

# Grand Haven Woman's Club

## NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2023



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[GHWomansClub.org](http://GHWomansClub.org)

### *1st Vice President*

*Awilda Hamilton*

Join us and share the excitement about the many opportunities in store as we continue giving back to our community. Though the needs are great, our potential as a club is greater!

We are kicking off the 2023-24 program year with our second

*"Getting to Know You"*

informative and fun-filled membership meeting!

After our business meeting (shorter than usual), we'll have a special reflective presentation from one of our members. Following that, you'll nosh, imbibe, chat, and visit

Community Service Program (CSP) stations.

Mark your calendar

Monday, September 18, 2023

***Get Ready, Get Set, Let's Get Going!***

### *President's Update*

*Roi Parris*

I hope you all had a great summer, caught up on your travel and made memories with loved ones! Our Committee chairs have been busy over the summer months planning our events and activities for the new club year.

The updated Calendar of events is posted on our website, click or tap the *CALENDAR* button, then click/tap the *Month-by-Month Calendar* button.

Here are some updates:

- New name tags will be available at our upcoming meetings, you can keep your old name tag if you like.
- The GHWC display case at the Creekside lobby has been updated with photos of last year's events.
- The new Yearbook & Directory is posted on our website (click/tap the *MEMBERS* button, then *Members Only*, then *Yearbook & Directory*). A limited number of Yearbooks have been printed; please email me if you need one.
- Our club's Policies & Procedures have been updated and are posted on our website. Click/tap the *MEMBERS* button, then *POLICIES & PROCEDURES* to review them, most notably the *Lunch Reservation Cancellation* policy.

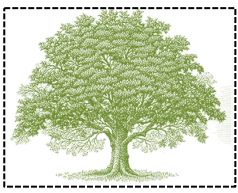
Th first meeting for our new club year is **September**

### **GHWC 2023-2024 MEETING DATES**

18 September	2023
16 October	2023
13 November	2023
11 December	2023

### **January 22, 2024 - Day of Games!**

19 February	2024
18 March	2024
15 April	2024
20 May	2024



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## **Health and Wellness**

*Health and Wellness Chair, Adele Large*

Would you like to see the latest technology used to train health care providers?

A tour of the simulation lab will take place on Nov 15<sup>th</sup> starting at 10:30am at Advent Hospital on Hwy. 100. If interested, please rsvp by Nov 6<sup>th</sup> to [GHWC.Health.Wellness@gmail.com](mailto:GHWC.Health.Wellness@gmail.com). Also submit any questions on the Advent hospital system that you would like answered. This special tour for GHWC will include a question-and-answer session by the hospital staff and should finish at approximately noon.

Donations for the Food Pantry, Family Life Center, and the Giving Store begin with our September meeting. Nonperishable donations have allowed the Food Pantry to provide food to about 1,000 families each weekend. If you would like to provide a Thanksgiving meal to a needy family, please write a \$50 check. Checks should be written to "Grace Community Food Pantry" and note Feed Flagler on the memo line. Checks will be collected at the September and October meetings.

Flagler Volunteer Services will host a rummage sale in October to benefit the Giving Store. Donations will be collected in September for this sale. The rummage sale will be held at Cattleman's Hall at the Flagler Fairgrounds on October 13 from 8 a.m. to 3 and October 14 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

"Save the Date" November 8<sup>th</sup>, 4-5:30pm in the Grand Haven Room at the Village Center for our third program on Managing Your Diabetes. More information coming soon. Reservations will be required. Contact Sandy Hollenbeck at [sandyhollen01@gmail.com](mailto:sandyhollen01@gmail.com) to reserve a seat.

## **Membership News**

*GHWC Membership Co-Chairs, Cheryl Dresnok and Marilyn McNamara*

Welcome back to the Woman's Club, ladies! You will notice when you sign in at the meeting in September, your name tag will look a little different. That is because we have ordered all new name tags for our members.

