

# BRADENTON WOMAN'S CLUB

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



## PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

I am so excited about what we have accomplished and I am truly excited about what is upcoming as we work hard to finish out the last year of my administration.

Margaret Mead said it best. "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has." Ladies, we are growing, building, and changing TOGETHER.

This summer, work began on the electrical throughout the front part of our building. The original knob and tube wiring from 1921 was in need of replacing. Bringing the wiring up to code will allow us to better insure our amazing clubhouse.

New sconces and lighting are being hung in the main rooms. This is so exciting because they match the vintage foyer chandelier in 1920's art deco style. I am thrilled that we are working towards restoring our beautiful building. Our clubhouse represents us and our commitment to the Bradenton community for the past 110 years!

Annual membership dues of \$50 are due by September 30th. Rebecca will be collecting cash or checks at the next meeting. You may also pay by Zelle to bradentonwc@gmail.com.

We have lots of events on the horizon and we need you! Our biggest fundraiser this year is the murder mystery dinner, "Midnight at the Masquerade"- my fundraising goal is \$30,000!

We are in need of a Hospitality Committee to bring snacks for the September 18th meeting. Please contact me if you can help.

Anchors Away,

*Shannon*



*Happy*  
**BIRTHDAY**



- Suzan Bowman - Sept 8
- Kathy Slayter - Sept 10
- Fran Kain - Sept 11
- Joyce Courchesne - Sept 14
- Arlene Williams - Sept 14
- Carrie Dunbar - Sept 23
- Ellen Mital - Sept 25
- Jesika McNeely - Sept 26
- Chantele McDermott - Sept 28

**New Members:** please register for "member log-in" on our website.

**REMINDER**



### MEMBERSHIP MONDAYS!

*We want you to get to know one another better?*

*What better way than to plan a casual get-together at the clubhouse?*

*Just let Shannon know you plan to be there and the door will be opened for you!*

*Grab a few members to work on projects, play a game, fellowship, whatever you'd like to do to build better relationships!*

# Spotlight on Social Butterflies!



**This summer the social butterflies met bi-weekly to work on many projects!**

Early in the summer they hand painted kindness rocks and shells that were distributed throughout the community for others to find. The hope is someone will find it, appreciate the thought, and flip it over to see our website on the back. *Have you been so lucky to find a rock yet?*

They are currently working on sewing and stuffing 50 bears for Camp Boggy Creek. This is the signature project for GFWC Florida President Linda O'Toole. Every child at the camp receives a bear and afghan to take home. If you can sew please contact Fran Kain, all the bears are cut out and are in need of sewing and stuffing.

The group is also toiling away on making bookmarks for Manatee County Library's 2024 summer reading program.

Everyone is welcome to attend this fun time of crafting, socializing, and sisterhood! Please check the website or Facebook page for the upcoming project nights.

Call Fran Kain with any questions 941-212-9026

**Camp Boggy Creek Bears**



**Bookmarks for Manatee Library**



**Click image for event details!**

## "BARROW OF BOOZE" FOR AUCTION



*We plan to fill something like this as a live auction item*

The fundraising committee for the murder mystery dinner on October 14th is asking for each member to donate one item for the Booze Barrow auction item. It can be a 6 pack of beer, a bottle of liquor, a bottle of wine, etc. Please start bringing your donations to the meeting in September or drop them off at Twin Dolphin Marina in the office for Libbie Arnold.



There are lots of opportunities to help below. Please choose at least one and let Shannon or Tammy know where you plan to help.

## September 18th

CSP Host: Education & Libraries  
 Wear: GOLD/YELLOW for  
 Childhood Cancer Awareness

We will be collecting snacks for the afterschool program offered by Avenue 941. Avenue 941 is an academically-focused, spiritually-driven after school program for K-12 students.

**Items needed:**

- small sized bottled water
- individual fruit juices
- low calorie/low sugar snacks



Our guest speaker from the organization will be sharing information about their program at the meeting.

***"Roughly 50% of 3rd graders passed their reading FSA in Manatee County over the past several years. This statistic directly impacts addiction, crime, homelessness, and government assistance."***

**September 30th-** GFWC Day of Service Food Drive @First Presbyterian Church. Also conducting Manatee Ave clean-up. (See flyer next page)

**October 14th-** Masquerade Ball Murder Mystery Dinner - many volunteer opportunities available from planning, promoting, decorating, to working the event. We need sponsors!

**October 14th-** District 14 Annual Meeting in St. Pete. Members are encouraged to attend. \$15 fee covers brunch. \*Meeting 9:30am-1:00pm, so you'll be back in time to participate in murder mystery.

**October 21st-** Halloween Party Fundraiser featuring Eric Von Band

**November 1st-** President's Tea (membership drive)





GENERAL FEDERATION  
of WOMEN'S CLUBS

# National Day of Service

SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

Please join **Bradenton Woman's Club**  
as we fight food insecurity in our community.

## September 30th 9am-12pm

**First Presbyterian Church**  
**1402 Manatee Ave W, Bradenton**

### Needed items:

#### FELT

(Feeding Empty Little Tummies)

*\*Single serving pop top lid items*

- Mac & Cheese cups
- Canned soup
- Can/bag tuna
- Spaghettios
- Ramen noodles
- Peanut butter
- Cereal/Oatmeal
- Granola bars/pop tarts
- Fruit cups/pudding/jello
- Juice boxes

#### First Presbyterian Church Food Pantry

*\*pop top lid items preferred*

- Canned soup/stew
- Canned meats
- Pasta & pasta sauce
- Spaghettios/ravioli
- Peanut butter
- Cereal



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