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# GHCLA Newsletter

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## G.H.C.President'sCorner



Dear GHC Members,

Hello all,

Hoping everyone enjoyed Christmas, spending quality time with family and friends. Wishing everyone a Happy and Prosperous New Year for 2020. The new GHC Board is dedicated to making 2020 a great year for everyone. The only message I have for the members is Participation, Participation, Participation. Showing up is half the battle, no one knows what can happen if they show up, please support our events, Classic, Picnics, BBQs, shows, auctions, etc. The committees work hard for you, all we ask is you show up. We all came here to enjoy the sport and have some of the best facilities in the country, take advantage of the amenities. Once again wishing all of you the best of everything for 2020 !!!!!

Paul Hanna  
GHC President

## G.H.C. Auxiliary President's Corner



Dear Ladies,

Here we are at the start of a new year, a new decade and a new century. Let's begin 2020 with the intention of supporting this Auxiliary the best we can. It's time to sign up for committee work and the sheets will be out at this meeting. If you can't work on one of the committees you can still support its efforts by doing such things as donating to the shelter that we help support, provide baked goods when the kitchen is open, or attend functions that are planned.

If you can't make the meeting, I hope to see you at the Banquet on the 18<sup>th</sup>.

Toni Young  
GHCLA President

### **ATTENTION ALL GHC MEMBERS**

**If you have a change of telephone  
number or address, please call or text  
Vernon on 727-457-4309**

All correspondence through the mail should be sent to **P.O. BOX 11133, Spring Hill, FL34610**. We have been finding mail thrown on the grass at the Springtime address.

Visit our websites to get up to date information and read the Newsletter with full color pictures.

[www.ghcclub.com](http://www.ghcclub.com)

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#### **A MESSAGE FROM THE RACE SECRETARY**

- **Anyone needing chips contact Jerry McIntosh (727-857-1281) or Ted Phillips (352-584-0170)**  
**The chip price is \$2.15 per chip.**
- **Any new members who need loft measurements:**
  - **Living north of Rt. 50, contact Hugh Fraser (352-592-7664)**
  - **Living south of Rt. 50, contact Sam Giarratano (727-379-0777)**

#### **CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS**

Wed	Jan 8	GHC meeting	7 p.m.
Thurs	Jan 9	Auxiliary meeting	10 a.m.
Sat	Jan 18	GHC Banquet @ the Wellington	6:30 p.m.
Sun	Jan 19	Shipping of 1 <sup>st</sup> Spring Race	4 – 6:30 p.m.
Fri	Jan 24	Shipping of 1 <sup>st</sup> Reg. OB Race	4 – 6:30
Wed	Jan 29	BINGO	7 p.m.

#### **ATTENTION FLYERS**

**BE SURE THAT YOUR CLOCK IS CLEAR OF ALL TRAINING TOSSES AND RACES BEFORE SUBMITTING IT ON SHIPPING NIGHT.**

# *Highlights from the Classic 2019*

The annual Gulfcoast Classic was held the week of December 2<sup>nd</sup> through December 6<sup>th</sup>. Each morning guests and members could socialize at the clubhouse with coffee and pastries provided by the Activities Committee. The Ladies' Auxiliary members decorated the building with the Christmas spirit inside and out. Classic week is always a hectic week with so much to do. The committee hoping there is no change in the schedule, will there be enough food or too much food, setting up and taking down chairs and tables, putting up cages for the auction, ladies selling raffle tickets and pigeon t-shirts, hats and sweatshirts, and the flyers worrying about the weather and having a good race. This was a good year!



## **Congratulations to all the winners!**

**John Roan (handler) and Dave Dudley (breeder)  
1st place winners.**



**Sergio Bello (breeder and Conrad Rees (handler)  
2<sup>nd</sup> place winners**



**Our visitors from far, far away.  
Victoria Falls World Challenge Pigeon Race  
Zimbabwe, South Africa**

**Trish Henson  
Geoff Armand  
Kevin Fry**



The men serve pizza before the auction.



Pick-A-Prize



2nd Hand Rose



\$500 Cash Raffle

### Wine A Little, Laugh A Lot!



Before working



After Working



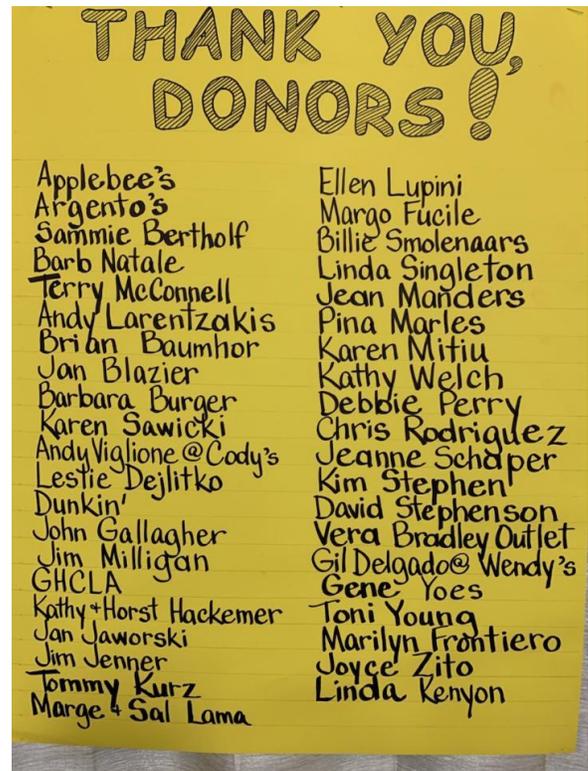
The first for morning coffee and pastries.