The Grand Haven tree will be on the new name tags and there will be no more GFWC inscribed on the tags. Last spring our club voted to withdraw from the General Federation of Woman's Clubs (GFWC) and we wanted our new name tags to reflect this change.

The company that makes our name tags gave us several options to choose from, and the Board met over the summer to vote on its favorite. I know you will wear your new name tag proudly as we move into the 2023-24 season of our club!

## **Communications & Public Relations**

To view the flyers for our various events, go to our website [GHWomansClub.org](http://GHWomansClub.org), click or tap the **EVENTS** button, then click/tap on that event. Note: these get updated as new event flyers become available.

To view the calendar, go to our website [GHWomansClub.org](http://GHWomansClub.org), click or tap the **CALENDAR** button, then click/tap the **Month-by-Month** button. To see details for an event, click/tap on that event. To add that event to your calendar, just click the **+Add to Calendar** button.

Use the < > arrows (top line, next to the month) to scroll to the next or previous month. Click/tap the **TODAY** button (top line) to return to the current month's calendar.

Members with AOL email accounts are having intermittent issues receiving emails. Please update your contacts to include [Notices@GHWomansClub.org](mailto:Notices@GHWomansClub.org), check your trash/junk folder, or contact AOL for guidance.



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*L to R: Teresa Rizzo, Executive Director for the Flagler County Education Foundation and Jennifer Ames, GHWC Education Chair in front of the Flagler County STUFF BUS.*

## Education Committee Education Chair, Jennifer Ames

We had a successful summer helping the kids of Flagler County by collecting school supplies and stuffing backpacks for the Flagler County Education Foundation. The S.T.U.F.F. Bus was at the village center on July 15<sup>th</sup> and we collected notebooks, crayons, pens, folders, paper, toiletries, backpacks, shoes, jeans and so much more!! The S.T.U.F.F. Bus, which stands for Supplying Things U Find Fundamental, provides essential supplies and clothing to students whose families are experiencing economic difficulties. Once all the supplies were collected from around town, we helped stuff 500 backpacks that were given out to students at the back to school jam.

Thank you so much to everyone that donated items! Every item was appreciated!!

Mark your calendars and start saving your books. The annual book sale will be Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup> and Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>.



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## *Fundraising Committee*

*Fundraising Chair, Laura McBride*

We've had a very busy summer planning several events for the coming year. Thanks to all of the committee members and event chairs for a substantial jumpstart! Here's what we've been working on:

- **Nine and Dine – 11/4/23 – Paula Geppner and Carolyn Million, Chairs**
  - The Nine and Dine Golf Tournament will be held at the Grand Haven Golf Club on November 4, 2023 with a 3 PM shotgun start followed by dinner. Work is underway to procure sponsors at all levels.
- **Day of Games – 1/22/24 – Carol Walker and Jenny Scott, Chairs**
  - Day of Games will be held at the Grand Haven Golf Club on January 22, 2024 with 100 players, a buffet lunch and raffles.
- **Tennis Tournament – 4/20/24 – Maureen Pellegrini, Chair**
  - Back by popular demand, the tennis tournament will be held at the Grand Haven tennis courts with registration starting at 8:30 AM. It will include a dinner that evening along with a raffle. Work continues to procure sponsors.
- **Kentucky Derby Party – 5/4/24 – MJ Elwood, Chair**
  - This event will be held at the Grand Haven Golf Club celebrating the 150<sup>th</sup> Run for the Roses and is in the early planning stages.
- **Annual Partners – Nancy Carlton, Chair**
  - Corporations are sought each year to provide sponsorships across all of the events, and Advent Health and Innovative Financial Services have already signed up again this year.
- **Annual Gift Campaign**
  - In the next month you will receive an invitation to contribute to the Annual Gift Campaign. This was started a few years ago to replace the monthly meeting raffles and give members the opportunity to contribute to the GHWC mission.

Please make plans to support all of these events so that we can continue to support our community in a significant way as we have done for years.

Thank you!



