Club, were ladies representing the countries of the United States of America/ Puerto Rico, Cuba, Poland, Russia, Nicaragua, and Ukraine. There is something very special about supporting other women, as well as getting support from them. The love and support, from the ladies in this group, to each other, is very uplifting, which made for a very special celebration of women.



We encourage each of you to join a small group. The International Outreach Department always welcomes new faces and new ideas. At this time, we do not have a meeting scheduled, but we hope to have a luncheon/meeting in early May.

Wishing all good health and happiness,
Unity In Diversity,
Pamela Creque, International Outreach Chair

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2nd VP - Fundraising Update

With all of the challenging news that we are hearing, I can hopefully share some good news with you. Thanks to the generosity of our members, we have been able to exceed our fundraising goal by almost \$7,000, in spite of the cancellation of our last two events.

As you know, the Tennis Tournament (scheduled for March 21) was cancelled due to health & safety concerns during this time. Most of the participants in the Tennis Tournament donated their entry and lunch fee, along with the sponsors, Walker Adventures and Coastal Rehab, so that we were able to raise \$2,800 on that event in spite of its cancellation. Thanks to Maureen Pellegrini, who chaired that event, for her efforts to make that event financially successful again this year.

Of course, we must remember our beloved member, Betty Fitterman, whose wish to donate all of her remaining jewelry to GHWC, enabled us to raise over \$4,000.

So many of the organizations GHWC supports have come to rely on these funds to serve their many clients. They truly appreciate not only our dollars, but also the volunteer hours that our members donate to their many causes. At this time of need in our community, the money raised will enable us to continue to support their efforts to improve the lives of those in need in our community.

Having had the privilege of chairing the Fundraising Committee for these last two years, I want to express to all of our members how much we appreciate your generosity.

THANK YOU!!

Nancy Carlton, 2nd VP

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MATERIAL GIRLS

LATE BREAKING NEWS

THE MATERIAL GIRLS ARE WORKING WITH SOME OTHER VOLUNTEERS IN FLAGLER COUNTY TO MAKE MASKS FOR THE FIRE AND POLICE DEPARTMENTS, NURSING HOMES, AND OTHER PLACES WHERE THERE IS A NEED. I AM WORKING WITH SOMEONE IN THE MEDICAL PROFESSION IN GRAND HAVEN TO GET THE MASKS DISTRIBUTED. AS USUAL, WHERE THERE IS A NEED, THERE IS A GROUP OF MATERIAL GIRLS ON THE FRONT LINES, FULFILLING THAT NEED.



IF YOU HAPPEN TO HAVE ANY COTTON FABRIC (EVEN OLD SHEETS OR PILLOWCASES) LAYING AROUND YOUR HOUSE, WE WOULD BE HAPPY TO TAKE IT OFF YOUR HANDS AND TURN IT INTO MASKS TO BE DISTRIBUTED IN THE COMMUNITY.

PLEASE CONTACT ME AT:

BARBARA.WRIGHT@VERIZON.NET AND I CAN ARRANGE FOR A PICKUP.

ONLINE PAYMENT OPTIONS

What is PayPal and Square and how secure are payments made using PayPal on the website or Square during our events?

PayPal is an American company operating a worldwide online payment system that facilitates payments between parties through on-line funds transfers. PayPal makes online purchases safer by providing a form of payment that does not require the disclosure of credit card or bank account information. PayPal states that your information is encrypted with the highest level commercially available. For details on PayPal's privacy visit their website <https://www.paypal.com/us/privacy>

Square is a financial services, merchant services aggregator and mobile payment company based in San Francisco CA. Square Cash is one of the many tools it offers that lets customers pay on a merchant's mobile device using a credit card. This works in conjunction with Square Reader, a small device that is installed on a smartphone or tablet that reads credit & debit cards. Square states that they provide industry-leading encryption with PCI (Payment Card Industry) compliant systems (technical & operational standards that businesses must follow to ensure that credit card data is protected). For details on Square's security visit their website <https://squareup.com/secure>

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Dear ladies,

It is time to renew your membership to the Grand Haven Woman's Club for next year (2020-2021).

