

Monthly Newsletter



BRADENTON WOMAN'S CLUB

October 2025



A heartfelt thank you to Commander Donna Fournier, USN Retired, for delivering such an informative and inspiring presentation at our Sept meeting. It was truly our privilege to present a \$200 donation to the Women Veterans of the Sun Coast, along with a ticket to our upcoming Veterans Benefit Soiree, as a token of appreciation for her time and service. We also extend a big thank you to our hospitality committee for the beautiful patriotic theme—and to Rebecca for sharing a veteran near and dear to her heart, her beloved father.



President's Welcome:

Each month, I am reminded how truly blessed I am to serve as president of this amazing club. The energy, commitment, and teamwork you all bring to every project make this role not only easy, but deeply rewarding.

This past month has been nothing short of inspiring! Together, we welcomed our heroes home from Honor Flight, prepared for our upcoming Veterans Benefit Soiree, gained knowledge and connections at GFWC Florida Fall Board, successfully hosted an AWESome All Women Empowered Self-Defense Training, and even added lifesaving skills through AED and CPR training.

Your dedication and willingness to step up, learn, and serve continue to leave a lasting impact on our community. Thank you for sharing your time, talents, and hearts so generously—YOU are the reason this club shines.

For the good our hands can do,



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Saturday, October 4th
Veterans Benefit Soiree
6-10pm

Oct 5th
MCFAPA Halloween Party
11am-1pm- help kids!

Oct 10th
District 14 Annual Mtg
9am-1pm - Clearwater

Oct 11th
Road Clean Up
8am- ALL Members invited!

Thursday, Oct 9 & 30th
Habitat for Humanity
Women's Build
7:30am-11am - Bradenton Site

Oct 14th
Honor Flight Welcome Home
7:30pm
Sarasota Airport

Saturday, Oct 18th
BWC Wine Tasting Boat Outing
1-4pm
@Twin Dolphin Marina

Monday, Oct 20th
BWC Membership Meeting
5:30 snacks/6pm meeting

November 6-8th
Holly Day Craft and Gift Show

Saturday, Nov 15th
Walk to End Alzheimer's
Nathan Benderson Park
8am check-in/9am walk
Join our Team

Sign Ups:

Veterans Habitat for
Humanity Women's Build
Sign up Here:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4CADA72AA6F4C43-58211511-habitat>

Wine Tasting Boat Outing -
Spots still available - email
Laura to secure your spot:
bradentonwc.membership@gmail.com

District 14 Meeting - Register here:
<https://forms.gle/AeFKEUYsgRD9EWmK9>

Manatee Ave Road Cleanup:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4CACAA2FA0F8C43-57025148-manatee#/>



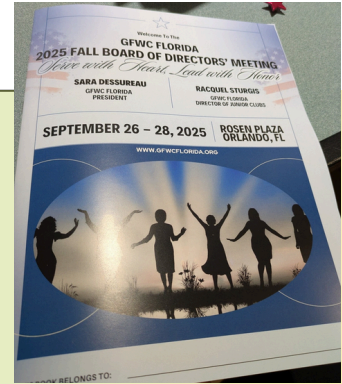
Veterans Benefit Soiree
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/veterans-benefit-soiree-tickets-1431193591559>

BRADENTON WOMAN'S CLUB IN THE
COMMUNITY
THE GOOD OUR HANDS CAN DO

2025 GFWC State Conference!

Thank you to all the ladies who joined the 2025 GFWC Conference in Orlando Sept 26-28th! Congratulations to Melanie and Brandy who took part in the LEADS Training!

We reconnected with friends across the state, especially District 14. We got to attend numerous informative breakout sessions, did some hands-on good stuffing backpacks, met an astronaut, and saw a few celebrity sightings! Please consider joining us at the Spring Conference!



Member Spotlights



JUDY DRINAN - OCT 5
CINDY ELEY - OCT 6
MARY ANNE BRITTON - OCT 10
DEBBIE LANG - OCT 15
JEANIE EHRHARDT - OCT 17
LINDA MCGEE - OCT 18
WENDY SPAETH - OCT 21
DIANA CHIA - OCT 26
GLORIA COMERFORD - OCT 28



WELCOME
NEW MEMBERS

MELINDA STALOCH
PATTI SMITH
LARA MCCARTHY
GINA TATRO
ANN COLONNA
PATTY KELLER
THERESA DINAPOLI
KELLY MCGINNIS

Manatee County Habitat for Humanity Women Build

THANK YOU to you remarkable, gritty ladies (Tammy, Joy, Laura, Patti, Kellie, and Marlene), who kicked off our volunteering with the Habitat for Humanity Women's Build, with two Sept dates! This blossoming relationship has great potential, and those who participated raved about their experience! We have more dates- Oct 9 & 30!

Thank you to Habitat who gave us a great shoutout on their social media page... "The Bradenton Women's Club is back at it again! 🍷 This amazing crew helped us get the fences up around our two Bradenton homes, and we couldn't be more grateful. Thanks for always showing up and making a difference!"



COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS (CSPs)

Health & Wellness

Our club is the recipient of a new AED from Defibrillate Manatee Foundation. Mr. Ernie Withers trained members on the use of the AED and basic CPR. He shared his story of how he is alive today due to these measures and why it is his mission to train as many as possible. defibmanatee.org.



Civic Engagement & Outreach – Honor Flight



Our “Rosie’s” were at it again! This time delivering lap blankets, made by our Social Butterflies, to the veterans orientation for Honor Flight of West Central Florida.

Please plan to join us at the upcoming welcome reception at Sarasota Airport on October 14th!!

Environment

- JOIN US for Manatee Ave trash pickup 10/11 @8AM!!
- E-CSP donated 600 biodegradable 3 oz paper cups to the Humane Society of Manatee County to use for providing treats to pets.
- Please bring any unwanted magazines! They will be donated to places like our neighbor, Magnolia, where residents can enjoy reading them once you've finished with them.
- Please take advantage of the separated trash and recycling bins at club meetings. Thank you, Terry Kennedy, for recycling our club's materials!



Please save pop top tabs from any aluminum can and bring them with you to our meetings for recycling via donation to Ronald McDonald House.

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Civic Engagement & Outreach - GFWC Day of Service Project

HUGE thank you to the Civic Engagement & Outreach CSP TEAM for another AWESOME event for the BWC and for the Bradenton community! We had 70 people in the house - a very diverse audience ranging from young ladies 14/15 years old to seniors, and of course, we had members of the BWC attend as well. Linda Smith on the committee wins best dressed with her matching fancy shoes! The feedback from the participants was very positive, and here is some valuable info about recommended items for ongoing safety, easily obtained from Amazon:



ALL WOMEN EMPOWERED
Presented by  **BRADENTON WOMAN'S CLUB**

80% OF WOMEN THREATENED BY AN ASSAULT HAVE STOPPED THEIR ASSAULT BY USING THEIR VOICE & BODY LANGUAGE

WHAT WE WILL DISCUSS:

- Recognizing when there is a potential risk
- Skills to protect yourself
- Develop the confidence & knowledge needed to avoid compromising situations

ONLY \$10

LIGHT LUNCH INCLUDED

FACILITATORS
JODI & JOHN
ELITE TRAINING

SATURDAY SEPT 27TH
10:00 am - 1:00pm

BRADENTON WOMAN'S CLUB
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