

# Monthly Newsletter



## BRADENTON WOMAN'S CLUB

December 2025



Another fantastic **Holly Day Craft & Gift Show!** The event spanned three days, and we extend a HUGE thank you to all our dedicated ladies for their hard work!



### President's Welcome:

As we enter the holiday season, I hope you find moments to savor the magic all around us—the twinkling lights, the music, the traditions, and the precious time shared with family and friends.

This season has a way of reminding us what matters most: connection, gratitude, and the joy of giving.

I also want to extend a heartfelt thank-you to each of you for the spirit of generosity you've shown to the families at Grow to Give and Help to Home, and the children served by Manatee Children's Services. Your compassion is making a real and meaningful difference in our community, and it reflects the very best of who we are as a Club.

May the holidays fill your hearts with peace and joy.

For the good our hands can do,



### MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**Dec 1: Clubhouse Christmas Decorating @10AM**

Everyone welcome to help!

**Dec 8: Wine, Women & Wardrobes Fashion Show Committee Meeting @5:30PM**

**Dec 11: Habitat for Humanity 1920s Tea @6PM**

Buy your \$40 ticket here.

<https://wl.donorperfect.net/weblink/weblink.aspx?name=E154753&id=138>

**Dec 15: BWC Meeting & Holiday Social @5:30PM - RSVP Required MEMBERS ONLY!**

Bring an empty shoe box for Seniors Service Project

**Dec 16: Cookies & Caroling at Magnolia @4PM**

Wear your Santa hat, elf ears, or whatever makes you jolly and help us deliver cookies to the seniors next door in assisted living!

**Dec 18: Grow to Give Gift Wrapping Night @5:30PM**

\*Bring wrapping paper & scissors, and feel free to bring a friend!



**Dec 21: Grow to Give Event @2PM and Cookie Packing** for hospital donations

**Jan 19: BWC Meeting**

### Sign Ups:

**YOUR PARTICIPATION HELPS US HELP OTHERS!**

*Please make plans to join us.*

Sign up for **Grow to Give Gift Wrapping Night** on Dec 18 here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4CACAA2FA0F8C43-60779314-grow#!>

RSVP Required for our **MEMBERS ONLY December 15th Meeting** by emailing Terry at: [bradentonwc.treasurer@gmail.com](mailto:bradentonwc.treasurer@gmail.com)

\$15 for your catered meal and bring a \$20-25 gift if you wish to participate in the exchange game.

Sign up to **BAKE COOKIES** to be delivered to the clubhouse on Sunday, Dec 21. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4CACAA2FA0F8C43-60808298-christmas>

# BRADENTON WOMAN'S CLUB IN THE COMMUNITY

THE GOOD OUR HANDS CAN DO

WOW, what an incredible November we had! We needed an additional page this month to capture all of our community involvement!



We honored local veterans and their guests at our **Veterans Lunch Celebration** on Nov 18. All were treated to a delicious lunch provided by Outback Steakhouse and custom cookies by Frosted Pink, enjoyed a wonderful patriotic musical performance by the Bradenton Christian School band, and witnessed the Presentation of Colors by the Women Veterans of the Sun Coast Color Guard.

We were also grateful to welcome our guest speaker, Retired U.S. Army Lieutenant Colonel Kevin Wright, who shared an inspiring message about service and the importance of serving others.

A heartfelt thank you to our amazing BWC members who served on the planning committee and to the many who dressed as Rosie the Riveter! Your spirit and enthusiasm made the day truly special.



It was a beautiful Nov 15th morning to walk with our Sarasota sisters raising funds for **WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S!**

Way to go, Team BWC!  
We raised \$4,548!



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We had a great time hosting the **Manatee River Rotary Club's Casino Night** at our clubhouse. Several of our members attended the 13th annual Casino Night event, which raised over \$10,000 for education and the many programs they support.



What a fantastic night we had, joining **Parenting Matters** at their 9th Annual Sangarita Showdown.