The renewal amount is \$40.00.

Please make your check payable to GHWC and mail it, or drop it off to the address below at your earliest convenience.

**Kaliroi Parris
19 N. Park Lane
Palm Coast FL 32137**

To pay by Credit Card, visit our website www.GHWomansClub.org and click on Membership Renewal.

The April meeting/luncheon has been cancelled and we do not know what will happen in May. That luncheon will be your last opportunity to pay in person; therefore we strongly encourage you to either pay by mail or online.

NOTE: According to the club's by-laws, annual renewals are due prior to May 31st. A member is considered delinquent after that date.

Please contact me with any questions or concerns that you may have.

We appreciate your cooperation!

Roi

HOME LIFE

As my term as Chairman of the Home Life Committee comes to an end, I reflect on what a rewarding, wonderful experience this position has been. Yes, it's been a lot of work, but the committee members have been fantastic and fun to work with. I would like to extend a big thank you to all the members of the Home Life committee, especially during my absence the last few months.

I knew there was a strong need in our county to serve those living marginally, but the depth of the need surprised me. You ladies have been so responsive and generous to our various projects, it truly has made a difference in many lives. With the impact of the Coronavirus, this need will increase significantly. Since we will not be having a meeting in April, we will not be able to continue with our collections. If you would like to make a monetary donation to Feed Flagler or the Family Life Center following is the information.

Grace Community Food Pantry
Attention: Dottie Colletta
11 Presidential Lane
Palm Coast, FL 32164

Family Life Center
Attention: Trish Giaccone
P.O. Box 2058
Bunnell, FL 32110

Mary Coyle, Home Life Chair

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Board of Directors Meetings

The Board shall meet at 9:30 AM prior to the regular monthly meetings at the clubhouse. Additional meetings may be called by the President, when necessary.

May 18

Grand Haven Woman's Club is a member of the General Federation of Woman's Club (GHWC) Florida.

Your membership in the GHWC is entirely separate from the golf and social membership provided by the Grand Haven Golf Club.



April Birthdays

Sandy	Hollenbeck	2
Marylee	Giordano	3
Karen	Shay	3
Pat	Johnson	4
Marcia	Bugos	5
Adele	Large	5
Sheila	Tebbano	5
Elena	Peck	6
Claudia	Towne	6
Paula	Geppner	8
Ophelia	Beier	9
Sally	Nord	9
Laura	O' Brien	10
Karen	Raphael	10
Nancy	Richards	12
Lynn	Smith	13
Marti	Hinman	14
Cindy	Kimmel	16
Sandra	Malone	16
Evelyn	Ring	18
Debbie	Douglas	19
Jeanine	Horowitz	20
Arlene	Masera	20
Kathryn	Chiddister	28
Harriet	Kohen	29
Mary	Donahue	30



GHWC Website and Facebook Page

Our new website is up and running! Check it out!

GHWomansClub.org

Check out the Calendar and Events sections to see all the fundraising events and activities planned!

Like and Follow us on Facebook at: <https://bit.ly/2MT5u13> or search

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CONSERVATION

What a month this has been! This virus situation has been like a cold glass of ice water thrown in our faces. A stark reminder of how our lives can change in the blink of an eye.

The Conservation Committee has been planning for our biggest field trip ever in April, to the Alligator Farm and then to lunch afterward at Bings Landing. We had 27 ladies signed up and were just about ready to get the carpooling organized when the virus hit and all plans were suddenly uncertain, and then cancelled.

We were about to organize for our third year of volunteering at Washington Oaks' Earth Day celebration at the end of April. I have been in touch with the Park Rangers, making sure they were expecting us, getting ready to ask for volunteers to help the children visitors learn about the environment. That event has now been cancelled.

Our beloved beaches and parks are now closed.. The beaches and parks are the playgrounds for grown-ups and children in Palm Coast. We are all saying to each other, "Where do we go to play? To relax? To enjoy nature?" The closing of the beaches and the parks is a reminder of how important our environment is to us, and why it is so hugely necessary to protect the world's resources for us and for the generations to come.