Getting tickets for the clock/or \$1000 raffle.



A nice crowd

Thanks to all who donated toward the Pick-A-Prize raffle.



# Christmas Dinner 2019

Some of GHC family came together for our annual Christmas Pot Luck Dinner. As usual, there was a variety of foods; turkey, stuffing, ham, kielbasa and sauerkraut, corn pudding, squash, salads, deviled eggs, freshly made eggrolls, home-made rolls, and for dessert, pies, cookies, and homemade cream puffs. Something for everyone.

The gift exchange was a lot of fun. If you brought a gift you could pick a gift. After everyone got gifts, we had another round where you could steal someone's gift or keep the one you had hoping no one would steal yours. Unfortunately, our gift organizer, Ellie DeBoer was sick and couldn't even make the dinner. Ellie, Douwe and her mother, Lois, were truly missed this year.





*Gone but never forgotten.  
May they rest in peace.*



### *In Memory of*



**Barbara A. Abrahams**, 88, of Philadelphia, PA, formally of Florida and Havertown, passed away suddenly on November 30, 2019.

Barbara worked at Valley Forge Music Fair as Director of Group Sales until her retirement in 1993. She relocated to Florida for 23 years. Barbara's son Rob was a member of the GHC and so she joined and became an active member of the Ladies' Auxiliary. In 2016, to continue to live independently & be closer to family, she returned to Philadelphia and resided at Cathedral Village Retirement Community. While there she was an active volunteer & enjoyed her many friendships with residents & staff.

Barbara is survived by children Robert F. O'Leary, Debra A. Petrillo (Dennis), Steven M. O'Leary (Lee), Kevin J. O'Leary, as well as, 6 grandchildren & 2 great grandchildren.

### *In Memory of*



**Marilyn M. Tipton**, 56, of Brooksville, FL, passed away after a well fought battle with cancer.

Marilyn was born in Arcadia, FL, and moved on to spend 25 years in Orlando. She retired as a Captain from the Department of Corrections after 27 years of service. She graduated Magna Cum Laude from Florida Gulf Coast University with a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice Studies and also received her Masters of Science Degree in Emergency Services Management from Columbia Southern University. She loved animals deeply, and her love for children showed through her volunteering as a Guardian Ad Litem.

Marilyn relocated to Brooksville to be closer to her father Ron. She joined the Ladies' Auxiliary and was a member of the Activities Committee.

She was preceded in rest by her mother, Barbara Tipton on April 22, 2016. Her survivors include her father, Ronald Tipton of Weeki Wachee, FL (formerly of Arcadia); daughter Kelli Browning of Orlando; son Kaleb Browning (Kristen) of Orlando; grandson Hudson Browning; uncle Bobby Suggs; her beloved dogs Tilly and Layla; and her cats Little B and Charlie.

A visitation and funeral service was held on Sunday, December 8th, 2019 at the Nocatee Church of God in Arcadia, FL.

## *In Memory of*



**John Pamatat**, “Hollywood John”, passed away suddenly on December 24, 2019, at age 71. John is survived by his wife Rita and his son Michael.

John moved to Spring Hill in 2012, from Simi Valley, CA, where he flew in the San Fernando Club since 1975. He got started in pigeons with his father, back in Queens/Long Island, NY.

A retired teamster, he had worked for Disney Studios (and thereby earned his nickname “Hollywood John”). John loved to work on cars and restore Ford Mustangs. He recently completed a beautiful ‘65 Mustang.

John previously served as a Trustee in the Unit Ten Club, and was always willing to work and contribute to Club activities. He was a good guy, and will be missed by his family and friends.

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**WHERE: GHC CLUBHOUSE**

**WHEN: LAST WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH**

**TIME: 7 P.M. – COST: \$11.00 for 10 games plus the cover-all**

**OPEN TO ALL GHC/GHCLA MEMBERS, FAMILY, FRIENDS  
AND INVITED GUESTS (NOT OPEN TO PUBLIC)**

**Next BINGO night is**

**Wednesday, January 29, 2020**

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If you have any news you would like to share with our GHC family, please send a brief write up and pictures to Toni – [toyo101@msn.com](mailto:toyo101@msn.com)

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