The food and drinks were delicious, and it was a joy to support this amazing organization as they help families in our community.



# Member Spotlights



MARLENE DURGIN - DEC 4  
JEANNE MURPHY - DEC 4  
DONNA ALLEN - DEC 10  
HEATHER SETTLEMYER - DEC 11  
JILL HRUBES - DEC 15  
TERRIE ADAMS - DEC 17  
META GREEN - DEC 26



CAROLE BRIGGS  
DONNA ALLEN  
MEGHAN FRALEIGH  
KIM KOEPEL  
SHEILA SWARTZ  
ELLEN DEVINE  
ANGEL BALL



We extend our heartfelt congratulations to **Gloria Comerford**, one of the talented artists in our club, whose work is regularly showcased at the new Herrig Center for the Arts. Recently, she earned an honorable mention for one of her pieces in October. Well done, Gloria!

Several of our members joined her this month to admire her three displayed artworks.

A BIG thank you to **Paula Leal** for organizing a reporting workshop for our CSP Chairmen!



# COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS (CSPs)

## Health & Wellness - Holiday Food Drives



Our amazing members came together to donate FOUR full shopping carts of non-perishable goods for St. Joseph's Food Pantry.

In addition to the food donations, members contributed over \$200, which will be matched – helping the pantry purchase much-needed meat, milk, and eggs for families in Manatee County.

We're so proud of the generosity and heart of our Bradenton Woman's Club members. ❤️ Thank you for continuing to make a difference!

The Bradenton Woman's Club was excited to partner with Bayside Community Church this year to help provide full Thanksgiving dinners for all 16 families in the Help to Home community. 🐔❤️

We're grateful for the opportunity to come together and support local families with a warm holiday meal and a reminder that they're cared for. Community collaboration makes all the difference!

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## Arts & Culture joined Health & Wellness

We had a delicious evening at our Blue Zones Health & Wellness Wine Tasting! A big thank you to Wines for Humanity for the wonderful samplings and culture of wine-making, and to Bridge Street Bistro & Chef Dave for providing amazing appetizers showcasing the art of cooking.

Thank you to everyone who attended and supported this fun and flavorful CSP project! Cheers to good health, great company, and a wonderful start to the holiday season!



## Arts & Culture

More pics from our wonderful Craft fair!



# Upcoming Events

## 🎄 Dec 15 Meeting/Holiday Social @5:30PM 🎄

This will be a Members-only meeting, and you must **RSVP** for the dinner by December 9 to Terry at [bradentonwc.treasurer@gmail.com](mailto:bradentonwc.treasurer@gmail.com)

- 🍷 Please send \$15 to the club for your Cracker Barrel meal and indicate if you want ham, turkey, or vegetarian.

💰 Payment options:

Zelle to 941-747-6222

Venmo to @BradentonWC

If you wish to pay by cash or check- please coordinate that with Terry.

- 🎁 We will also have a fun Dirty Santa gift exchange. Bring a \$20-25 gift if you wish to participate in the game.

And don't forget to bring a shoe box that we will wrap with items purchased by the club for area seniors in assisted living. We aim to fill 50 boxes.

Hope to see you all there!

## Grow to Give Gift Wrapping Night - Dec 18 @5:30PM

Calling All Christmas Elves!

Join us for a merry evening of wrapping gifts generously donated by our community for 45 single moms and their children. Let's spread joy---one beautifully wrapped present at a time!

### 🎄 What to Expect:

- Lots of FUN
- Holiday music to keep us in the spirit
- A touch of Christmas "spirit" (the kind that comes in a glass!)

### 🎁 What to Bring:

- Your best holiday attitude — festive hats, shirts, or anything that sparks joy are encouraged
- Friends welcome
- Gifts & tags if you took one at the November meeting
- One roll of wrapping paper and your own scissors
- (Tape will be provided.)



Thank you for helping make this season brighter!