This crisis will pass. We have all lived through crises before, and they do eventually go away and life gets back to normal. Our world will return to normal again, and we will be able to return to our beaches and parks.

Those thousands of trees near Washington Oaks that were turned into sticks from the hurricanes will regenerate and become the beautiful backdrop for nature's miracles again. Our spectacular beaches, recently re-nourished with tons and tons of light brown sand, will once again welcome us back to feel the sun's rays, to unwind, to renew our souls.

It will be all right.....this too shall pass



Cheryl Dresnok, Conservation Chair

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MATERIAL GIRLS

The Material Girls are not letting any of this lovely spring grass grow under our feet. While continuing to fulfill our obligation to the other organizations that we serve, we are undertaking an ambitious new project.

It has come to our attention that there is a need for hats and scarves for the homeless and working poor folks who are serviced by The Sheltering Tree. So we have made a commitment to make 60 sets of hats and scarves to be given as gifts during the next holiday season. Daunting, you might think.

Au contraire! In one month these wonderful Material Girls produced 12 (or so?) beautiful sets of hats and scarves for both men and women. So we are well on our way to providing lovely handmade items to keep these folks who are less fortunate than we are, warm during the winter months.



Our last meeting was reminiscent of a “teddy bear picnic” We stuffed and accessorized about 30 bears to be donated to Advent Hospital Emergency Room. Polyfil stuffing was flying; needles and thread were working overtime, and we ended up with an assortment of bears that will bring joy and comfort to the small children who accompany their parents to the ER at Advent.

Our lovely ladies continue to produce beautiful chemo caps and lap blankets for the patients at the Cancer Center at Advent Hospital, cancer care kits for post-mastectomy patients, and Origami Bags for the young expectant mothers who come through the Alpha Women’s Center.

Several of our other projects are on an ‘as needed’ basis. If there is a need for knitted knockers for mastectomy patients or amenity bags for the Family Life Center, we spring into action.

As you are cleaning out closets and storage places this spring, if you happen to run across any fabric or yarn, please keep the Material Girls in mind. We thrive on donations, and it keeps our costs down considerably.

This will be my last year as chair of Material Girls. It has been a blessing to me to have been able to lead this group of wonderful women for almost four years. While I intend to remain active, the leadership will go to two very capable women—Lucie LaChance and Michelle Kreiss Keating. I know that the group will continue to grow and our good deeds on behalf of Grand Haven Woman’s Club will continue to be felt far and wide in Flagler County.

Barbara Wright, Materials Girls Chair

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GHWC Treasurer Report
June 1, 2019 through March 31, 2020

	<u>2019-20 Budget</u>	<u>Actual Income</u>	<u>Actual Expense</u>
OPERATING & AFFILIATIONS			
Operating Cash Reserve	6,014.85	6,014.85	
INCOME - Operating & Affili-			
Dues (\$40/member, or \$20/member after Jan 1st)	9,600.00	9,180.00	
New Member Admin Fee	0.00	95.00	
Credit Card Fee Income	0.00	0.00	
TOTAL Income - Operating	9,600.00	9,275.00	
Total Funds Available for Operating	15,614.85	15,289.85	
EXPENSE - Operating & Affiliations			
State & District Meetings	700.00		215.99
Federation Dues (\$23/member)	5,520.00		5,129.00
Name Badges	0.00		7.00
Program Ex-Postage/PO Box (\$130)	800.00		98.63
Printing	300.00		187.13
Supplies	500.00		176.55
	400.00		116.37
Credit Card Bank fees	0.00		
	100.00		
State Fees - annual non-profit Memorials	75.00		75.00
	500.00		
Insurance	1,000.00		838.50
Monthly Luncheon Expense	0.00		-0.47
Website	500.00		176.39
Volunteer of the Year	100.00		
Display Case	1,500.00		784.00
Unallocated	3,619.85		37.00
TOTAL Expense - Operating	15,614.85		7,841.09
OPERATING & AFFILIATIONS NET	0.00		7,448.76
CONTRIBUTIONS			
Contributions Cash Reserve	7,603.58	7,603.58	7,603.58