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## **ARTS AND CULTURE**

*Arts and Culture Chair, Marie Lanier*

Yippee! **The Grand Haven Women's Club** season has begun. And the **Arts And Culture** committee has a ton of activities to keep you busy, excited and motivated. Something for **EVERYONE!** I'm so ready to stop idling and step on that gas pedal. Here's a preview.

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\*September opens with our book club; Thurs. Sept. 14- **Women in Sunlight** by Frances Mayes Hosted by Denise Burren - 10 Grandview at Noon.

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\*September **Movie Day** is currently looking for a host who has an AppleTV subscription. "**Coda**", our first feature is only available on that streaming service. If you're interested in being our September movie host, please reach out to me at [ghwc.art.culture@gmail.com](mailto:ghwc.art.culture@gmail.com)

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\*\*The annual "**Festival of Wreaths**" to raise money for the Flagler Humane Society will be taking place again this year at Windsor assisted living. I am hoping that many of our members will again be creating wreaths to donate. All wreaths need to be delivered to me prior to November 24. Reach out for specs please.

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\*Don't forget to enroll now in our **stained glass classes** coming up in October! Reach out for details.

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\*\* "**Day of Games**" Our committee will be donating an "experience basket". We would again like to donate two tickets to the Flagler Playhouse or Flagler auditorium plus a gift card to be put towards dinner for a great day out for the lucky winner. If you are interested in donating, please reach out to me.

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Ladies, we have just begun to scratch the surface! Lots of activities are ahead and as always, thank you so much to all of you for your enthusiasm and participation. Our Arts And Culture gals rock!

## **Correspondence**

*Corresponding Secretary, Denise Burren*

If you know of someone who needs a get well, thinking of you, or sympathy card please send an email to [colector50@gmail.com](mailto:colector50@gmail.com).

We want all members to know they are thought of during difficult times as well as when they need a few words of encouragement.

## **Material Girls**

*MC Chairs, Lucie Lachance and Michelle Kreiss Keating*

The Material Girls first meeting for the 2023-2024 season will be held on Monday October 23, 1 p.m. at 15 Sand Pine Drive.

At this first meeting we will have a quick quilt hand-tying demonstration so we can finish children's quilts in time for the holiday season. For those not interested in tying quilts we have abdominal and mastectomy pillows and bears ready to be stuffed and hand sewn shut.

These monthly meetings are a fun way to learn new tricks and visit with old and new friends while completing items that are donated in our community.

All are welcome to help with our endeavors. No skill needed, just a pleasant disposition!



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## ***Civic Engagement CSP***

*Reflections by Ophelia Beier*

Tuesday morning, September 11, 2001, in Washington, D.C. the sun was shining. I worked at the Pentagon as an Army financial analyst.

The Nation did not realize that in a matter of minutes there would be the most horrific attack of terrorism on American soil that we had ever seen.

As I arrived at the Pentagon, running, I heard a voice telling me not to run to trouble. I did not understand what was happening to me at first, but the voice said turn around and go to my budget meeting. The voice was low. Confused and shaken, wondering who was talking to me, I turned around and went in the opposite direction. Five minutes after I turned around, American Airlines Flight 77 slammed into my office on the side of the Pentagon where I just stood, killing thirty-four of my co-workers. The Boeing 757 crashed into the Pentagon loaded with 10,000 gallons of fuel, at 345 mph. The plane penetrated the E ring between corridors 4 and 5. I worked in E ring corridor four.

The building was shaking, everything was dark, people were screaming to get out. I could feel the fire. I hear the same voice telling me to give them my hand. I was so afraid. I stretched out my hand and was pulled by force. After running in the dark with no direction, no lights, just running for my life, I made it out of the building.

I will always wonder why my life was spared. Out of thirty-seven of my co-workers, thirty-four died on September 11, 2001.



Times Staff Photo/Jennifer Cooper

**FRIENDS LOST:** Centreville resident and Pentagon employee Ophelia Fair, who found herself reassigned to the work of colleagues killed in the Sept. 11 terrorist attack, looks at photos of her deceased co-workers.

