

Monthly Newsletter



BRADENTON WOMAN'S CLUB

February 2026



GFWC Florida

GENERAL FEDERATION of WOMEN'S CLUBS
living the volunteer spirit

A Proud Member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs



Don't miss our upcoming District Meeting at the St Pete Club! Registration info is below. \$20 includes lunch - come cheer on our fellow members - we have our own **Gloria Comerford** up for **Volunteer of the Year**, and **Debe Bailey** up for **New Member of the Year**, plus several wonderful artists will be in the running for district level awards!

HOPE TO SEE YOU AT THE DISTRICT 14 ARTS MEETING!

DATE: WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2026 TIME: 9:00 A.M. - 1 P.M.

REGISTRATION & PAYMENT DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 13, 2026, BY 5:00 P.M.

President's Welcome:

Thank you to those who have signed up so far for the District 14 Arts Meeting! There is still time to register to support our fellow clubwomen!

Please return all winning pieces to our Feb 16 meeting so they can be transported to the district show.

Our February meeting will be especially meaningful as we highlight our 2025 club projects and recognize club member award recipients. It's a time to reflect on the impact we've made and the service we continue to provide in our community. **Dress your best—you just might be a recipient!** And while not everyone will receive a specific award, please know that each of you is deserving and deeply appreciated. Your commitment, time, and heart are what make this club so special!

For the good our hands can do,

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Monday, Feb 9th @5:30pm
Social Butterflies at BWC

Saturday, Feb 7th @5:30pm
Parrish Under the Stars
Support Manatee River Rotary
at this great event!

Monday, Feb 16th
BWC Membership Meeting
Doors open 5pm
Snacks/social 5:30-6pm
Meeting starts at 6pm

Friday, Feb 20th
Women of Rock
Manatee Performing Arts Center

Monday, Feb 23rd @5:30pm
Social Butterflies at BWC
AND
our new "Mingle Mondays"
will join at the same time to orient &
connect new members to BWC!

Wed Feb 25th 9am-1pm
District 14 Arts Meeting at St Pete

Saturday, Mar 7th
Bradenton Market
Shifts are 9-11:30am & 11:30-2pm

Saturday, Mar 21st 10am-2pm
Wine, Women & Wardrobes
fashion show

Sign Ups:

YOUR PARTICIPATION HELPS US HELP OTHERS! Please make plans to join us.

District Meeting @ St Pete - Feb 25th - Sign up:
Register online at:
<https://forms.gle/EZqTmVJcUyL2mFTH6>

Sign up for **Social Butterflies** 2/9 and 2/23 via our Facebook "BWC Members Only" Page

Sign up for the **Bradenton Market** table on 3/7. Please email Laura at: bradentonwc.membership@gmail.com

Volunteer Tracking Link:
<https://tinyurl.com/wwyect4w>



Our January Membership Meeting was nothing short of incredible — 63 members and 12 guests in attendance! That makes it the largest turnout we've had in years, and we're thrilled to share that our current membership now stands at 103 strong!

January's meeting celebrated The Arts, featuring an inspiring presentation by local artisan Robin Bowman, who encouraged us all to embrace and explore our inner creativity.

We were also proud to showcase our Club Arts Contest, juried by artist Bellamy Sorba, with 30 outstanding entries on display. The winning pieces will advance to the District Contest in February, with hopes of continuing on to the State Contest in May.

From our rich history to our vibrant present, the spirit of the Bradenton Woman's Club is alive, growing, and stronger than ever. Thank you to everyone who attended and continues to be part of this legacy!



Our Club came together in January for our quarterly roadside cleanup along Manatee Avenue, organized by our dedicated Environment CSP Chairman, and the turnout was incredible—our biggest yet! Over 200 pounds of trash removed from a 2-mile stretch of roadway.

We're proud to serve where we live, play, and VOLUNTEER, and truly appreciate two of our area Mam'Selles for joining us this morning. Every hand makes a difference.

