

Summer 2018
Edition

GRAND HAVEN WOMAN'S CLUB



President's Message

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SURPRISE!

We are bringing you a Summer "mini" newsletter to keep you informed about all that is happening with the Grand Haven Woman's Club. In particular, we want to let you know about some of the activities and events that have been planned for the first few months of our Club year, so that you can get those dates on your calendar.

We all hope that your summer is going well and we look forward to seeing everyone soon. Please take a minute to read through these few pages.



Ladies,

Our Membership rolls show that over the last five years, **129** new members have joined the Grand Haven Woman's Club (GHWC)!!! It has been wonderful to meet these new neighbors and friends. This has resulted in being able to provide more goods, services and financial assistance to our community and meet the purpose of why GHWC exists.

The increase has required much more time and effort for maintaining membership information. Last year, creating the Yearbook/Directory took 75 hours and \$408 to produce – this is an annual effort. To aid in more effectively managing our membership data, the roster is now in a consolidated electronic format. New updated processes and procedures for membership/renewals have been defined and documented.

Today there is more use of electronic communication and need for technical support. Our website has been developed and will be undergoing some changes in this upcoming year. The Monthly Newsletters and Monthly Notices of meetings are distributed electronically via email.

As you know, once the Yearbook/Directory is printed and with the first change in a Program Date, Speaker or addition of new members occurs, it is outdated. In the spirit of continuous improvement, we are now taking the following steps to be in effect by the September meeting:

Yearbook: Information with limited updates, e.g. Club History, Mission Statement, International State and District Officers, Monthly Programs, Bylaws and Standing Rules, etc. will be located on the website.

Directory: Member contact information will be distributed as an attachment to an email like the Monthly Newsletter is today. The format will remain the same as it has been. Having member contact information electronically will allow quick updating and can be distributed more frequently.

For ease of transition, the September newsletter will also include the program dates and speakers. This will allow better and faster state-of-the-art communication. You can also always find this information on our website at www.grandhavenwomansclub.org.

In 2010, Teddy Hulse, the General Federation of Florida President, made it her initiative to encourage the use of technology. Here is a description of her initiative:

2010—2012, brought about a change in process. President Teddy Hulse, chose membership, financial security and public relations as her project. Pushing the use of technology, the website was used to the fullest. All materials previously printed, including the "Florida Clubwomen" were now available on line. Workshops were provided on computer skills. Dues, remittance, ways and means merchandise and registration for meetings were payable via "PayPal". Seven "Days of Service" were the highlight of the administration, allowing the members to be part of hands on projects.
(see www.gfwcflorida.com/history-of-the-florida-federation)

Feel free to contact me with any questions you may have.

Laura O'Brien, President



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Arts & Crafts – TBD
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SAVE THE DATES

Realizing how busy everyone is, we wanted to give you advance notice of dates you will definitely want to add to your calendar. The **FUNdraising Committee** met on July 12, and we are pleased to announce the following events:

4th Annual Fall Wine & Cheese – October 19, 2018



This event has been a sell-out the last 3 years, so you will definitely want to get your tickets early. Tickets will remain at \$25 per person. Thanks to our relatively new member, Jacki Lausier and her husband, Luc, who will host 75 members and their guests (spouses, significant others included) in their home for an evening that allows us to get to know each other better in a casual, informal setting. If you would like to reserve your tickets now, you can contact Stephanie Leroux, stephler@aol.com. If you would like to contribute wine or a finger food for the event, you can contact Sandi Walker, sandiwalker14@gmail.com.

Nine and Dine – November 10, 2018 – Grand Haven Golf Club

This is a new event for the GHWC and is open to anyone who wishes to play... men, women, non-residents. Our members have been asking us to create a golf event for the past few years and here it is! Foursomes will be limited to 60 players, so reserve your spot now. Sponsorships are also available. For complete details, go to www.GrandHavenGC.com/GHWC9Dine for entry fee, sponsorship rates, etc. Need more information, contact Maureen Pellegrini at: maureenpellegrini@gmail.com.



Dinner Auction – November 12, 2018 Meeting



Calling all Chefs!! The Dinner Auction has been a big hit for the last few years, especially for those folks who love to entertain but don't enjoy doing all the cooking. If you are interested in being a Dinner Captain and coordinating a few of your fellow "Cheffie" friends to put together an interesting dinner for auction, or if you are just interested in participating in a dinner team and making one of the dishes, please

contact Marcia Bugos at mabugos@gmail.com or Melanie Mathis at parkcitymelanie@me.com.