## **Pentagon worker from Centreville struggles with loss of colleagues**

BY JENNIFER COOPER  
Times Staff Writer

If, as the Beatles song claims, "You get by with a little help from your friends," then how does one get by when so many friends are dead?

Centreville resident Ophelia Fair struggles each day to get by after so many of her friends and co-workers were killed by the Sept. 11 terrorist attack on the Pentagon.

A civilian budget analyst for the Army's Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army, Financial Management and Comptroller, Fair's office once stood amid the

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**Last fiscal year they were training me. This fiscal year I was doing their job.**

Ophelia Fair  
Centreville resident

gaping hole that now scars the Pentagon.

By a stroke of fate she had been moved to a new office while that wing of the Pentagon was undergoing renovation.

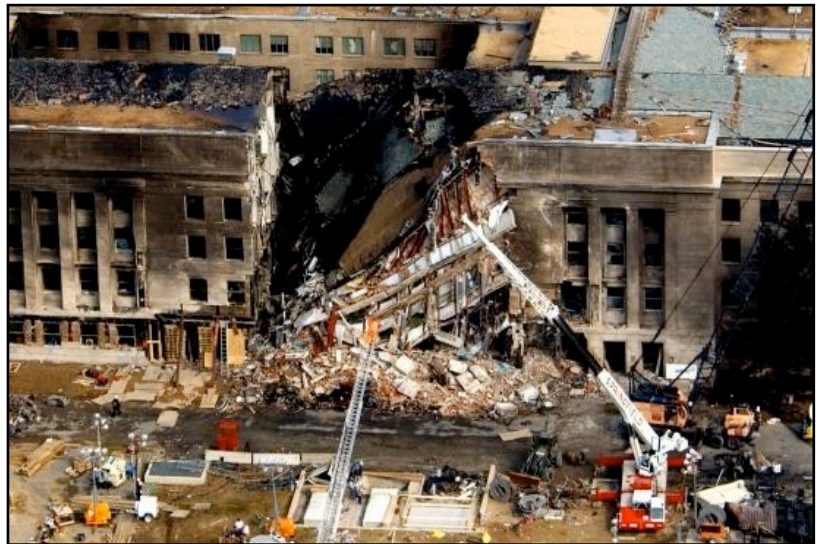
"My old office was destroyed," a glum Fair said, noting that it was just six feet from where the plane hit.

Fair has no tales of fighting her way out of a blazing Pentagon, breathing in the smoky electrical smell—a smell so sharp that once smelled again will bring one instantly back to the scene.

Nor did she fight to escape the

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*Grand Haven Resident Ophelia Beier.*



*The Pentagon on September 11, 2001.*



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Don't forget to wish our September GHWC members a "Happy Birthday!"



GHWC SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS	
Paula Foggia	September 6
Evelyn Sandusky	September 7
Lucie Lachance	September 11
Andrea Latish	September 11
Kim Lhota	September 11
Cheryl Dresnok	September 19
Iris Frankel	September 22
Ruth Berke	September 24
Laura McBride	September 25
Janet Carlsen	September 27
Khan-Lien Banko	September 30
Michelle Kreiss Keating	September 30
Jacki Unger	September 30



**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH, 2023**

<p>OPEN TO ALL MEN &amp; WOMEN GOLFERS &amp; NON-GOLFERS</p> <p><b>\$80.00</b> PER GOLFER</p> <p><b>\$35.00</b> DINNER ONLY</p>	<p><b>HELD AT:</b> <b>GRAND HAVEN GOLF CLUB</b> <b>3:00PM SHOTGUN START</b> <b>SCRAMBLE FORMAT</b></p> <p><b>FOR MORE INFO</b> <b>CONTACT:</b> PAULA GEPPNER (386) 585-4120 <a href="mailto:PKGEPNER@GMAIL.COM">PKGEPNER@GMAIL.COM</a></p>
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