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Gross Revenue</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>Net Income</u>
INCOME -				
Nine and Dine	3,500.00	9,366.00	4,292.77	5,073.23
Annual Gift Campaign	12,000.00	11,006.00	303.33	10,702.67
Cocktails and Tapas	2,600.00	3,475.00	199.00	3,276.00
Denim and Diamonds	3,620.00	8,925.00	4,125.45	4,799.55
Day of Games	5,005.00	8,175.00	2,388.38	5,786.62
Killer Beads Sale	0.00	4,217.00	81.63	4,135.37
Parking Spot Auction	0.00	155.00		155.00
Purses Silent Auction	1,500.00	2,785.00	103.35	2,681.65
Tennis Tournament	3,250.00	2,809.00		2,809.00
Book Sale	1,300.00			0.00
GHWC Cookbook	100.00	150.00		150.00
Custom Tee Shirt	0.00			0.00
Individual, Business Contribu-	0.00			0.00
Special Collections	0.00	611.00		611.00
TOTAL Income - Fundraisers	32,875.00	51,674.00	11,493.91	40,180.09
INCOME - Social				
Learn & Grow Events	0.00			0.00
TOTAL Income - Social Events	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL Net Income - Contribu-				
tions	32,875.00	51,674.00	11,493.91	40,180.09

EXPENSE— Contri-	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Arts & Crafts		
Flagler Playhouse	250.00	250.00
Flagler County Art	350.00	350.00
Kids Rock the Nation	500.00	500.00
Material Girls Committee materials expense	400.00	407.16
Palm Coast Arts	500.00	500.00
Conservation		
American Eagle	100.00	100.00
Flagler County Humane Socie-	500.00	500.00
Friends of Gamble Rogers	500.00	500.00
Friends of Washing-	500.00	500.00
Volusia/Flagler	100.00	100.00
Whitney Laboratory	500.00	500.00
Education		
Daytona State College Foun-	300.00	300.00
FCEF - Connect Bus	1,000.00	1,000.00
FCEF - Stuff Bus	1,000.00	1,000.00
FCEF - Take Stock in Children	4,000.00	4,000.00
FCEF - FPCHS -	2,000.00	2,000.00
FCEF - Matanzas Scholarship	2,000.00	2,000.00
FCEF - Teacher Innovation	2,000.00	2,000.00
Friends of Flagler	300.00	300.00

MOAS Science Night	625.00	625.00	
Whispering Meadows	500.00	500.00	
Home Life			
American Cancer Society—Relay for Life	300.00	300.00	
Boggy Creek Camp	400.00	400.00	
Family Life Center	2,000.00	2,000.00	
Feed Flagler (Grace Tabernacle Church)	2,000.00	2,000.00	
Flagler Free Clinic	2,000.00	2,000.00	
Flagler Hospital Foundation	1,000.00	1,000.00	
GAL 7	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Habitat for Humanity	500.00	500.00	
Hacienda Girls Ranch (1)	0.00		
Haven Family Fund	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Home Life Committee materials expense	500.00	107.39	
Hope to Help	500.00	500.00	
Palm Coast United Methodist Church	500.00	500.00	
Society of St Vincent de Paul	500.00	500.00	
Special Olympics (Florida)	300.00	300.00	
International			
Flagler College (International student)	500.00		
Heifer International	50.00	50.00	
Operations Changing Lives	250.00	250.00	
United Nations Foundation	50.00	50.00	
UNICEF (1)	0.00	611.00	
Public Issues			
Palm Coast Volunteer Fire Rescue	800.00	800.00	
Palm Coast Historical Society	300.00	300.00	
	32,375.00	32,100.55	
TOTAL Expense - Local			
GFWC State/National/Int'l Gifts			
Operation Smile - 2019/20 President Project	500.00	500.00	
	500.00	500.00	
TOTAL Expense - GFWC			
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS EXPENSE	32,875.00	32,600.55	
CONTRIBUTIONS NET	0.00	51,674.00	44,094.46
2019-20 Combined Net Income and Cash Reserves		74,567.43	51,935.55
CASH BALANCE AS OF 3/31/20			22,631.88

(1) These donations were made from special collections at meetings for these specific causes.