Walk 4 Women – December 1, 2018 – Grand Haven Golf Club



If you missed this very fun event in 2017, you will definitely want to participate this year. This is another event that is open to the entire community and the setting is that spectacular scenery along the Intracoastal. We will be sending lots more information about this event in the coming months, but wanted you to get it on your calendar. If you would like to serve on the committee or have any questions about this event, please contact Nancy Carlton, ncarlton102@aol.com, 447-5536.

These events are not only a very enjoyable way to socialize with your friends and neighbors; it is a great opportunity to raise funds that will be contributed to non-profit organizations in our community who serve those in need. In the 2017-18 Club year, GHWC contributed over \$30,000 to over 32 organizations thanks to our members.

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MONTHLY EVENT CALENDAR

And, here is more information about meeting dates,
speakers and Learn & Grow activities

September	17 – 9:30 – Board Meeting 11:30 – Membership Meeting Flagler Education Foundation/ STUFF Bus (E)
October	15 – 9:30 – Board Meeting 11:30 – Membership Meeting Dottie Colleta, Feed Flagler (HL) 18 - 4-5:30 Learn & Grow Randy Jaye,
November	12 – 9:30 – Board Meeting 11:30 – Membership Meeting John Lhota, Internet Safety (PI)
December	10 – 9:30 – Board Meeting 11:30 – Membership Meeting Chef Jason Stasa, Holiday Parties
January	21 – Day of Games
February	18 – 9:30 – Board Meeting 11:30 – Membership Meeting Lee Willman, Women's Health
March	14 – 4-5:30 Learn & Grow Zach Zacharias, MOAS 18 – 9:30 – Board Meeting 11:30 – Membership Meeting Ray Pressley, Ravine Gardens State Park (C)
April	15 – 9:30 – Board Meeting 11:30 – Membership Meeting Gary Perkins, Flagler Humane Society (C) 27 – Earth Day activities at
May	20 – 9:30 – Board Meeting 11:30 – Membership Meeting Scholarship Recipients

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SURVEY SAYS...

A big thanks to the 146 members who completed our GHWC 2018 Survey this summer. We thought you might like to know the results, so here you are.



Length of time as a GHWC member:

1-3 years – 61 members
 4-8 years – 54 members
 9+ years – 29 members

Have you attended New Member Orientation?

Yes – 72 No – 73

Notes: individual responses indicated that those who attended Orientation found it very helpful and beneficial as a new member and should be required for all new members.

Would you find it helpful if you were offered a mentor when you joined?

Yes – 74 No – 66

The things that members enjoy the most about GHWC (in rank order):

~Monthly luncheons ~guest speakers ~ fund-raising activities ~ 50-50/share-share ~ table challenge ~ serving on a committee

Members indicated things that would encourage them to be more engaged in GHWC (in rank order):

~Field/bus trips ~small group activities ~evening activities

Notes: individual member comments indicated many would like small lunch groups (like the Pay it Forward lunches)

The question about options to resolve the space limitation issue elicited the most comments. The following is a few of those responses:

Keep things as they are, understanding you must reserve early

Hold guest meetings only 3 or 4 times a year

Eliminate speakers using the screen, since it can't be seen from several parts of the audience...lots of blind spots

Alternate meetings between luncheon and evening meetings, since people who work cannot take that much time out for a mid-day meeting

Love lottery seating; it gives me the opportunity to meet new people (although one respondent indicated that they really disliked lottery seating...they want to sit with their friends)

“Wish our meetings were year round”

Other comments:

Many of our members indicated how pleased they are to be members. One respondent wrote, “*I am in awe of what is accomplished by our club! Our members are such doers and ENERGIZING to others.*” Members indicated that they believe it is time to give up baskets at every meeting and the Fundraising Committee has already decided to do that for the coming Club year.

Again, we want to thank those who took the time to respond. According to Survey Monkey, respondents spent an average of 3 minutes and 23 seconds completing the survey!

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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.

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

Thank You

The following is an excerpt from a thank you letter we received from a student who was the recipient of a **Take Stock In Children** scholarship, partially funded by the GHWC contribution.

"...TSIC is extremely important to me. My parents were never able to finish college because of the cost. I remember my Mom and Dad say that their biggest fear was not being able to help me pay for college and having to struggle to get by like they have because I couldn't get a good paying job. This program has taken a huge burden off my parents' shoulders. I am going to make it my goal to be the first one in my family to finish college. Thank you, GHWC, for your support."



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