Six proud members of the Bradenton Woman's Club stepped out to support Manatee Children's Services' "Groovin' for Good" Gala — a fabulous fundraising event with a mission close to our hearts! Manatee Children's Services is a local nonprofit dedicated to preventing child abuse, restoring healing, and strengthening children and their families. The event raised thousands of dollars to help further MCS's life-changing work. We are honored to stand with MCS in advocating for the well-being and safety of children in Manatee County.



Member Spotlights



Linda Smith - Feb 7
Debe Bailey - Feb 8
Pat Watkins - Feb 8
Stephanie Ferris - Feb 12
Maryanne Lillis - Feb 13
Lona Davis - Feb 23



Fiorella Colacci-Vega

Tell your friends of the great work we do and invite them to join us!



We are so proud of our very own, Gloria Comerford, for her three art entries and equal merit award.

Your pieces are beautiful and we are amazed at your talents! And what an incredible turnout for an exhibit!



COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS (CSPs)



MEMBERSHIP

23 members and guests attended our membership orientation in January! Stay tuned for more opportunities we will be announcing to learn about GFWC and our BWC history and dedication to our community.



Arts and Culture CSP

We look forward to helping usher and representing BWC at the upcoming Women of Rock show at the Manatee Performing Arts Center!

Environment CSP

More pics from the huge trash pick up!



Record your
service
hours here!!



Upcoming Events!

7TH ANNUAL... THE BETTER FOUNDATION PARRISH Under the Stars

The Manatee River Rotary Club

Saturday, February 7th, 2026 All Aboard 5:30pm

Meet at the Florida Railroad Museum, 12210 63rd St E., Parrish, FL 34219

START THE EVENING WITH A GLASS OF CHAMPAGNE AS YOU AWAIT A TRAIN RIDE AT THE FAMOUS FLORIDA RAILROAD MUSEUM IN PARRISH...

ENJOY THE SITES AND SOUNDS OF A HISTORIC TRAIN WHILE YOU ARE TAKEN TO THE MAIN EVENT...

HERE WE WILL CELEBRATE IN A BEAUTIFUL OUTDOOR SETTING WITH LIVE MUSIC, DANCING, WINE AND CRAFT BEER TASTINGS, DELICIOUS AND SAVORY HORS D'OEUVRES, DELIGHTFULLY DIVINE DESSERTS, ALL INCLUDED!

***IN ADDITION, THERE WILL BE A RAFFLE WITH AMAZING PRIZES!

Tickets are available to purchase through: Eventbrite at the QR code below, visit Facebook.com/ManateeRiverRotary, Rotary Members, or you can mail a check to: P.O. Box 495, Bradenton, FL 34206

Tickets are \$100 per person
For questions call (941) 962-4686 or manateeriverrotary@gmail.com



Scan the QR code for tickets or more info!
<https://parrishtrain.eventbrite.com>

Many of our club members will be attending this Rotary event. We have collaborated with the Manatee River Rotary Club on numerous occasions, and several members of BWC have husbands in the club! Additionally, we invite you to join us on the blended Rotary/BWC cruise, which offers another chance to connect with another wonderful service club in our community!



Rotary/BWC 4-night cruise

Departing April 9, 2026, from the Port of Tampa, sailing to Cozumel aboard the Norwegian Star, with a service project opportunity in Cozumel.

Estimated pricing for two people sharing a cabin (including Free at Sea, port fees, and taxes):

Interior: \$1,025 Oceanview: \$1,250 Balcony: \$1,500

If you're interested—or would just like more information—please email Tammy—or ask specific travel questions to Trisha at trishycamp@aol.com. Looking forward to fellowship, service, and fun together on the high seas!

TICKETS ON SALE - FEB 21, 2026

MARCH 21
10am-2pm
BRADENTON WOMAN'S CLUB

WINE WOMEN & WARDROBES




GENERAL ADMISSION \$40
VIP \$75
Includes Lunch

THE WOMEN OF ROCK

Cooliest Chrisstie THE PRETENDERS
Rockin JOAN JETT &
Sensational STEVIE NICKS
Heartfelt HEART
Passionate PAT BENATAR

TRIBUTE SHOW
VEGAS SHOW BANDS

FEBRUARY 20, 2026

Bring your 1st place art entries to the February 16 meeting so Fran can transport them to the District Meeting!

